OUR MSW CURRICULUM

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MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK OPTIONS

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Develop Expertise in a Specialized Field of Practice

Through our impressive range of electives and field placements, it is possible for you to concentrate your graduate education on specific aspects of social work.

Exploratory Options

NYU Silver offers two non-degree, exploratory options—one in-person and one online-that enable U.S. citizens or permanent residents with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university to enroll in select graduatelevel courses without being admitted to our MSW program.

Students in our in-person Non-Matriculated option can take one or two courses per semester for a maximum of four courses (12 credits). The courses that Non-Matriculated students are permitted to take are Social Welfare Programs and Policies I; Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege; Human Behavior in the Social Environment I: Human Behavior in the Social Environment II: and Social Work Research L

Students in our online **ONRAMP** (Online Remote Access MSW Preparation) option may take two sequential foundational courses—one per semester for three credits each. The courses are Human Behavior in the Social Environment I and Human Behavior in the Social Environment II, and the first course is a prerequisite for the second.

Students in either of these exploratory options who decide to apply to NYU Silver's MSW program and are admitted will receive credits toward their degree for each course in which they earned a grade of B or better.

MSW Students awarded an NYU Silver scholarship must adhere to the minimum credit enrollment requirements as defined by the MSW program, and maintain good academic standing (minimum GPA of 3.0) in order to receive their scholarship for the duration of the program. Please note that federal funding such as federal loans are based on a different set of credit criteria for full-time and part-time status. Please refer to the Office of Financial Aid at NYU for these details.

Two-Year

As the traditional path to the MSW degree, the Two-Year option attracts the greatest number of students. The period of study is four semesters: fall-spring-fall-spring, including 1,200 hours of Field learning. Study during the summer is not required. Students spend two semesters in each of two different agencies, which are selected from among the more than 500 social service agencies throughout the metropolitan area that are affiliated with the School.

This pathway is available at our Washington Square, Rockland County, and Westchester County campuses.



Sample Course of Study

ear	Fall	Credits
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
First Yea	Field Instruction I	4
Ë	Spring	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Fall	Credits
	Fall Social Work Practice III	Credits 3
r	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social	3
Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3 3
nd Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective	3 3 3
cond Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective Social Work Research II	3 3 3 3 3
Second Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective Social Work Research II Field Instruction III	3 3 3 3 3
Second Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective Social Work Research II Field Instruction III Spring	3 3 3 3 4
Second Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective Social Work Research II Field Instruction III Spring Social Work Practice IV	3 3 3 3 4 3 3 3
Second Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective Social Work Research II Field Instruction III Spring Social Work Practice IV Advanced Social Policy	3 3 3 3 4 4 3 3 3 3
Second Year	Social Work Practice III Human Behavior in the Social Environment III Elective Social Work Research II Field Instruction III Spring Social Work Practice IV Advanced Social Policy Elective	3 3 3 3 4 4 3 3 3 3 3 3

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16-Month Accelerated

An accelerated route to the MSW degree, the 16-Month option is identical to the Two-Year pathway in the sequence of courses. It is recommended that applicants have some social work or related experience. Students begin study in the spring semester and complete the program in four consecutive semesters, including an intensive summer term. The period of study is spring-summer-fall-spring, with two 600-hour Field placements.

This pathway is available at our Washington Square and Rockland County campuses.

Sample Course of Study

	Spring	Credits
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
⁼irst Year	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
st Y	Field Instruction I	4
Ë	Summer	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
F	Elective	3
Yea	Social Work Research II	3
Second Year	Field Instruction III	4
õ	Spring	
Se	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
Tota	l Credits	65

Advanced Standing*

Advanced Standing is an accelerated route to the MSW degree, available to those who have graduated within the past five years from a CSWEaccredited undergraduate social work program. Study is nearly, but not exactly, identical to the Specialized Practice level (2nd year) of the Two-Year pathway. The period of study is two semesters: fall-spring, including 600 hours of Field learning at one Field placement.

This pathway is available at our Washington Square, Rockland County, and Westchester County campuses.

* This pathway has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at **socialwork.nyu.edu**.

Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits	
	Social Work Practice III		3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III		3
	Practice with Groups		3
ear	Social Work Research II		3
First Year	Field Instruction III		4
irs	Spring		
ш	Social Work Practice IV		3
	Advanced Social Policy		3
	Elective		3
	Elective		3
	Field Instruction IV		4
Tota	Credits		32

Note: Advanced Standing students have the option of taking Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege as one of their two electives. If you wish to do so, speak to your Academic Advisor about it.



Two-Year Shanghai and New York*

NYU Silver's MSW Program at Shanghai and New York is the only MSW program of an American university in China. The program provides the opportunity to experience an innovative global MSW education. Extended immersion in Shanghai and New York allows students to critically reflect on cultural, social, and economic similarities and differences between these two environments, and it enhances their learning about and capacity for culturally appropriate practice. This pathway consists of a Generalist Practice curriculum in Shanghai followed by a Specialized Practice curriculum in clinical social work in New York City. Students spend two semesters in a field instruction agency in each of the two years, for a total of 1,200 hours of Field learning experience.

* This pathway has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at **socialwork.nyu.edu**.

Sample Course of Study

ıai	Fall	Credits
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
irst Year in Shanghai	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
1 S L	Chinese Language**	2
ar ir	Field Instruction I	4
Ye	Spring	
irst	Social Work Practice II	3
Ϊ	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
ork	Social Work Research II	3
≻ ≷	Elective**	3
Ne	Field Instruction III	4
Second Year in New York	January Term	
Yea	Elective**	1
, pu	Spring	
CO	Social Work Practice IV	3
Ň	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
Tota	l Credits	65

** Note: Students who wish to strengthen their language skills may choose to take the Chinese Language elective during the first semester in Shanghai. Students choosing to do so must take 7 elective credits during their year in New York (usually 1 credit in January and 6 credits in Spring). Students who choose not to take Chinese must take 9 elective credits during the year in New York (usually 3 credits in Fall and 6 credits in Spring).

32-Month*

Designed for those who work full time, the 32-Month option allows students to earn an MSW degree over a 32-month period through evening, weekend, and summer study. This pathway is open only to new first-year MSW students who have at least three years of professional or business experience working with people. Students in each entering cohort take their first year of courses together. They also participate in a Practice Lab during the first two semesters that prepares them for the Field placement, which begins in the third semester. Courses and Field placements are scheduled during evenings and weekends, leading to the MSW degree in 32 months. The period of study for this option is eight semesters including summer, with 1,100 hours of Field learning.

This pathway is available at our Washington Square campus.

* This pathway has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nyu.edu.

	Fall	Credits
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Social Work Practice Lab I	1
ŗ	Spring	
irst Year	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
Ξ	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Social Work Practice Lab II	2
	Summer	
	Social Work Research I	3
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Field Instruction 32-Month I	3
	Fall	
	Practice with Groups	3
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Field Instruction 32-Month II	2
ar	Spring	
Second Year	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
õ	Elective	3
Se	Field Instruction 32-Month III	3
	Summer	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Elective	1
	Field Instruction 32-Month IV	2
	Fall	
	Elective	3
ar	Social Work Research II	3
¥e	Field Instruction 32-Month V	3
hird Year	Spring	
Ħ	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Field Instruction 32-Month VI	2
Tota	l Credits	65

Extended

The Extended program is a flexible option that enables students to complete an individualized study plan arranged with their academic advisor. Two semesters of full-time study (minimum of 12 credits per semester) is required. The period of study ranges from three to four vears, with two 600-hour Field placements. Students must be available at least one weekday for their Field learning site. Placements with evening and weekend hours are limited and cannot be guaranteed. Most students in this program take advantage of the option for study during the summer term.

This pathway is available at our Washington Square, Rockland County, and Westchester County campuses.



Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Cree	dits
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I		3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I		3
ear	Spring		
irst Yeaı	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II		3
ΪĒ	Social Work Research I		3
	Summer		
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege		3
	Elective		3
	Fall		
	Social Work Practice I		4
ŗ	Field Instruction I		4
Second Yea	Spring		
P	Social Work Practice II		3
00	Field Instruction II		4
Ň	Summer		
	Social Work Research II		3
	Practice with Groups		3
	Fall		
	Social Work Practice III		3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III		3
ear	Elective*		3
Fhird Yea	Field Instruction III		4
Ē	Spring		
⊢	Social Work Practice IV		3
	Advanced Social Policy		3
	Elective*		3
	Field Instruction IV		4
Tota	l Credits		65

* **Note:** One or the other of these may be postponed to a final (post-commencement) summer semester.

Extended One-Year Residence*

For employed social workers, the Extended One-Year Residence combines 37 credits of part-time study (fewer than 10 credits per semester) with two semesters of fulltime study (minimum of 10 credits per semester), including one Field placement of 900 hours. Clinically supervised direct social work employment is required for entry into this program. Applicants must have provided two years of direct services to clients. An employment-based Field learning option is available to students employed in agencies that provide an appropriate educational experience as determined by the Office of Field Learning & Community Partnerships. The period of study ranges from three to four years.

This pathway is available at our Washington Square, Rockland County, and Westchester County campuses.

* This pathway has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nyu.edu.

	Fall	Cred	lits
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I		3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I		3
ear	Spring		
irst Year-	Social Work Research I		3
Firs	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II		3
	Summer		
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege		3
	Elective		3
	Fall		
	Social Work Practice I		4
ar	Practice with Groups		3
Second Yea	Spring		
bnd	Social Work Practice II		3
eco	Elective		3
S	Summer		
	Social Work Research II		3
	Elective		3
	Fall		
	Social Work Practice III		3
۲	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III		3
Third Yea	Field Instruction OYR-A		6
D	Spring		
μ	Social Work Practice IV		3
	Advanced Social Policy		3
	Elective		3
	Field Instruction OYR-B		7
Tota	l Credits		65

Extended Shanghai and New York*

This pathway is designed to meet the needs of working professionals, consisting of part-time study (for the first two years) during the Shanghai portion of the program and full-time study (for the third year) during the New York portion of the program. The extended pathway is available to Chinese nationals (including residents from Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan) and to non-Chinese nationals who have an appropriate visa for part-time study in China.

* This pathway has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nvu.edu.

Sample Course of Study

	Fall (Year 1)	Credits
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
iai	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
ηgh	Spring (Year 1)	
Two Years in Shanghai	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
s in	Social Work Research I	3
ear	Practice with Groups	3
ž	Fall (Year 2)	
Ě	Social Work Practice I	4
	Chinese Language**	2
	Field Instruction I	4
	Spring (Year 2)	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
ork	Social Work Research II	3
ž	Elective**	3
Nev	Field Instruction III	4
Third Year in New York	January Term	
ear	Elective**	1
γ	Spring	
hir	Social Work Practice IV	3
-	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
Tota	l Credits	65

** Note: Students who wish to strengthen their language skills may choose to take the Chinese Language elective during any semester in Shanghai. Students choosing to do so must take 7 elective credits during their year in New York (usually 1 credit in January and 6 credits in Spring). Otherwise, students must take 9 elective credits during the year in New York (usually 3 credits in Fall and 6 credits in Spring).

DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Silver School of Social Work offers four dual-degree program options in the areas of child development, global health leadership, management, and law. Each dual degree is described in detail on the following pages. A separate application for each school must be completed and each school will evaluate applications based on its own requirements. Special admissions standards are not applied to dual degree applicants at either school. Once admitted to both schools, applicants qualify for the dual-degree program.

The cost of the program is determined by the prevailing rates at each graduate school. If seeking financial aid, you must apply to each school separately. Different amounts of assistance may be awarded by each school; however, you may receive financial aid from only one school per semester. For a current course listing please check each school's respective website.

Residency indicates your full-time status at a school, which means you will be paying this school's tuition for the term. If you are offered a Silver Tuition Scholarship upon admission, it will be offered for four semesters while you are in residency at Silver.

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MSW/MA in Child Development with Sarah Lawrence College

The Silver School has joined with Sarah Lawrence College to offer a dual degree in Social Work and Child Development, Students in this program can pursue study leading to an MSW and a master's in Child Development. Admission to both programs is required. By taking courses that are acceptable for transfer credit in each of the schools involved, and through careful course planning, the dualdegree student can complete both degrees full-time in three years. The program can also be completed on a part-time basis. All classes in Child Development are held at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. Students must begin this program at Sarah Lawrence College, completing one year of course work in developmental theory and an observational fieldwork placement. Social work classes begin after the completion of this first year and can be taken at any campus.

	Fall Residency: Sarah Lawrence Cre	edits
	Developmental Theories/ Observational Workshop	5
	Field Work	2
ar	Personality Development	5
irst Year	Graduate Seminar	1
irst	Spring Residency: Sarah Lawrence	
ш	Pathways of Development	5
	Child Development Elective	5
	Child Development Elective	5
	Graduate Seminar	1
	Fall Residency: Silver	
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
ar	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
ž	Field Instruction I	4
Second Year	Spring Residency: Silver	
e C	Social Work Practice II	3
S	Social Work Research I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Fall Residency: Silver	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Social Work Research II	3
F	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
Yea	Field Instruction III	4
hird Year	Spring Residency: Silver	
ΤΡ	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Social Work Elective	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
	Master's Thesis	10
Tota	l Credits	95

MSW/MPH with the NYU School of Global Public Health

This interdisciplinary, three-year program with the NYU School of Global Public Health is for students who seek to combine social work and public health with a global focus. At completion of the program, students will have earned an MSW and a Master of Public Health (MPH). Courses are taught by faculty from relevant programs across five schools at NYU, including the Silver School of Social Work, the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, the School of Medicine, the College of Dentistry, and the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development. Students in the MSW/MPH dual-degree program enroll as full-time students taking courses within each program concurrently. Neither degree will be conferred until the requirements for both degrees are fulfilled.

	Fall Residency: Global Public Health Cre	dits
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Foundations of Global Health Leadership	3
	Global Health Informatics Workshop	0
	Readings in the History & Philosophy of Public Health I	0
	Data-Driven Decision Making in Global Public Health	3
	Spring Residency: Silver	
ar	Social Work Practice I	4
۲e	Field Instruction I	4
irst	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
ш	Accelerating Progress Towards Health-Related SDGs	3
	Readings in the History & Philosophy of Public Health II	0
	Readings in the History & Philosophy of Public Health III	0
	Summer Residency: Silver	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Fall Residency: Silver	
	Global Issues in Social & Behavioral Health	3
	Public Health Management & Leadership	1.5
~	Epidemiology	3
ea	Health Care Policy	1.5
ž	Social Work Practice III Field Instruction III	3 4
Second Yea	Spring Residency: Silver	4
č	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
Ň	Global Environmental Health	3
	Essentials of Public Health Biology	3
	MPH Elective 1	3
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
	Fall Residency: Global Public Health	
	MPH Elective 2	3
	MPH Elective 3	3
ear	Internship I: Applied Practice Experience Seminar	2
rd ≺	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
Thi	Spring Residency: Global Public Health	
	Internship II: Culminating Experience Seminar	3
	MPH Elective 4	3
	MSW Elective	3
Tot	al Credits	93

MSW/JD with the NYU School of Law

The Silver School and the NYU School of Law offer a program in which students may simultaneously pursue study leading to an MSW and a Juris Doctor (JD). By taking courses that are acceptable for transfer credit in both of the schools involved and through careful course planning, the dual-degree student can complete both degrees within a four-year period. Admission to both programs is required and neither degree will be conferred until the requirements for both are fulfilled.

First Year	Residency: Law	Credits
	Law Courses full-time	30
	Fall Residency: Silver	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
ear	Law Courses	6
ž	Spring Residency: Law	
ouo	Social Work Practice I	4
Second Yea	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Law Courses	8
	Summer Residency: Silver	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Fall Residency: Silver	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Practice with Groups	3
ear	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
≻ ⊽	Field Instruction III	4
hird Yeaı	Spring Residency: Silver	
F	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Social Work and the Law	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
	Residency: Law	
Fourth Year	Law Courses full-time	27
Tota	l Credits	123

MSW/Executive MPA with the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

The Silver School and the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service offer a program in which a student may simultaneously pursue study leading to an MSW and an Executive Master of Public Administration (MPA). By taking courses that are acceptable for transfer credit in both of the schools and through careful course planning, the dual-degree student can complete both degrees in two years, including two summers. Students have flexibility to take courses in either the Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy or Health Policy and Management programs at Wagner. Neither degree will be conferred until the requirements for both are fulfilled.

	Fall Residency: Silver	Cre	edits
	Social Work Practice I		4
	Social Welfare Programs & Policies	I	3
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege		3
	Field Instruction I		4
	Wagner: Strategic Leadership		3
	Wagner Elective		1.5
ar	Spring Residency: Silver		
rst Yeaı	Social Work Practice II		3
irst	Social Work Research I		3
ш	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I		3
	Wagner: Leadership Confronted		3
	Field Instruction II		4
	Summer Residency: Wagner		
	Practice with Groups		3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II		3
	Wagner Elective		3
	Fall Residency: Silver		
	Social Work Practice III		3
	Social Work Research II		3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III		3
	Field Instruction III		4
ar	Wagner: Financial Management and Decision Making		3
Second Year	Spring Residency: Wagner		
bnd	Social Work Practice IV		3
e c c	Advanced Social Policy		3
Ň	Field Instruction IV		4
	Social Work Elective		3
	Wagner Elective		3
	Wagner Elective		1.5
	Summer Residency: Wagner		
	Wagner Elective		3
	Wagner Elective		3
Tota	l Credits		83

THE SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Founded in 1960, the mission of the Silver School of Social Work at New York University is to educate professionals in a global perspective for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities, and to provide development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in complex urban environments. The School provides a rich environment for the education of professional social workers, offering programs at the bachelor's, master's, post-master's, and doctoral levels. Through faculty research, the School is a key source of scholarly research and publications directed at improving the practice of social work, evaluating social service and mental health programs, and developing new alternatives for meeting the needs of underserved populations.

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