

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

**Web Site:** <https://twu-unt-msw.com/>

The Joint Master's of Social Work is a unique collaboration between Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas. The two institutions collaboratively offer an MSW program that is built on the traditions of two longstanding and highly respected BSW programs as well as the strengths and resources of both institutions.

Students in the program are assigned to and register at a "home institution," but attend classes on both campuses and are taught by faculty members from both universities. Students are members of both campus communities with full library privileges, access to course management systems, and other important resources.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>) as, 'Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.'

1. Apply advanced generalist knowledge and skills in complex practice environments.
2. Use and translate research evidence to inform and improve practice, policy, and service delivery.
3. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks in engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation
4. Apply and communicate an understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
5. Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.
6. Apply an understanding of social, economic, and environmental justice to advocate for human rights at the individual and system level.

## Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

This academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

## Total Semester Credit Hours Required

30 or 60 semester credit hours (SCH) depending on the option selected.

There are two Programs of Study, Generalist and Advanced, and two types of students may apply for admission. The first, Generalist students, are graduates of Bachelors's programs in fields other than Social Work; they complete a two-year MSW program. Another category of students are those that have graduated from an accredited Bachelor of Social Work program within the last seven years. For these "Advanced

Standing" students, the first 'Generalist' year of the MSW is waived, and they complete the program in two long semesters. Both Generalist and Advanced Standing students may attend the program on either a full time or part-time basis. Generalist students complete no fewer than 900 hours of practicum, while Advanced Standing students must complete at least 500 hours.

Students accepted into the program for the full-time two-year program complete 10 Generalist courses (30 SCH) in the first year and 10 advanced courses (30 SCH) in the second year. Students accepted into the Advanced Standing one-year full-time option complete 10 advanced courses (30 SCH). The program concentration is "Advanced Generalist Practice." If students choose the optional Master's thesis, they enroll in SOWK 5983 in lieu of SOWK 5413, and SOWK 5993 in lieu of SOWK 5973.

## Generalist (Foundational/Prerequisite) Courses

Code	Title	SCHs
SOWK 5103	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
SOWK 5113	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SOWK 5203	Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Systems	3
SOWK 5213	Social Work Practice II: Organizations and Communities	3
SOWK 5223	Social Work Practice III: Groups	3
SOWK 5303	Social Work History and Social Welfare Policy	3
SOWK 5313	Social Work Policy Practice	3
SOWK 5403	Social Work Research Methods	3
SOWK 5803	Social Work Foundation Field Seminar and Field Practicum I	3
SOWK 5813	Social Work Foundation Field Seminar and Field Practicum II	3
Total SCHs		30

## Specialist Courses

Code	Title	SCHs
SOWK 5233	Social Work Advanced Practice I	3
SOWK 5243	Social Work Human Diversity and Multicultural Practice	3
SOWK 5253	Social Work Advanced Practice II Interventions	3
SOWK 5323	Social Work Administration and Management	3
SOWK 5333	Social Work Advanced Policy Analysis	3
SOWK 5413 or SOWK 5983	Social Work Program and Practice Evaluation Thesis	3
SOWK 5833	Social Work Advanced Field Seminar and Field Practicum I	3
SOWK 5843	Social Work Advanced Field Seminar and Field Practicum II	3
SOWK 5973	Advanced Integrative Seminar	3
Choose one of the following		3
SOWK 5503	Death, Dying and Bereavement	
SOWK 5513	Practice in Mental Health	
SOWK 5533	Theories and Interventions with Children	
SOWK 5543	Child Maltreatment: Assessment and Intervention	

SOWK 5553 Foster Care, Adoption and Permanency  
Planning

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Total SCHs 30