

MSW Program – Forensics Social Work Concentration

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Summer Semester	General (free) electives.
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Forensics Concentration – 6 core (required) credit hours.

FALL SEMESTER

SPRING SEMESTER

SW #	Section	Course Title	Credit Hours	Taken	Grade	SW #	Section	Course Title	Credit Hours	Taken	Grade
6220		Diversity and Social Justice: Reflexive and Ethical Social Work Practice II	3.0			SW 6702		<i>Forensic Practice II: Evidence based practice models</i>	3.0		
SW 6701		<i>Forensic Practice I: Theory and Direct Practice</i>	3.0								
6521		Advanced Field Practicum I	4.0			6522		Advanced Field Practicum II	4.0		

Total Credit Hours _____

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All students must take one practice class outside their concentration as an elective.

Students may take up to 16 credit hours in any one semester, without requiring pre-approval from the MSW Program Director.

Students in the Advanced Standing program must complete a minimum of 45 credit hours.

Students in the 2-Year Program must complete a minimum of 60 credit hours.

Students must earn a passing grade of C+ or better.

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA in order to be in good academic standing.

Types of Practicum Placements: Adult and juvenile justice facilities including prisons, jail, detention, assessment, treatment, probation and parole programs.

SW 6701 Fall	Forensic Practice I: Theory and Direct Practice Required Course	3	This foundational forensic practice course prepares students to work directly with adult and juvenile offenders as well as victims of crime. The course provides an overview of common court, community treatment, and correctional settings. Students will learn best practices when working with offenders and victims of crime across a range of institutional and community-based settings. The course emphasizes the intersection of race, poverty, substance abuse, and mental illness with the justice system and prepares students to work effectively with the courts, correctional & child welfare system, law enforcement, and victim services to promote humane treatment and social justice. Forensic social workers are tasked with intervening in complex clinical cases that require an understanding of mental health, substance abuse, cognitive disability, violence, and trauma. After an initial emphasis on clinical and risk assessment this course introduces students to major evidence-based treatment models for treating offenders and victims of crime like Restorative Justice, the Risk-Need-Responsivity model, Risk and Protective factors, and victimology. Students explore ethical issues unique to forensic social work and develop skills in evaluating programs and practice.
SW 6702 Spring	Forensic Practice II: Evidence based practice models Required Course	3	This required course provides in-depth training in specific evidence-based treatment modalities commonly used to treat criminal and juvenile offenders, families involved in the child welfare system, and victims of crime. The course uses an inquiry-based learning process to identify learning goals unique to student interest, community need, and evolving evidence base. The course stresses experiential learning, observation, feedback, and conscious use of self in developing practical clinical skills. Students rely heavily on cognitive and behavioral models and learn to implement interventions that emphasize social learning, skill development, and interdisciplinary collaboration in both community and institutional treatment settings. Students learn effective techniques for treating individuals, groups, and families who have been victims of crime or are involved in the criminal justice or child welfare system.
