MSW students choose from one of the two concentrations:

- In the **Advanced Clinical concentration**, students prepare for clinical practice with individuals, families and groups, and in one of the focus areas. These students’ Methods coursework has a clinical focus.
- Students in the **Leadership and Social Change (LSC) concentration** prepare for advanced macro practice which focuses on work with communities and organizations rather than work with individuals and families. In the LSC concentration students are prepared to work in either leadership/administration or advocacy/policy. Methods coursework for this concentration has a Macro focus.

The master’s degree provides specialized study for advanced social work practice. Students take foundation and advanced courses in social work practice methods with individuals, families and organization, in policy and services, in research, and in human behavior and the social environment. A two-semester field placement/internship (minimum 900 hours) in a social service agency is required. A total of 64-72 hours of graduate coursework is required for the M.S.W. degree. The determination of the number of hours needed within the range is determined on a case-by-case basis after considering each student’s prior coursework and experience.

### Advanced Standing MSW

Students with a Bachelors degree in Social Work (B.S.W.) within the past seven years from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and a GPA of 3.0 (A = 4.0) or greater for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work are eligible for the advanced standing program. This is a three semester/44 hour program that may be completed in 12 months by most students. Students with a concentration in school social work participate in a one semester internship during their second Fall semester for a 3 semester/44 hour program completed in 16 months.

### Hours required for graduation:

A total of 44-72 hours of graduate coursework is required for the M.S.W. degree.

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### Other Requirements

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### Entering Without a BSW

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