

Programme Structure for students admitted from AY2019/20-AY2020/21

Objectives

The objective of the MSW programme is to produce the leaders of social work profession in direct practice, social policy and research, and social administration and development. Integrative learning, interdisciplinary exposure and innovative capacity building are the key pedagogical features of our MSW programme.

The MSW programme is designed to facilitate students' systematic integration of social work professional values and practice, theory and practice, and research and practice in every class. It also offers students interdisciplinary learning opportunities to take courses from other departments within the faculty as well as public policy, public health, and health sciences in other faculties and schools to their special interest. In our MSW programme, students can expect to build their innovative capacity of being future-ready social work professionals who are equipped with strong and distinct leadership quality and cross-sector mobility in the Singaporean social service sector.

Duration

The candidature period is as follows:

Coursework Programme	Cohort	Normal Candidature		Maximum Candidature	
		Part-Time Study (in years)	Full-Time Study (in years)	Part-Time Study (in years)	Full-Time Study (in years)
Master of Social Work	AY2019/20 & AY2020/21	2.5	2	4	3

With effect from AY2019/2020, students admitted into a government-subsidised graduate coursework programme who take longer than the normal candidature period to complete their degree requirements are required to pay full unsubsidised fees, during the extended semesters.

Programme Structure

A candidate for the degree of Master of Social Work must complete at least 40 MCs at level 5000 or 6000, excluding graduate diploma courses. SW5117A and SW5117B are capstone courses. Students without BSW are required to complete a practicum. Students without BSW or GDSW are required to complete foundation courses above 40 MCs.

Students with BSW:

- SW5117A, SW5117B; and
- 8 elective courses with at least a course from each of the 4 baskets of courses.

Students with Graduate Diploma in Social Work (GDSW):

- SW5117A, SW5117B;
- SW5111B; and
- 7 elective courses with at least a course from each of the 4 baskets of courses.

SW5111B requires 400 fieldwork hours and field supervision under an approved supervisor.

Students without BSW or GDSW:

- SW5113, SW5114, SW5115 and SW5116;
- SW5117A, SW5117B;
- SW5111A; and
- 7 elective courses with at least a course from each of the 4 baskets of courses.

SW5113, SW5114, SW5115 and SW5116 are cross-listed with GDSW essential courses.

SW5111A requires 800 fieldwork hours and field supervision under an approved supervisor. Students are required to attend field integration seminars.

Sample study plan for part-time students:

Semester	Sample Study Plan
1st semester	SW5114, SW5116 + 1 MSW elective course
2nd semester	SW5113, SW5115 + MSW practicum (SW5111A – first 400 hours and attend seminars)
3rd semester	2 MSW elective courses + continue with practicum (second 400 hours)
4th semester	2 MSW elective courses + SW5117A
5th semester	2 MSW courses + SW5117B

Sample study plan for full-time students (if Normal Candidature is 2 years):

Semester	Sample Study Plan
1st semester	SW5114, SW5116 + 2 MSW elective courses (including SW5107)
2nd semester	SW5113, SW5115 + MSW practicum (SW5111A – first 400 hours and attend seminars) + 1 MSW elective course
3rd semester	2 MSW elective courses + continue with practicum (second 400 hours) + SW5117A
4th semester	2 MSW elective courses + SW5117B

4-Basket Structure:

i. Direct Practice

- SW5205 Working with Trauma – Infancy Through Adolescence
- SW5207 Working with Multi-Stressed Families
- SW5208 Using Play Therapy with Children and Families
- SW5210 Trauma and Mental Health
- SW5211 Risk Assessment & Management: Mental Health
- SW5213 Practice with Persons with Disability
- SW5216 Family and Interpersonal Violence
- SW5217 Continuum of Care and Healthy Ageing
- SW5218 Practice with Persons with Addiction
- SW5219 Palliative and End-of-Life Care
- SW5245 Current Group Approaches in Social Work
- SW5252 Community Organization and Development
- SW5881 Topics in Social Work – Direct Practice

ii. Policy & Legislation

- SW5106 Social Policy and Welfare Services
- SW5215 Poverty and Asset-Building Policy
- SW5882 Topics in Social Work – Social Policy

iii. Research & Evaluation

- SW5107 Program Development and Evaluation
- SW5220 Statistics for Social Workers
- SW5884 Topics in Social Work - Research

iv. Leadership

- SW5104 Management of Human Service Organizations
- SW5206 Mastering Leadership
- SW5209 Theory and Practice of Social Work Supervision
- SW5253 Volunteer Management
- SW5883 Topics in Social Work – Social Work Leadership

Note:

1. Not all elective courses are necessarily available in any one year.
2. Unless otherwise indicated, each course shall be of one semester's duration.
3. The programme structure and the courses offered may be modified from time to time.

Continuation Requirements

- Grade Point Average (GPA) should not fall below 2.50 for two consecutive semesters or 3.00 for three consecutive semesters. Termination of candidature will result if a student fails to maintain the minimum GPA as stipulated above. A student will be issued a warning for any semester in which his/her GPA falls below that required for graduation (3.00 for a Masters degree). If, in the following semester, the student's GPA again falls below the graduation requirement, but not sufficiently to warrant immediate termination, he/she will be placed on probation.
- With effect from AY2015/2016, where a course is required for the graduate candidature and the minimum grade is not met, a student may repeat:
 - (a) The same course (core or elective) only once. The improved grade point of the repeat/replaced course will replace the weaker one in the Grade Point Average (GPA) computation in the semester in which the successful attempt is made; and
 - (b) One-third of the curricular requirements not exceeding three courses, whichever is lower.