

SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.) - GENERAL

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Program Courses		
<i>Core Courses</i>		
SOWK 500	Generalist Bridge Course	1
SOWK 501	Generalist Social Work Concepts	3
SOWK 530	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 544	Generalist Field Enrollment I	0
SOWK 545	Generalist Field Enrollment II	0
SOWK 550	Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 555	Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups ¹	3
Field Experience & Seminar Elective ²		8
SOWK 570	Generalist Social Work Communication and Ethics	3
SOWK 580	Social Work Research Methods	3
SOWK 582	Generalist Social Work Macro Practice	3
SOWK 588	Generalist Comprehensive Exam	0
SOWK 625	Social Policy, Justice, and Advocacy	3
SOWK 635	Advanced Social Work Practice	3
SOWK 650	Diversity and Cultural Humility	3
SOWK 664	Advanced Field Enrollment I	0
SOWK 665	Advanced Field Enrollment II	0
Advanced Field Experience & Seminar Elective ^{3,4}		9
SOWK 680	Applied Research and Ethics	3
SOWK 688	Advanced Generalist Comprehensive Exam	0
Total Hours		51

¹ SOWK 555 is a required intensive, available in Virtual Format

² Choose from the following options: SOWK 590, or SOWK 575 **and** SOWK 577

³ Minimum grade of B- required

⁴ Choose from the following options: SOWK 690 or SOWK 695 or SOWK 675 **and** SOWK 677 or SOWK 685 **and** SOWK 687.

Code	Title	Hours
General Cognate		
Social Work Elective ¹		3
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Total Hours		9

¹ Choose one of the following courses: MGMT 602, or any 600 level SOWK course not already required by the degree.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 60 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- 3.0 GPA
- No more than two grades of C may be applied to the degree (includes grades of C+ & C-)
- No grade of D or below may be applied to the degree (includes grades of D+ & D-)
- Liberty University course work that is more than 7 years old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit
- Degree must be completed within 7 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident & Online Format

Course Sequence

Full-Time Course Sequence

Social Work (M.S.W.) - Advanced Generalist - General

The full-time plan of study for the Master of Social Work Traditional Program is designed so that students can complete the program within two calendar years.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
SOWK 500	Generalist Bridge Course	1
SOWK 501	Generalist Social Work Concepts	3
SOWK 530	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 555	Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SOWK 570	Generalist Social Work Communication and Ethics	3
Hours		13
Second Semester		
SOWK 544	Generalist Field Enrollment I	0
SOWK 550	Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 580	Social Work Research Methods	3
SOWK 510	Generalist Social Work Macro Practice	3
SOWK 545	Generalist Field Enrollment II	0
Hours		9
Third Semester		
SOWK 588	Generalist Comprehensive Exam	0
Generalist Field Experience & Seminar Elective ^{1,2}		8
Hours		8
Second Year		
Fourth Semester		
SOWK 625	Social Policy, Justice, and Advocacy	3
SOWK 650	Diversity and Cultural Humility	3

Course	Title	Hours
SOWK 655	Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice	3
Hours		9
Fifth Semester		
SOWK 664	Advanced Field Enrollment I	0
Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice Elective ³		3
SOWK 665	Advanced Field Enrollment II	0
SOWK 680	Applied Research and Ethics	3
Social Work Elective ⁴		3
Hours		9
Sixth Semester		
Advanced Generalist Field Experience & Seminar Elective ^{5,6,7}		9
SOWK 688	Advanced Generalist Comprehensive Exam	0
Social Work Elective ⁴		3
Hours		12
Total Hours		60

¹ Choose from the following: SOWK 590, or SOWK 575 **and** SOWK 577²

² If the student chooses to take the SOWK 575 **and** SOWK 577 option, the student should take SOWK 575 during their First Semester, SOWK 577 during their Second Semester. Students should contact their Academic Advisor regarding any questions.

³ Choose one of the following courses: SOWK 610 or SOWK 641

⁴ Choose one of the following courses: MGMT 602 or any 600 level SOWK course not already required by the degree.

⁵ Minimum grade of B- required

⁶ Choose from the following: SOWK 690, or SOWK 675 **and** SOWK 677⁷

⁷ If the student chooses to take the SOWK 675 **and** SOWK 677 option, the student should take SOWK 675 during their Third Semester and should take SOWK 677 during their Fourth Semester. Students should contact their Academic Advisor regarding any questions.

Part-Time Course Sequence

The part-time plan of study for the Master of Social Work Traditional Program is designed so that students can complete the program within four calendar years.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
SOWK 500	Generalist Bridge Course	1
SOWK 501	Generalist Social Work Concepts	3
SOWK 530	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
Hours		7
Second Semester		
SOWK 555	Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups	3
SOWK 570	Generalist Social Work Communication and Ethics	3
Hours		6
Second Year		
Third Semester		
SOWK 544	Generalist Field Enrollment I	0

Course	Title	Hours
SOWK 550	Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families	3
SOWK 545	Generalist Field Enrollment II	0
SOWK 510	Generalist Social Work Macro Practice	3
Hours		6
Fourth Semester		
SOWK 575	Generalist Field Experience and Seminar A	4
SOWK 580	Social Work Research Methods	3
SOWK 588	Generalist Comprehensive Exam	0
Hours		7
Third Year		
Fifth Semester		
SOWK 577	Generalist Field Experience and Seminar B	4
SOWK 625	Social Policy, Justice, and Advocacy	3
Hours		7
Sixth Semester		
SOWK 650	Diversity and Cultural Humility	3
SOWK 655	Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice	3
Hours		6
Fourth Year		
Seventh Semester		
SOWK 680	Applied Research and Ethics	3
SOWK 664	Advanced Field Enrollment I	0
SOWK 665	Advanced Field Enrollment II	0
Social Work Elective ¹		3
Hours		6
Eighth Semester		
SOWK 675	Advanced Field Experience and Seminar A (Comprehensive Focus) ²	4
Social Work Elective ¹		3
Hours		7
Ninth Semester		
SOWK 677	Advanced Field Experience and Seminar B (Comprehensive Focus) ²	5
SOWK 688	Advanced Generalist Comprehensive Exam	0
Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice Elective ³		3
Hours		8
Total Hours		60

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² Minimum grade of B- required

³ Choose one of the following courses: SOWK 610 or SOWK 641