

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

CURRICULUM CHANGE

Name of Program and Degree Award: Social Work, MSW Program

Hegis Number: 2104.00

Program Code: 29654

Effective Term: Fall 2023

1. **Type of Change:** Bulletin corrections and updates

2. **From:**
Social Work M.S.W. Program

The ~~Master's~~ of Social Work (M.S.W.) Program at Lehman College prepares social workers to assume positions of leadership in urban public and voluntary sector social service agencies and organizations. All students in the program complete an Advanced Generalist curriculum and gain the knowledge, values and skills of the competencies of the social work profession required for Advanced Generalist Practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations, as well as for supervision, administration, research, and policy practice. The M.S.W. program is registered with the New York State Education Department and is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Students who earn their M.S.W. degree will also have completed all educational requirements and will be eligible to take the New York State licensing exam for the LMSW. Students who complete the two-year curriculum and earn their M.S.W. degree will have met the educational requirements for the New York State licensing exam for the Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). Please note that the New York State Education Department has established additional requirements to be eligible to take the LCSW exam; these requirements must be met after graduation.

~~Four tracks are offered:~~

~~Track A: 2-Year Full-time Program~~

~~Classes meet two evenings per week. Students must complete three full days of fieldwork, at least two of which are weekdays, for a total of 21 hours per week. This totals 600 hours each academic year.~~

Year One: Full-time Student Status
Fall Semester

Credits

SWK 611	Generalist Social Work Practice I	3
SWK 605	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SWK 639	Social Welfare Institutions and Programs	3
SWK 671	Fieldwork and Seminar I	5

Spring Semester

		Credits
SWK 612	Generalist Social Work Practice II	3
SWK 606	Human Diversity and the Social Environment	3
SWK 643	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	3
SWK 646	Social Work Research I	3
SWK 672	Fieldwork and Seminar II	5

Year Two: Full-time Student Status**Fall Semester**

		Credits
SWK 713	Advanced Social Work Practice in the Urban Environment I	3
SWK 707	Understanding Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	3
SWK 727	Supervision in Agency-Based Practice	3
SWK 773	Fieldwork and Seminar III	5
SWK 680	Special Topics in Social Work	3
	Or	
	Elective	3

*Elective: Chosen from **SWK 681-SWK 694**.*

Spring Semester

		Credits
SWK 714	Advanced Social Work Practice in the Urban Environment II	3
SWK 729	Administration in Urban Agencies	3
SWK 745	Social Welfare Policy Practice	3
SWK 747	Social Work Research II	3
SWK 774	Fieldwork and Seminar IV	5

~~Track B: 3-Year Extended Program~~

*Track B: Students are no longer being accepted into Track B. Please refer to Track D below.

Extended students are matriculated students and are subject to the same admissions process as full-time students. Extended students complete the first-year curriculum in two years and take the second year on a full-time basis.

- Year One: Part-time Student Status: Classes meet two evenings per week.
- Year Two: Part-time Student Status: Classes meet one evening per week.
Students must complete three full days of fieldwork, at least two of which are weekdays, for a total of 21 hours per week. This totals 600 hours each academic year.
- Year Three: Full-time Student Status: Classes meet two evening per week.
Students must complete three full days of fieldwork, at least two of which are weekdays, for a total of 21 hours per week. This totals 600 hours each academic year.

~~Track C: 1-Year Advanced Standing Program~~

Students enter as second year students.

- Full-time Student Status: Classes meet two evening per week. Students must complete three full days of fieldwork, at least two of which are weekdays, for a total of 21 hours per week. This totals 600 hours during the academic year.

~~Track D: 3-Year Extended with 6-Semester Fieldwork~~

Extended students are matriculated students and are subject to the same admissions process as full-time students. Extended students complete the classroom coursework over three years rather than two years. Academic coursework is the same, but number of hours of fieldwork per week changes. ~~Track D has a September graduation date.~~

- Academic coursework is the same as ~~Track B*~~ above.
- Year Two: Students must complete 15 hours of fieldwork per week, which must include at least one 7.5 hour weekday, for a total of 600 hours during the academic year: 225 hours in the Fall semester; 315 hours in the Spring semester; and 60 hours in the Summer semester.

- Year Three: Students must complete 15 hours of fieldwork per week, which must include at least one 7.5 hour weekday, for a total of 600 hours during the academic year: 225 hours in the Fall semester; 315 hours in the Spring semester; and 60 hours in the Summer semester.

Each candidate entering the Master in Social Work program without an undergraduate degree in Social Work from an accredited program must complete an approved program of study of at least 65 credits. This includes core courses, electives and field placement internships at social services organizations. Students are required to complete two internships of 600 hours each. Students in ~~Track D~~ are required to complete these 600 hours of internship in 15 hours per week over the Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.

Core Courses: All students are required to take the following courses and credits: **SWK 605 (3), SWK 606 (3), SWK 611 (3), SWK 612 (3), SWK 639 (3), SWK 643 (3), SWK 646 (3), SWK 707 (3), SWK 713 (3), SWK 714 (3), SWK 727 (3), SWK 729 (3), SWK 745 (3), SWK 747 (3)** (Total of 42 credits)

Elective Courses: All students may select from the following courses for a minimum of 3 credits:

SWK 681 (3), SWK 682 (3), SWK 683 (3), SWK 684 (3), SWK 685 (3), SWK 694 (3).

Required Internship: All students are required to take the following courses and credits.

SWK 673 (4), SWK 674 (5), SWK 675 (1), SWK 775 (4), SWK 776 (5), SWK 777 (1).

Notes for all Tracks:

1. *The program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.*
2. *Transfer credits are not accepted, except for the 3-credit elective with approval of the Social Work Graduate Advisor.*
3. *The program does not accept non-matriculated Students unless special permission is granted.*

Admission Requirements for All Tracks:

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, including 45 liberal arts credits;
- Minimum undergraduate grade average of 3.0;
- Application to the program, including a personal statement that addresses preparation for the program, career goals, and understanding of the profession and commitment to social work values;

- Three letters of recommendation addressing applicant's suitability for the social work profession and preparedness to enter a rigorous academic program. At least two letters should be from college faculty and/or professionals in fields related to social work;
- Resume;
- An interview may be required.

Admission Requirements for Applicants to ~~Track C~~, Advanced Standing Program

In addition to the above:

- Bachelor's degree with a Social Work major from a Social Work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;
- Minimum 3.2 cumulative index in the major;
- Include, among the three references, one reference from the advisor in the baccalaureate Social Work program or from the Program Director, and another from a field supervisor;
- ~~Additional essay question that focus on an illustration from the field.~~

Applicants for Advanced Standing must provide course descriptions for courses in the undergraduate Social Work major; the Graduate Advisor will determine exemption from courses in the Year One curriculum.

Selection Process

Applications are reviewed by the MSW Program Director, the MSW Admissions Director, and multiple faculty readers. Applications will be evaluated on:

- Academic history;
- Quality of personal statement, including degree of self-awareness, conceptual ability, understanding of the profession and commitment to social work values, and communication skills;
- Letters of recommendation.

3. To: Social Work M.S.W. Program

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Three tracks are offered:

2-Year Program

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Fall Semester

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Year Two: Full-time Student Status

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		Credits
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SWK 713	Advanced Social Work Practice in the Urban Environment I	3
SWK 707	Understanding Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis	3
SWK 727	Supervision in Agency-Based Practice	3
SWK 773	Fieldwork and Seminar III	5
SWK 680	Special Topics in Social Work	3
	Or	
	Elective	3

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1-Year Advanced Standing Program

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643 (3), SWK 646 (3), SWK 707 (3), SWK 713 (3), SWK 714 (3), SWK 727 (3), SWK 729 (3), SWK 745 (3), SWK 747 (3) (Total of 42 credits)

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Admission Requirements for Applicants to the 1-year Advanced Standing Program

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4. Rationale:

- We changed the subplan names in the bulletin description to better reflect the actual subplan information listed in CUNYfirst.
- Lastly, we made a few minor grammatical corrections.
- These changes do not impact any learning outcomes of the program.

5. Date of departmental approval: August 31, 2022

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CURRICULUM CHANGE

1. **Type of Change:** Course description; repeatable credits

2. **From:**

Department(s)	Social Work
Career	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	Social Work
Course Prefix & Number	SWK 680
Course Title	Special Topics in Social Work
Description	A variable topics course that enables students to pursue subjects particular to their interest. Course offerings will represent a range of issues relevant to social work practice in urban settings. Topics to be announced.
Pre/ Co Requisites	NA
Credits	3
Hours	3
Liberal Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	NA
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World

3. To:

Department(s)	Social Work
Career	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
Subject Area	Social Work
Course Prefix & Number	SWK 680
Course Title	Special Topics in Social Work
Description	A variable topics course that enables students to pursue subjects particular to their interest. Course offerings will represent a range of issues relevant to social work practice in urban settings. Topics to be announced. <u>Course to be repeatable for a maximum of 9 credits.</u>
Pre/ Co Requisites	NA
Credits	3
Hours	3
Liberal Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	NA
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World

4. Rationale:

Several courses/electives (a range of special topics by population or field of social work practice) exist under this number. Some students opt to take more than one of them. We wish to make the course to be repeatable for a maximum of 9 credits to allow them to do so.

5. Date of departmental approval: August 31, 2022