

**Advanced Standing MSW Program**  
**Substance Use Area of Focus**  
**Course Checklist**

It is **your responsibility** to ensure that your degree and licensing requirements are met. Your academic advisor is available to help you. Please meet with the MSW advisor at least once per academic year to ensure you are on track.

**Summer Required Courses:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6040	DSM and Psychopathology	3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6121	Bridge – Reflexive	1 credit hour
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6200	Bridge – Practice	3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW662x	Electives	8 credit hours
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			15 credit hours

**Fall Required Courses:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6220	Diversity & Social Justice: Reflexive and Ethical Social Work Practice II	3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6521	Specialist Field Practicum I	4 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6xxx	Advanced Practice <i>outside area of focus</i> OR Elective	2-3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6740	Substance Use Practice I: Evidence-Based Principles and Therapeutic Alliance	3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6741	The Use and Misuse of Psychoactive Medications and Their Effects	3 credit hours
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			15-16 credit hours

**Spring Required Courses:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6522	Specialist Field Practicum II	4 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6xxx	Advanced Practice <i>outside area of focus</i> OR Elective	2-3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW662x	Elective	2 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW662x	Elective	3 credit hours
<input type="checkbox"/>	SW6745	Substance Use Practice II: Assessment, Motivators, & Therapy Models	3 credit hours
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			14-15 credit hours

**Total to graduate: 45 credit hours**

**Courses:**

- Days of the week in which summer semester courses are held vary by year, though they are generally during the day. During fall and spring semesters, courses are typically held on Thursday and Friday days.
- Practicum (fieldwork) is completed on the other weekdays. The majority of practicum placements are during normal business hours. Evening/weekend opportunities are likely to be limited.

**Grades:**

- MSW students must earn a C+ or better in each of the required courses, including Practicum, to take the second course in any sequenced courses (e.g., Practice I and Practice II) and to move forward in the program.
- Advanced Standing students may not take fall and spring coursework unless all Bridge courses and SW6040 DSM and Psychopathology are passed with a grade of C+ or better.
- MSW students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA to be in good academic standing.

**Additional Coursework:**

- Students must take one Advanced Practice course outside chosen area of focus.
- School Social Work is not an area of focus. School SW courses count as electives, and only students admitted to the School Social Work career path may take these courses.

**Reminders:**

- Students in the Advanced Standing program must successfully complete a minimum of 45 credit hours.
- Students may take up to 16 credit hours in any one semester, without requiring pre-approval from the MSW Program Director and the Dean of the Graduate School.

**Notes:**