

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH**

PROGRAM AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

FALL 2010

**APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR FALL 2010 IS
JANUARY 15, 2010**

If you have any questions or concerns about the application in general or would like assistance with the on-line portion of the Graduate School application, please contact Rita Ohman at rohman@d.umn.edu or 218-726-8497

The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity employer and educator and specifically invites and encourages applications from women and minorities.

August 25, 2009

Dear Prospective Student:

We appreciate your interest in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Minnesota Duluth. The MSW degree opens the door to many exciting career opportunities in the growing field of social work practice. We would like to share with you a few of the highlights of what our MSW program has to offer.

- Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- Student-centered with small class sizes and individualized faculty-student interaction
- Preparation for advanced practice with individual, families, groups, organizations and communities through our advanced generalist concentration
- Scholarships and specialized courses in the field of child welfare
- Emphasis on culturally competent social work practice
- Advanced standing for students with an accredited BSW degree
- Full-time and part-time plans of study with late afternoon courses, evening courses, and some week-end courses
- Emphasis on American Indians with specialized courses and strong linkages to the American Indian Community
- Opportunities to learn about social work practice in rural communities
- Excellent internship opportunities
- Upper north woods location in urban area of 100,000 people, with excellent recreational and cultural activities and medium-size university setting

We are happy to answer your questions and welcome visits to our campus. Inquiries can be directed to: Rita Ohman at rohman@d.umn.edu or 218-726-8497. Please keep in mind that our application deadline is **January 15, 2010**.

Sincerely,

Denny Falk, Director of Graduate Studies

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE IN THE M.S.W. PROGRAM AT UMD

Prerequisites for Admission

- 1) A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. The bachelor's degree should include a solid background in the liberal arts, as evidenced on the transcript by courses in the arts, humanities, and behavioral and social sciences. Applicants should be knowledgeable about diverse cultures, social problems, social conditions, and the social, psychological, and biological determinants of human behavior.
- 2) Completion of at least 15 semester credits (or 24 quarter credits) in two or more social science disciplines, such as sociology, psychology, economics, anthropology, or political science.
- 3) Strong academic preparation as demonstrated by undergraduate GPA
- 4) Potential to contribute to the social work profession.

Enrollment Prerequisites

- 1) Admitted applicants must complete a college-level course in biology with content on human anatomical and physiological development and a college-level course in statistics. The biology course must be completed, with a grade of "C" or better, before registering for the first semester in the MSW program, and the statistics course must be completed, with a grade of "C" or better, before registering for the first research course. Interested persons can apply and be admitted before completing the enrollment prerequisites, although not having completed the prerequisites does influence the review of your application.
- 2) Based on the written materials submitted with the application, some applicants may be admitted with the contingency that they complete a writing requirement prior to beginning course work.
- 3) The University of Minnesota – Duluth requires all students to complete and submit a background criminal check prior to beginning their field placement.

Criteria for Acceptance in the M.S.W. Program

- 1) *Academic potential for graduate study* demonstrated through strong undergraduate performance (3.0 GPA). This potential is assessed through the review of the transcripts (with special attention to the last two years of study and/or study in the major field), formal writing sample, letters of recommendation, GRE scores (if required) and explanation of GPA (if included).
- 2) *Professional preparation* in a human service setting with preference for at least one year of experience. Greater weight is given to length of time served and direct service or client service management. Professional preparation is assessed through the resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, particularly those from a social service supervisor or manager.
- 3) *Preparation for practice in a multicultural environment*, including demonstrated sensitivity to issues of racial identity, ethnicity, national origin or culture, and a commitment to working with underserved populations, is assessed through the resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation.
- 4) *Experience working with American Indian and rural communities* is given special consideration and is assessed through the resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation.
- 5) *Written communication skills* include the ability to conceptualize ideas clearly and succinctly, to demonstrate critical thinking in written format, to organize and communicate ideas logically and to write using correct grammar and spelling. These skills are assessed through the personal statement, formal sample of writing, resume, and letters of recommendation.
- 6) *Congruence of applicant's values and ethics* with those held by the social work profession is assessed through the resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation.
- 7) *Potential for leadership and advocacy* in social and economic justice is assessed through the resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation.

ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES – M.S.W. PROGRAM

Applicants must also apply to the UMD Graduate School to be considered for admission to the MSW program.

Graduate School applications are submitted through the Apply Yourself online application process. Please go to the UMD Graduate School website <http://www.d.umn.edu/grad> for the link to the online application system. Follow the instructions on submitting transcripts and the \$75.00 application fee (\$95.00 for non-U.S. citizen).

MSW Application forms (word and .pdf format) are only available from the UMD Department of Social Work Web page at: <http://www.d.umn.edu/sw/admission/admissions05b.htm>

MSW application packet consists of the below items:

1. One copy of completed **MSW Application Form** (located on the SW web site).
2. **Three letters of recommendation** from former instructors, professional colleagues or employers (Recommendation forms located on the SW web site). Complete the top portion of the “Request for Recommendation” forms and give to each person providing a reference. Provide your recommender with a stamped envelope addressed to yourself so that their recommendation form can be returned directly to you. Include all sealed recommendation forms with your application materials.
 - a. **Note:** At least one recommendation should be an academic reference (If you are unable to obtain an academic reference, include one reference that can specifically comment on your academic skills and abilities).
 - b. If you have taken any “Non-Degree Seeking” social work courses, you should include a recommendation from the instructor of one of these courses.
 - c. Each recommendation form must include a recommendation letter.
 - d. Do not have your recommenders use the “Apply Yourself “Graduate School online application system recommendation portion, use only the MSW Recommendation forms.
3. **A formal sample of your writing** such as a term paper. If you are a non-traditional applicant and you do not have a current academic paper, submit a typewritten paper (not case notes, form letters, or filled-in blank forms) with a human service theme. (A writing sample must be included in order for your application to be complete.)
4. **A resume.**
5. **A typewritten personal statement** (double spaced) related to your application for admission to the MSW program (approximately 3-4 pages). The personal statement must include:
 - a. Provide a brief biographical sketch including personal, family, and past experiences that have influenced your decision to enter the social work profession. Why are you are interested in becoming a MSW Social Worker? What personal qualities do you possess that will allow you to contribute to the social work profession?
 - b. Describe human service, volunteer and/or paid work experiences, which have contributed to your interest in social work. Please include experience working with diverse groups and how it has impacted you.
 - c. Explain your career goals and the professional activities in which you plan to engage after completing your graduate studies.
 - d. Describe how you believe UMD’s advanced generalist MSW program will prepare you to achieve your career goals.
 - e. Present any additional information you would like the Admissions Committee to consider in formulating recommendations concerning your admission.
 - f. Demonstrate graduate level writing skills.

- g. Based on the written materials submitted with the application, some applicants may be admitted with the contingency that they work with a writing tutor or take a writing course when they begin their coursework.
- 6. **An unofficial transcript(s)** from all colleges and universities, where 6 or more credits were taken.
- 7. Optional: completed **Block Grant Application** (located on SW web site). Applicants with a strong academic record who will be registering for 6 or more credits are encouraged to apply.

Contact Rita Ohman, Student Support Specialist, for questions about the application process by email at rohman@d.umn.edu or by phone at 218-726-8497.

Two options for submitting your MSW application materials.

1. Mail all items to:

Department Of Social Work
220 Bohannon Hall
1207 Ordean Court
Duluth, MN 55812-3010

2. Submit via “Apply Yourself”

Upload application materials (except for the Recommendation letters, these must be submitted sealed) with the Graduate School Application on the “Apply Yourself” online application system.

http://www.grad.umn.edu/prospective_students/apply_online.html

Application deadline for fall 2010 is JANUARY 15, 2010

The applicant is responsible for assuring that all required materials, including recommendation letters, are received by the JANUARY 15, 2010 deadline.

Advanced Standing Program M.S.W. Course Requirements

Foundation Courses

SW 8100	Social Work with Diverse Populations	3
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Advanced Generalist Concentration Courses

SW5235	American Indians and Social Policy	2
SW 8102	Advanced Research	3
SW 8331	Organization & Community Practice II	3
SW 8441	Individual, Family & Group Practice II	3
SW 8xxx	*Advanced Practice Course Option	3
SW 8xxx	**Advanced American Indian Content Course Option	2
SW 8802	Field Placement II	8
	Electives	7
Total		34

*Advanced Practice Courses (Choose, at least, one)

- SW 8031 Advanced Practice in Child Welfare
- SW 8332 Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development
- SW 8443 Advanced Practice in Mental Health.
- SW 8544 Advanced Practice with Families

**Advanced American Indian Content Courses (Choose, at least, one)

- SW 8771 Health in American Indian Communities
- SW 8881 Dynamics of American Indian Families

Child Welfare Course Requirements

- SW 5032 Child Welfare and the Law
- SW 8031 Advanced Practice in Child Welfare
- SW 8881 Dynamics of American Indian Families

Sample Schedule Advanced Standing MSW Program

SUMMER ADMISSION

Full-Time Plan

Summer Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
SW 5235 American Indians & Social Policy	2	SW 8441 Individual, Family, & Group Practice II	3	Advanced Practice option*	3
SW 8102 Advanced Research	3	SW 8331 Organization & Community Practice II	3	SW 8771 or SW 8881**	2
Elective	4	SW 8100 SW with Diverse Populations	3	SW 8802 Field II	4
		SW 8802 Field II	4	Elective	3
Total	9	Total	13	Total	12

Part-Time Plan

Summer Semester		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
SW 8102 Advanced Research	3	SW 8441 Individual, Family, & Group Practice II	3	Advanced Practice option*	3
Elective	2	SW 8331 Organization & Community Practice II	3	SW 8100 SW with Diverse Populations	3
Total	5	Total	6	Total	6
SW 5235 American Indians & Social Policy	2	SW 8802 Field II	4	SW 8802 Field II	4
Elective	3	Elective	2	Advanced American Indian Content Course Option**	2
Total	5	Total	6	Total	6

***Advanced Practice Options:** SW 8031 Advanced Practice in Child Welfare, SW 8332 Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development, SW 8544 Advanced Practice with Families, or SW 8443 Advanced Practice in Mental Health.

****Advanced American Indian Content Course Options:** SW 8771 Health in American Indian Communities or SW 8881 Dynamics of American Indian Families

*Always confirm your schedule with your faculty advisor
and check to make sure you meet prerequisite requirements.*

Sample Schedule Advanced Standing MSW Program

FALL ADMISSION

Full-Time Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Term	
SW 8100 SW with Diverse Populations	3	Elective	2	SW 8802 Field II	8
SW 8102 Advanced Research	3	Advanced Practice option*	3		
SW 8441 Individual Family, & Group II	3	SW 8771 or SW 8881**	2		
SW 8331 Organization & Community Practice II	3	Elective	5		
SW 5235 American Indians & Social Policy	2				
Total	14	Total	12	Total	8

Part-Time Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester		Summer Term	
SW 8441 Individual, Family, & Group Practice II	3	Elective	2	Taking courses during the May and summer term can reduce the credit load during the academic year.	
SW 8331 Organization & Community Practice II	3	SW 8100 SW with Diverse Populations	3		
Total	6	Total	5		
SW 5235 American Indians & Social Policy	2	Advanced Practice option*	3		
SW 8102 Advanced Research	3	SW 8771 or SW 8881**	2		
Total	5	Total	5		
SW 8802 Field II	4	SW 8802 Field II	4		
Elective	2	Elective	3		
Total	6	Total	7		

***Advanced Practice Options:** SW 8031 Advanced Practice in Child Welfare, SW 8332 Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development, SW 8544 Advanced Practice with Families, or SW 8443 Advanced Practice in Mental Health.

****Advanced American Indian Content Course Options:** SW 8771 Health in American Indian Communities or SW 8881 Dynamics of American Indian Families

Important: Always confirm your schedule with your faculty advisor and check to make sure you meet prerequisite requirements.

Standard Program M.S.W. Course Requirements

Foundation Courses

SW 5101	Human Behavior in the Social Environment (HBSE)	3
SW 8100	Social Work with Diverse Populations	3
SW 5201	Social Welfare Policy	3
SW 8101	Introduction to Research	2
SW 8111	Individual, Family and Group Practice I	3
SW 8112	Organization and Community Practice I	3
SW 8801	Field Placement I	6

Students should complete foundation courses before taking concentration courses

Advanced Generalist Concentration Courses

SW 5235	American Indians and Social Policy	2
SW 8102	Advanced Research	3
SW 8441	Individual, Family and Group Practice II	3
SW 8331	Organization and Community Practice II	3
SW 8xxx	Advanced Practice Course*	3
SW 8xxx	Advanced American Indian content course**	2
SW 8802	Field Placement II	8
Electives		4
Total		51 credits

***Advanced Practice Courses (Choose, at least, one)**

SW 8031	Advanced Practice in Child Welfare
SW 8332	Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development
SW 8443	Advanced Practice in Mental Health
SW 8544	Advanced Practice with Families

****Advanced American Indian Content Courses (Choose, at least, one)**

SW 8771	Health In American Indian Communities
SW 8881	Dynamics of American Indian Families

Child Welfare Course Requirements

SW 5032	Child Welfare and the Law
SW 8031	Advanced Practice in Child Welfare
SW 8881	Dynamics of American Indian Families

Sample Schedule Standard MSW Program

Full-Time Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
SW 5101 HBSE	3	SW 5235 American Indian & Social Policy	2
SW 5201 Social Welfare Policy	3	SW 8100 Social Work with Diverse Populations	3
SW 8111 Individual, Family, & Group Practice I	3	SW 8101 Introduction to Research	2
SW 8801 Field I	3	SW 8112 Organization & Community Practice I	3
		SW 8801 Field I	3
Total	12	Total	13
SW 8102 Advanced Research	3	Advanced Practice Course Option*	3
SW 8331 Organization & Community Practice II	3	Advanced American Indian Course Option**	2
SW 8441 Individual, Family, & Group Practice II	3	Elective	4
SW 8802 Field II	4	SW 8802 Field II	4
Total	13	Total	13

Part-Time Plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
SW 5101 HBSE	3	SW 8100 Social Work with Diverse Populations	3
SW 5201 Social Welfare Policy	3	SW 8101 Introduction to Research	2
Total	6	Total	5
SW 8111 Individual, Family & Group Practice I	3	SW 5235 American Indians and Social Policy	2
Field I	3	SW 8112 Organization & Community Practice I	3
		SW 8801 Field I	3
Total	6	Total	8
SW 8331 Organization & Community Practice II	3	Advanced Practice Course Option*	3
SW 8441 Individual, Family & Group Practice II	3	Advanced American Indian Course Option**	2
		Elective	2
Total	6	Total	7
SW 8102 Advanced Research	3	Elective	2
SW 8802 Field II	4	SW 8802 Field II	4
Total	7	Total	6

***Advanced Practice Course Options:** SW 8031 Advanced Practice in Child Welfare, SW 8332 Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development, SW 8443 Advanced Practice in Mental Health, SW 8544 Advanced Practice with Families

****Advanced American Indian Course Options:** SW 8881 Dynamic of American Indian Families or SW 8771 Health in American Indian Communities

Courses taken during January, May or Summer term can lighten your load during the academic year.

Always confirm your schedule with your faculty advisor and follow prerequisite requirements.

MSW Course Descriptions

SW 5032 - Child Welfare and the Law

(2.0 cr; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; A-F or Aud, spring, summer, every year)

Intensive advanced course in the federal, state, and tribal laws and court processes regulating child welfare practice. Includes laws and procedures and the role of the social worker in legal proceedings.

SW 5061 - Computers in the Human Services

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; fall, spring, summer, every year)

Overview of computers in the human services, including word processing, spreadsheets, databases, communication, and internet/World Wide Web. Emphasis on hands-on, practical applications.

SW 5091 - Independent Study

(1.0 - 4.0 cr [max 8.0 cr]; Prereq-#; fall, spring, every year)

Directed reading, research, or other experiences leading to presentation of a report.

SW 5095 - Special Topics: (Various Titles to be Assigned)

(1.0 - 4.0 cr [max 12.0 cr])

Proseminar on contemporary topics of concern to students and faculty. Topics announced in Class Schedule.

SW 5096 - Special Project

(1.0 - 4.0 cr [max 8.0 cr]; Prereq-#; S-N or Aud, fall, spring, every year)

Approval of faculty sponsor and field coordinator required to do a project in generalist or advanced generalist social work practice. Project may closely coordinate with another course or may be an independent area of interest.

SW 5101 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment

(3.0 cr; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; A-F or Aud, fall, every year)

Overview of social psychological and social systems concepts. Applications of concepts to social work and human service issues. Focus on individuals, human development, families, groups, organizations, communities, and society/culture.

SW 5111 - Grant Writing in the Human Services

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; A-F or Aud, spring, summer, every year)

Step-by-step development of grant planning and grant writing. Sources of grants: private foundations and public agencies. Needs assessment methodologies, budgeting, and program evaluation.

SW 5120 - Cross-Cultural Exploration Through Learning Circles

(1.0 cr; Prereq-Admission into MSW, 8100 or #; S-N only, fall, spring, every year)

In a small group (learning circle) students will learn about diverse groups, cross-cultural interactions and explore the concepts of individual and organizational cultural competence through the use of interactive and experimental methods, and applying new knowledge to practice in social work.

SW 5201 - Social Welfare Policy

3.0 cr; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; A-F or Aud, fall, every year)

Historical development of field of social welfare in the United States and emergence of social work profession. Social policy analysis techniques and ways to influence social policy and vulnerable/minority issues.

SW 5222 - Intervention in Family Violence

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; A-F or Aud, fall, summer)

Current theory, research, and practice in field of family violence. Multidisciplinary assessment and intervention skills for working with families with diverse backgrounds.

SW 5235 - American Indians and Social Policy

(2.0 cr; Prereq-5201 or advanced standing MSW program or #; A-F or Aud, fall, summer, every year)

Informs human service providers of policies affecting American Indians, including relationships of tribal governments with the United States and Minnesota governments, the interface between Indian and non-Indian service delivery systems, and Indian culture and politics.

SW 5271 - Women and Social Policy

(2.0 cr; Prereq-Jr or sr or grad student or #; A-F or Aud)

Policies affecting the well-being of women; strategies for better meeting women's needs. Focuses on policies that affect women's roles and statuses within the domestic unit and within larger economic and political spheres.

SW 5280 - Addressing Alcohol Related Problems in Social Work Practice

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-Jr or Sr or Grad or #; summer, every year)

A multi-level systems perspective in examining the effects of alcohol problems on individuals, families and other populations. Topics will include: epidemiology, etiology, screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment options, specialized populations and various social work practice areas.

SW 8021 - Methods of Clinical Social Work Practice

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-8111 or admission to advanced standing MSW program or #; A-F or Aud, fall, spring)

Advanced skill development in clinical assessment and intervention. Through an ecologically based framework, students learn how to address a wide variety of micro-level problems involving many different populations. Social work applications of the DSM-IV.

SW 8031 - Advanced Practice in Child Welfare

(3.0 cr; Prereq-5032, 8441; A-F or Aud, spring, every year)

Advanced skill development in assessment, intervention, and evaluation in relationship to direct child welfare social work practice.

SW 8051 - School Social Work

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-Soc work grad student or #; A-F or Aud, fall, spring, every year)

Overview of social work practice in educational settings, roles and functions of social workers within a complex ecological system, and skills and knowledge needed by social workers in a school setting.

SW 8070 - A Problem-bases Approach to Clinical Assessment and Intervention

(3.0 cr; Prereq-8441; A-F only, spring, every year)

Beginning with complex case situations, and having students draw on knowledge and skills that best address these situations, students will follow cases from initial assessment through intervention and termination. This nationally cutting-edge approach is based on the premise that one of the most effective ways of teaching advanced SW practice is to begin with a difficult "real-life" practice problem, and to have students somewhat autonomously draw on whatever information and skills they need to effectively address the problem.

SW 8100 - Social Work with Diverse Populations

(3.0 cr; Prereq-MSW students or #; A-F or Aud, fall, spring, summer, every year)

Examines societal issues generated by systemic discrimination and explores methods for reducing discrimination. Particular focus on advanced social work practice with diverse populations.

SW 8101 - Introduction to Research

(2.0 cr; Prereq-SW grad student or #; A-F or Aud, spring, every year)

Introduction to social science research and its applications to social work and social welfare.

SW 8102 - Advanced Research

(3.0 cr; Prereq-8101 or admission to advanced standing MSW program or #; A-F or Aud, fall, summer, every year)

Application of social science knowledge and skills to evaluate practice and to conduct community-based research and program evaluation projects. Develop a research proposal.

SW 8104 - Project Seminar II

(1.0 cr; Prereq-8102; S-N or Aud, spring, every year)

Application of research knowledge and skills to final stages of master's research project. Data collection and analysis procedures applied to the Plan B paper.

SW 8111 - Individual, Family and Group Practice I

(3.0 cr; Prereq-SW grad student or #; A-F or Aud, fall, every year)

Overview of generalist social work practice, ethics, ecological perspective, and problem-solving model. Application to individuals, families, and groups and to diverse populations.

Development of counseling skills.

SW 8112 - Organization and Community Practice I

(3.0 cr; Prereq-8111; A-F or Aud, spring, every year)

Using a problem-solving model and the ecological and strengths perspectives, students develop assessment and interventions skills for effective practice with organizations and community.

Topics include using supervision, facilitating meetings, advocacy, cultural competence, and promoting organizational and community change.

SW 8331 - Organization and Community Practice II

(3.0 cr; Prereq-5101, 8112 or Advanced Standing in MSW program; A-F or Aud, fall, every year)

Prepares students for advanced practice in organizations and communities. It provides a framework for assessing and intervening in organizational and communities using an asset-based and problem-solving approach. Specific strategies and tactics for strengthening organizations and communities are addressed.

SW 8332 - Advanced Practice in Administration and Community Development

(2.0 - 3.0 cr [max 3.0 cr]; Prereq-8331; A-F or Aud, spring, every year)

This course focuses on application of advanced knowledge and skills essential for understanding macro practice. Analysis of organizations and communities is required. Emphasis will be on analysis of complex social problems and the development of organizational and community solutions.

SW 8333 - FTE: Master's

(1.0 cr; Prereq-Master's student, adviser and DGS consent; No Grade, fall, spring, every year)
(No description)

SW 8441 - Individual, Family and Group Practice II

(3.0 cr; Prereq-5101, 8112 or advanced standing MSW student; A-F or Aud, fall, every year)

Examines a range of social work practice theories and their application to practice with individuals, families, and groups. Advanced skills in assessment and intervention in addressing complex problems with a focus on micro practice. Application to diverse populations and settings.

SW 8442 - Advanced Group Work

(1.0 - 2.0 cr [max 2.0 cr]; Prereq-8441; A-F or Aud)

Conceptual knowledge and applied experiences needed to lead groups in a variety of social work settings serving diverse populations. Treatment groups and task groups (on both the organizational and community levels). Builds on the advanced generalist framework.

SW 8443 - Advanced Practice in Mental Health

(2.0 - 3.0 cr [max 3.0 cr]; Prereq-8441; A-F or Aud, spring, every year)

Advanced skill development in direct practice social work assessment, intervention, and evaluation in relationship to mental health issues.

SW 8544 - Advanced Practice with Families

(2.0 - 3.0 cr [max 3.0 cr]; Prereq-8441; A-F or Aud, fall, spring, every year)

Advanced skill development in social work assessment, interventions, and evaluations in relationship to families at various stages across the life span.

SW 8771 - Health in American Indian Communities

(2.0 cr; Prereq-5235 or #; A-F or Aud, spring, every year)

Introduction to historical and contemporary concepts of American Indian health. Policy issues, cultural and sensitivity knowledge, and practice methods with American Indian clients and communities at micro and macro levels of intervention.

SW 8801 - Field Placement I

(3.0 - 6.0 cr [max 6.0 cr]; Prereq-8111, 8112; SW Grad student, #; S-N or Aud, fall, spring, summer, every year)

Practicum experience with emphasis on developing knowledge and skill base for "beginning generalist" practice in a community agency. Concurrent seminar assists students in integrating classroom theories and intervention methodologies with field experiences. Application to diverse populations.

SW 8802 - Field Placement II

(4.0 - 8.0 cr [max 8.0 cr]; Prereq-8331, 8441 & 8031 or 8332 or 8443 or 8544, SW Grad Student and #; S-N or Aud, fall, spring, summer, every year)

Developing knowledge and skill base for "advanced generalist" practice in a community agency. Concurrent seminar focuses on integrating classroom theories and intervention methodologies with experiences with client systems at micro and macro levels of practice. Attention to vulnerable/minority issues.

SW 8881 - Dynamics of American Indian Families

(2.0 cr; Prereq-5235 or #; A-F or Aud, fall, spring, every year)

Introduction to traditional and contemporary concepts relating to American Indian families. Public policy, social problems, cultural strengths, conflicts, and culturally competent social work practice.

SW 8991 - Practice in the American Indian Community

(2.0 - 4.0 cr [max 4.0 cr]; Prereq-Soc work grad student, 8771 or 8881, #; S-N or Aud, spring, every year)

Gives MSW students supervised direct practice experience in the American Indian community. Application of cultural knowledge and culturally competent practice skills.

**GRADUATE SCHOOL TUITION RATES
for the MSW program**

NOTE: The following tuition rates are for the Master of Social Work program
for 2009-2010.

PART-TIME RATES:

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
1 credit	\$ 934.33	\$1,525.83
2 credits	\$1,868.66	\$3,051.66
3 credits	\$2,802.99	\$4,577.49
4 credits	\$3,737.32	\$6,103.32
5 credits	\$4,671.65	\$7,629.15

FULL-TIME RATES:

6-14 credits	\$5,606.00	\$9,155.00
Each credit over 14	\$ 934.33	\$1,525.83

Student Service Fee* \$279.32 per semester

University Fee \$ 60.00 per semester
 9 or fewer credits (per credit)
 10 or more credits \$600.00 per semester

Hospitalization insurance \$907.00 per semester

Basic Internet/Email Access Fee
 1-12 credits (per credit) \$ 5.73 per semester
 13 or more credits \$ 74.49 per semester

CEHSP Computer Equipment & Technology Fee* \$125.00 per semester

*Mandatory at 6 or more credits

A LATE REGISTRATION FEE will be assessed for any **initial registration** which occurs on or after the first day of classes: \$50 during the first or second week, and \$100 thereafter. You will not be allowed to add/drop after the tenth day of the semester.

MSW Financial Aid Information

Block Grant

The Department of Social Work has a limited number of Block Grant funds available. Awards are based upon academic merit and the potential to contribute to the diversity of the social work program. Only full time students (6 or more credits) are awarded Block Grants. “Department of Social Work Fellowship Application” forms are located with the [MSW Application Packet](#) on the Department of Social Work website. If interested in the award, complete the form and submit it with the MSW application.

Child Welfare Scholars Program

The UMD Title IV-E Child Welfare Scholars Program is available to MSW students through collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The primary goals of the stipends are to:

- Reach out to practitioners in county and tribal child welfare agencies, recruit them to return to school and obtain an MSW, and provide financial support for them to do so.
- Encourage others entering the MSW program to commit to beginning a career in public or tribal child welfare by offering financial support and excellent, relevant educational opportunities.
- Provide graduate-level educational opportunities that prepare scholars to be culturally competent child welfare practitioners.

Students receive a financial stipend that can be used to cover a portion of tuition. In return, graduates who receive this fellowship are required to seek, and if available, accept employment in public or child welfare services for a period of time equivalent to the months they received Title IV-E funds. Other requirements include completing field placements in county or tribal child welfare agencies, completing curriculum requirements specific to child welfare practice, and completing a final project on a child welfare topic.

More complete information about the [Child Welfare Scholars Program](#) is available in the [Child Welfare Scholar Handbook](#) located on the Department of Social Work website.

Graduate School Awards

A limited number of fellowships and scholarships are available through the Graduate School. Please check their web site at: <http://www.grad.umn.edu/fellowships/>

Diversity of Views and Experiences (DOVE) Fellowship 2010-2011

The Graduate School Diversity Office administers the DOVE Fellowship. The fellowship is awarded to approximately 20 first-year students from under-represented groups (U.S. citizens or permanent residents). The fellowship provides a \$22,500 stipend, tuition at regular graduate school rates (up to 14 credits per semester), and subsidized health insurance for one academic year. Graduate programs must nominate prospective students by the deadline, usually mid-January. Students who wish to be nominated must contact the Director of Graduate Studies. To be considered for this fellowship, contact Rita Ohman, Student Support Assistant, at rohman@d.umn.edu by December 10, 2009. For more information, visit the Graduate School Office of Graduate Diversity, Outreach and Retention web site at http://www.grad.umn.edu/outreach/finances/dove_faq.html

Student Loans

Graduate students are eligible to apply for the federally insured loan programs. Information on the loans may be obtained from:

Financial Aid and Registrar Office
Solon Campus Center, Room 23
1117 University Drive
Duluth, MN 55812

Website: <http://www.d.umn.edu/fareg/>

APPLICANT CHECK LIST

UMD GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

- _____ 1. On-line submission of application. <http://www.d.umn.edu/grad/> Click on “Apply Yourself!”
- _____ 2. Transcripts mailed from all colleges attended.
Note: The Graduate School does not require official transcripts for initial review of applications. However, the Graduate School does require official transcripts from all *admitted* students.
- _____ 3. An application fee of \$75 (\$95 for international applicants) must be paid via the online application system. Your application to the Graduate School isn’t submitted until the application fee is paid.
- _____ 4. **Note:** Recommenders names do not need to be entered into the “Apply Yourself” application system. Recommendation forms from the MSW application must be used.

MSW APPLICATION - SEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK IN ONE ENVELOPE

(MSW application forms are word or .pdf files. Application materials can be downloaded from the Social Work Website: www.d.umn.edu/sw)

- _____ 1. MSW Application Form
- _____ 2. Three recommendation forms & letters in sealed envelopes
- _____ 3. Formal Writing Sample
- _____ 4. Resume
- _____ 5. Personal Statement
- _____ 6. Unofficial transcript(s)
- _____ 7. Block Grant Application

Mail the completed application materials to:

Department of Social Work,
220 Bohannon Hall,
1207 Ordean Court,
Duluth, MN 55812

OR Submit via “Apply Yourself”

Upload application materials (except for the Recommendation letters, these must be submitted sealed closed) with the Graduate School Application on the “Apply Yourself” online application system.

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