SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

The MSW programs are restricted to applicants from Maine, Vermont, and the Atlantic Provinces.

At the University of Maine School of Social Work, we prepare proficient and ethical social work professionals committed to social change in a variety of organizations, specializations, and professional roles. Beginning in 1991, the MSW Program has received continuous accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education and was reaccredited in 2012. Our graduates go on to serve as social work clinicians, program planners, administrators, and community change agents in a wide range of public and private settings and systems. As a member of our diverse and dedicated community of students, faculty, field instructors, and alumni, you will transform your commitment to improving the quality of life for people into professional knowledge and skills. You will be poised for a successful and personally rewarding career promoting social change by providing services to individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations.

The University of Maine MSW program prepares students to qualify for social work licensure at the LMSW level (Licensed Master Social Worker) upon graduation. University of Maine graduates who complete specific clinical social work courses and appropriate supervised work experience in a clinical setting for at least two years following graduation are eligible to apply for licensure at the LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Worker) level.

In fall 2017, this program will be offered in a distance-weekend format. The program will originate from the Hutchinson Center in Belfast and be broadcast to the Presque Isle and Machias areas. Faculty may rotate teaching among the three geographic areas. Classes meet on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Students will be admitted into the fully online MSW program again in the fall of 2018. Students complete the program in three years. Students in the weekend and online programs will enjoy courses taught by the same faculty who teach in the other MSW formats offered by our flagship university.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (63 credits)

Foundation Level
Fall Semester–First Semester
• SWK 550: Human behavior & the social environment I (3 cr.)
• SWK 540: Social welfare policy and issues for generalist practitioners (3 cr.)
Spring Semester–Second Semester
• SWK 650: Human behavior and the social environment II (3 cr.)
• SWK 580: Adult & Child Psychopathology (3 cr.)
• Or other elective (3 cr.)
Summer Semester–Third Semester
• SWK 595: MSW field practicum in social work (4 cr.)
• SWK 560: Practice in generalist social work I (3 cr.)
Fall Semester–Fourth Semester
• SWK 563: Practice in generalist social work II (3 cr.)
• SWK 595: MSW field practicum in social work (4 cr.)
• SWK 691: Advanced Social Work Research I (3 cr.)
Advanced Level
Spring Semester–Fifth Semester
• SWK 640: Advanced social policy
• SWK 692: Advanced Social work research II (3 cr.)
Summer Semester–Sixth Semester
• Elective (3 cr.)
• SWK 661: Advanced generalist social work practice I with individuals (3 cr.)
Fall Semester–Seventh Semester
• SWK 665: Adv. gen. social work practice II with communities and organizations (3 cr.)
• SWK 695: Advanced field practicum in social work (5 cr.)
• Elective (3 cr.)
Spring Semester–Eighth Semester
• SWK 664: Adv. gen. social work practice III with families and small groups (3 cr.)
• SWK 600: Advanced professional integrative seminar (3 cr.)
• SWK 695: Advanced field practicum in social work (5 cr.)

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Tuition*

Maine Residents: $418/credit hour
Non-Residents: $523/credit hour*
*applies only to fully online MSW program

Fees*

• Unified Fee
  less than 6 credit hours: $125
  6–11 credit hours: $381
  12–15 credit hours: $934
  16 or more credit hours: $958

• Online Fee
  $25/credit hour

*Rates apply to the 2016-17 academic year. Unique course and/or program fees may apply.

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Using state-of-the-art learning management systems, students will engage in most classes without the need to be online at a particular day or time. These asynchronous classes will be supplemented with some “synchronous” class meetings. This means that you and your classmates meet together online in class using a webcam and microphone on your computer – as you would in traditional class meetings. A few real-time courses for learning that requires live interaction with other students will also be taught during the field practicum seminar. The field practicum may be completed at qualifying organizations geographically convenient to students. Online MSW students are eligible for financial aide programs if they enroll in at least 6 credits.

GOALS OF THE MASTER’S OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Consistent with both University and School mission and goals, the goals of the master’s program are:

• To educate students to be competent and effective at working across service delivery systems utilizing a strengths-based approach and respecting human diversity.
• To prepare competent and effective students for advanced generalist social work practice for the purposes of enhancing human well-being, preventing and alleviating human suffering, and advancing social and economic justice.
• To prepare students to work ethically with clients and client systems across the entire life span.
• To initiate and promote research and knowledge building activities by faculty and students, for the purpose of improving the quality of social work practice.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2016
Classes begin August 29
Registration for Spring 2017
   October 24–November 18
Final Exams end December 18

Winter Session 2016-2017
Classes begin December 27
Classes end January 14

Spring Semester 2017
Classes begin January 17
Registration for Fall 2017 (tentative)
   March 27–April 28
Final exams end May 12
Commencement Saturday, May 13

Summer University 2017
Registration begins February 6
Classes begin May 15
Classes end August 18

FACULTY PROFILE

Dr. Sandra Butler teaches courses in social welfare policy and macro social work practice. Her research focuses primarily on the health needs and social welfare experiences of low-income women across the life span. Her publications are in the areas of poverty, direct care workers, public assistance, older workers, rural aging, the impact of higher education for low-income mothers, GLBT aging, lesbian health, homelessness, teen parenting and pregnancy, and policy practice.

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