

ALBANY STATE UNIVERSITY
MSW ADVANCED STANDING POLICY

Advanced Standing Students

Applicants holding a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited undergraduate program may request consideration for “Advanced Graduate Standing” (the waiver of specific foundation courses).

A. To qualify for advanced standing, you must:

1. Possess a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from a CSWE-accredited social work program;
2. Possess a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited college or university;
3. Possess a Bachelor’s degree with a strong liberal arts focus, including coursework in the social sciences, behavioral sciences, natural sciences and humanities;
4. Completed the BSW degree within the past five [5] years;
5. Earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 overall in all undergraduate work attempted *or* earned a grade point average of 3.2 in the last 60 semester hours;
6. Earned a score of 390 or better on the Miller Analogy Test [MAT];
7. At least one of your three references for your application *must* be from your undergraduate Faculty Advisor, the BSW Field Director or from the Chair of the Social Work Department at your college or university.

B. How to apply for advanced standing:

1. Request the “Application for Advanced Standing” from the MSW program and mail it in with your Graduate Admission Application. All documents are to be returned to the Department of Social Work to the attention of the Graduate Admissions Committee.
2. Upon acceptance into the MSW program, you may be asked to supply copies of your undergraduate research papers, field education contracts/plans, field evaluations, college catalog, and course syllabi, unless the Department of Social Work at Albany State University has them on file for your BSW degree.
3. *Advanced standing waivers are assessed after your acceptance into the graduate social work program.*

C. The Outcome:

1. You may be waived from any or all of the MSW foundation courses – up to 32 credit hours (see the attached *Course of Study* form; courses highlighted in yellow are eligible for advanced standing waiver) – which repeat content that you already mastered in your undergraduate program with a grade of “B” or better. The materials from each applicant are evaluated individually. *Waivers are not automatic.*
2. An individualized plan of study will be developed to guide you in completing any required foundation courses and beginning your advanced concentration courses. In most cases, your course work will begin either in the Summer or in the Fall semester for which you were admitted.

Due to the limited acceptance of Advanced Standing students in the MSW program, enrollment is extremely competitive and will be awarded only to outstanding applicants that clearly demonstrate the knowledge, experience, and skills required for direct admission into the advanced year of the MSW program. Students admitted into the Advanced Standing program who fail to earn a grade of “B” or better will be removed from the Advanced Standing program. The Student may be given the option of continuing in the regular two-year MSW degree program.

The MSW Program Director, in consultation with Faculty, will assess competencies already achieved for students requesting advanced standing. Deadlines must be met to allow adequate time for review of materials and to arrange for special advising.

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MSW STUDENT COURSE OF STUDY
(64 CREDITS)

MSW Student Name: _____ ASU #: _____

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course Completed (Semester/Year)	Grade
FOUNDATION YEAR				
<i>Fall Semester (16 Credits)</i>				
SOWK 6020	Achieving Justice in a Diverse World	3		
SOWK 6021	Human Behavior/Social Environment	3		
SOWK 6031	Direct Practice Methods	3		
SOWK 6011	Social Welfare Policies and Programs	3		
SOWK 6055	Foundation Field Experience I	3		
SOWK 6051	Foundation Field Seminar I	1		
<i>Spring Semester (16 Credits)</i>				
SOWK 6032	Theory/Practice w/Families & Groups	3		
SOWK 6033	Theory/Practice w/Communities & Org.	3		
SOWK 6041	Research in Social Work	3		
SOWK 6056	Foundation Field Experience II	3		
SOWK 6052	Foundation Field Seminar II	1		
SOWK 6____		3		
ADVANCED YEAR				
<i>Fall Semester (16 Credits)</i>				
SOWK 7021	Family Dynamics Through the Life Cycle	3		
SOWK 7041	Evaluation of Practice	3		
SOWK 7031	Assess/ Practice w/Children & Families	3		
SOWK 7055	Advanced Field Experience I	3		
SOWK 7051	Advanced Field Seminar I	1		
SOWK 7____		3		
<i>Spring Semester (16 Credits)</i>				
SOWK 7032	Assessment and Practice with Families	3		
SOWK 7033	Assess/Practice w/Vulnerable Adults	3		
SOWK 7011	Legal/Ethical Issues Child/Family Policy	3		
SOWK 7056	Advanced Field Experience II	3		
SOWK 7052	Advanced Field Seminar II	1		
SOWK 7____		3		

MSW Student Signature

Date

MSW Faculty Advisor Signature

Date