

Structure

The structure for the MSW Program depends on a student's status as either Full Time or Part Time as well as First Year or Second Year standing. Note: For Field Office purposes, Advanced Standing students are considered to have Second Year standing.

First Year students complete a **Generalist Field Placement**. Standard Second Year students and those granted full Advanced Standing status complete a **Specialized Practice Area Field Placement**.

First year non-advanced standing students attend a field seminar for 1 hour per week during the first Fall term of the MSW Program. Part-time non-advanced standing students attend a field seminar for 1 hour per week during the first Summer Term of the MSW Program.

Full Time:

First Year Students

- Fall Term (Mid-October–December)—Generalist 3 credits, concurrent
- Field Seminar—1 hour per week (August–December)
- Spring Term (January–May)—Generalist 3 credits, concurrent

Second Year and Advanced Standing Students

- Fall Term (September–December)— Specialized Practice Area Field Placement 6 credits, concurrent
- Spring Term (January–May)— Specialized Practice Area Field Placement 6 credits, concurrent

Options

- Other options may be planned in special circumstances.

Part-Time Students (Main Campus)

First Year Students

- Summer Term (May–August) Generalist Field Non-advanced Standing Students—3 Credits
- Summer Term (May–August) Field Seminar—1 hour per week
- Fall Term (September–December) Generalist Field Non-advanced Standing Students—3 Credits

- Spring Term (January–May) Generalist Students Classes Only

Second year and Advanced Standing Students

- Summer Term (May–August) Specialized Practice Area Field Placement for Advanced Standing Students—3 Credits
- Fall Term (September–December) Specialized Practice Area Field Placement for Standard 2nd Year Students—3 Credits
- Spring Term (January–May) Specialized Practice Area Field Placement for Advanced Standing Students—3 Credits

Third and Fourth Year

- Second field placement occurs until 12 credits (720 hours) are satisfied, usually at the rate of 16–24 hours per week; the student may or may not be taking classes depending on the status of fulfillment of coursework

Part-time students (UPJ, UPB)

- Students at UPJ and UPB will follow the same sequence as part time students at the main (Pgh) campus.
- Advanced Standing (UPJ, UPB)—Advanced Standing Students will follow the same sequence as part time advanced standing students at the main (PGH) campus. Advanced standing placement occurs until 12 credits (720 hours) are satisfied.