

Social Work

- **Master of Social Work**
- **Ph.D. Social Work**
- **Ph.D. Social Work with Specialization in Political Economy**

Master of Social Work

About the Program

The Master of Social Work program is based on an analytical and critical approach to social work practice, and to knowledge related to practice. The program examines the structural context of personal and social problems and of social work practice itself. The structural context refers to the interaction between individuals and the social, political, and economic dimensions of society. The program focuses on the development of social work practices that change the interactions between people and structural contexts.

The curriculum is organized into two concentrations:

- **Direct Intervention:** with individuals, families, small groups, and communities; and
- **Social Administration and Policy:** an examination of the political, economic, and social context within which social policy is made.

Academic Regulations

See the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Candidates for the MSW degree must complete all course work (or the equivalent) counted towards the degree with a grade of B- or higher. The School of Social Work does not permit the C+ option.

Admission Requirements

The School of Social Work provides two points of entry into the Master of Social Work program.

Applications are accepted to the Foundation Year (first year of a two year MSW program) from candidates who hold an Honours bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, with at least high honours standing (normally B+ or higher in the final two years/10 full credits of university courses; B- or higher overall) in a discipline other than social work.

Application are accepted to the Advanced Year (one year MSW program) from candidates who hold an accredited Bachelor of Social Work degree with honours standing (normally B+ or higher in the final two years/10 full credits of university courses; B- or higher overall).

Applications are accepted from candidates who are in the process of completing their final year of study, and who have maintained B+ or higher.

Work experience in social work or a related field is considered as one of several selection criteria for application to both Foundation Year and Advanced Year.

Applicants must have completed (or be in the process of completing) 1.0 credit in research (.5 credit research

methods and .5 credit statistics with a minimum B grade or higher).

The School of Social Work will not grant advanced standing for course work completed prior to entry into the MSW program.

Students accepted into Foundation Year will be expected to complete 6.0 credits of course work in year I and 5.0 credits of course work in year II.

Program Requirements

Students admitted into the Foundation Year (first year of the two year MSW program) must complete the Foundation Year (year I) and the Advanced Year (year II) of the MSW program.

Students admitted into the Advanced Year must only complete year II.

Foundation Year (year I) of the MSW consists of the following 6.0 credits:

SOWK 5000 [0.5] Foundations in Structural Social Work

SOWK 5308 [0.5] Direct Intervention

SOWK 5408 [0.5] Social Administration and Policy

SOWK 5608 [0.5] Community Work

SOWK 5501 [0.5] Theories in Social Science and Social Work

SOWK 5502 [0.5] History of Social Welfare and Social Work

SOWK 5606 [2.0] Practicum I

1.0 credit to be taken from graduate-level course offerings in the School

Advanced Year (year II) of the MSW consists of the following 5.0 credits:

SOWK 5306 [1.0] Advanced Theory for Social Administration and Policy

or SOWK 5307 [1.0] Advanced Theory for Direct Intervention

SOWK 5405 [1.0] Research and Evaluation in Social Work

And one of the following two options:

Thesis/Course Work Option

SOWK 5909 [2.0] Thesis

1.0 credit of course work

Practicum/Course Work Option

SOWK 5607 [2.0] Practicum II

1.0 credit of course work

For all course options listed above, a minimum of 1.0 credit to be taken from graduate-level Social Work course offerings, or with permission from the School of Social Work, a maximum of 1.0 credit may be taken outside the School of Social Work, and a maximum of 0.5 credit may be taken at the 4000-level.

All students in SOWK 5903, SOWK 5909, SOWK 5606, SOWK 5607 must maintain continuous registration until completion of the course in accordance with the General Regulations as stated in this calendar.

Part-Time Studies

The School offers part-time studies to a limited number of qualified candidates. The requirements for part-time studies are identical to those of the regular program, except that part-time students are limited to a maximum of 1.0 credit of course work per term.

Students registered on a part-time basis must maintain continuous registration for a minimum of two terms per year until all course requirements are completed.

In their first fall term, part-time students in the MSW Foundation Year (Year I) must register in SOWK 5000 and one of SOWK 5501, SOWK 5502, SOWK 5308, SOWK 5408, or SOWK 5608. Part-time students in the MSW Advanced Year (Year II) register in SOWK 5306 or SOWK 5307 plus an additional 0.5 credit of course work in their first fall term.

Change of Status

Students contemplating changing their full-time or part-time status should consult the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Ph.D. Social Work

About the Program

The substantive focus of the PhD program is theory, application and practice of structural social work and an in-depth understanding of social justice and human rights and the underlying structural issues.

Structural social work understands social problems as embedded in structural factors and posits that: social change occurs only through social and political action; the structures of domination are consciously/unconsciously reproduced through people's everyday activities; the link between structure and agency is dialectical and that therefore intervention occurs simultaneously at the individual and societal levels. Research is encouraged in social organization, social policy, social practices or links among all three.

The PhD in Social Work normally will be taken on a full-time basis. The core course work and qualifying exam are completed in the first 12 months of the program and are designed to assist students in locating and developing their research projects.

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Academic Regulations

- See the General Regulations section of this Calendar
- Candidates must obtain a grade of B- or higher in each course and Satisfactory on the PhD thesis and its oral defence.

Admission Requirements

There are three principal criteria for admission.

- Completion of an MSW at an accredited program in Social Work (Canadian Association for Social Work Education or equivalent), or a similarly accredited BSW and a closely related graduate degree. An average of A- or better at the Masters level is normally required.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct independent research and to complete the program. Applications must contain one academic or professional paper completed by the applicant at the graduate level or its equivalent.
- A minimum of two years full-time post graduate work experience, or five years post-baccalaureate work experience in the social services and/or social policy field.
- **Note:** The School may require a candidate to complete an additional course (such as research methods or theory) to qualify for admission. Such a candidate may be provisionally admitted into the program and permitted to take the additional course concurrently with the regular PhD courses.

Program Requirements

Ph.D. Social Work (10.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:		1.0
SOWK 6100 [1.0]	Theoretical Foundations in Social Practices	
2. 1.0 credit in:		1.0
SOWK 6200 [1.0]	Dissertation Research Seminar	
2. 1.5 credits from:		1.5
SOWK 6401 [0.5]	Teaching Critical Social Work	
SOWK 6405 [0.5]	Directed Studies	
Maximum 0.5 credit at the 5000 level		
Maximum 0.5 credit at the 5000 or 6000 level outside the School of Social Work with permission of the School		
3. 0.5 credit in:		0.5
SOWK 6800 [0.5]	Qualifying Examination	
4. 6.0 credits in:		6.0
SOWK 6909 [6.0]	PhD Dissertation	
Total Credits		10.0

Notes:

The School requires that 3.5 credits in course work plus the 0.5 credit in the Qualifying Exam be completed by the end of the first three semesters (i.e., Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer).

During the second year of study students are required to develop and defend their research proposal.

Residence Requirements: PhD candidates must normally be registered full-time for a minimum of six terms to satisfy the residence requirement. Candidates not able to continue full-time studies following the sixth term may request permission to continue part time.

Ph.D. Social Work with Specialization in Political Economy (10.0 credits)

1. 1.0 credit in:		1.0
SOWK 6100 [1.0]	Theoretical Foundations in Social Practices	
2. 1.0 credit in:		1.0

SOWK 6200 [1.0]	Dissertation Research Seminar	
3. 0.5 credit from:		0.5
SOWK 6401 [0.5]	Teaching Critical Social Work	
SOWK 6405 [0.5]	Directed Studies	
Maximum 0.5 credit at the 5000 level		
Maximum 0.5 credit at the 5000 or 6000 level outside the School of Social Work with permission of the School		
4. 0.5 credit in:		0.5
PECO 6000 [0.5]	Political Economy: Core Concepts	
5. 0.5 credit in	a relevant political economy course from the approved list	0.5
6. 0.5 credit in:		0.5
SOWK 6800 [0.5]	Qualifying Examination	
7. 6.0 credits in:		6.0
SOWK 6909 [6.0]	PhD Dissertation	
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Total Credits		10.0

Part-Time Studies

Students not able to remain in full-time studies may only apply for part-time status following the completion of their second year of studies and with evidence of satisfactory progress in their research.

Change of Status

Students contemplating changing their full-time or part-time status should consult the General Regulations section of this Calendar.

Social Work (SOWK) Courses

SOWK 5000 [0.5 credit]

Foundations in Structural Social Work

Fundamental principles and practices of Structural Social Work are explored as a means of working towards a more just society. Students will explore the history and practice of structural social work.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Foundation Year (year I).

SOWK 5101 [0.5 credit]

Social Policy Analysis

Conceptual, theoretical, and empirical tools for the analysis of social policies in Canadian society.

SOWK 5102 [0.5 credit]

Political Economy of Health

Distinctions and connections between health and health care. Who receives care, who provides it, who pays for it, and who makes the decisions affecting it.

SOWK 5105 [0.5 credit]

Poverty and Income Security

Examination of theories of poverty and wealth, conflicting understandings of poverty and the unequal distribution of income and wealth in Canada. Theories of poverty and wealth as they influence social policy, notably universal programs, social welfare services, income redistribution, and taxation.

SOWK 5106 [0.5 credit]

Women and Social Policy

Structural analysis of social policy affecting women. Relationship of feminist scholarship to the practical work of developing policy and to policy outcomes for women. Impact of the women's movement on the formal processes of policy making.

SOWK 5301 [0.5 credit]

Women, Male Violence and Social Change

Focus on male violence against women. Theory, responses of the state and the justice system, and practice approaches to helping women and the men who abuse them, and initiatives for social change.

SOWK 5302 [0.5 credit]

Mental Health

Historical development, legislative framework, institutional and service structure, and practice issues related to mental health services in Canada. The interface between mental health and sexual abuse, family violence, racism, corrections, aging and immigration.

SOWK 5306 [1.0 credit]

Advanced Theory for Social Administration and Policy

Core concepts and ideas about the modern welfare state and the Canadian welfare state. The role and nature of social policy in the Canadian political system. Methods of analysis of contemporary social policy.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 5305.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Advanced Year (Year II).

SOWK 5307 [1.0 credit]

Advanced Theory for Direct Intervention

Advanced integration of social work knowledge, skills and ethics for practice with individuals, families, small groups and communities. Structural analysis of personal and social problems. Review of contemporary social work theories and practice approaches.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 5305.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Advanced Year II (Year II).

SOWK 5308 [0.5 credit]

Direct Intervention

Presentation of a structural framework for social work theory and practice examining assessment and interventive approaches, analytical and interaction skills, helping process and social transformation. Explores interventions with individuals, families, small groups based on an understanding of class, gender, race, age, ability and sexual orientation.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 5304.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Foundation Year (Year I).

SOWK 5405 [1.0 credit]**Research and Evaluation in Social Work**

Addresses the logic of inquiry, and assesses quantitative and qualitative techniques. Attention to program and direct intervention evaluation especially with the use of action and participatory research approaches. May include research or evaluation project with community agencies and practitioners, or individual research proposal.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Advanced Year (Year II).

SOWK 5408 [0.5 credit]**Social Administration and Policy**

Knowledge and skills required for understanding, analyzing and practicing social policy development and administration in social work. Political, economic, and social context of policymaking, theoretical perspectives for developing policy, and contemporary social policy issues. Precludes additional credit for SOWK 5304.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Foundation Year (Year I).

SOWK 5501 [0.5 credit]**Theories in Social Science and Social Work**

Examines relationships between theories in social science and in social work exploring connections to social work practice and emphasizing theories of inequality.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 5500.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Foundation Year I (Year I).

SOWK 5502 [0.5 credit]**History of Social Welfare and Social Work**

Historical development of social welfare policies and the Canadian welfare state. History of relationship of economy, family, welfare institutions and Canadian state. Focus on the origins and development of social work as a profession.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 5500.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Foundation Year (Year I).

SOWK 5504 [1.0 credit]**Directed Studies**

Individual exploration of selected theoretical perspectives for social work practice under the direct supervision of a member of faculty or visiting scholar.

SOWK 5506 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

Individual exploration of selected theoretical perspectives for social work practice under the direct supervision of a member of faculty or visiting scholar.

SOWK 5606 [2.0 credits]**Practicum I**

Integration of academic and practical aspects of social-work education. 450 hours of guided learning in a community-based setting. Field seminar required.

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Foundation Year (Year I); completion of SOWK 5000, SOWK 5308, SOWK 5501, SOWK 5502, and SOWK 5608; and completion of or concurrent registration in SOWK 5408.

SOWK 5607 [2.0 credits]**Practicum II**

450 hours integrating advanced social work theories and practice. Field seminar required. Not usually available in the first term of registration.

Prerequisite(s): BSW or completion of MSW Foundation Year (Year I); completion of SOWK 5306 or SOWK 5307; and completion of or concurrent registration in SOWK 5405.

SOWK 5608 [0.5 credit]**Community Work**

Models and methods of community organization. Social-economic contexts and ideological approaches to social change work; social change efforts; globalization and corporate rule.

SOWK 5609 [0.5 credit]**Community Development**

Approaches to community engagement, analysis, mobilization and evaluation; community development as a space for prefigurative politics necessary for social change. Historical and contemporary examination of community-based approaches to social justice.

SOWK 5700 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Social Policy**

The School will offer courses on substantive topics related to social administration and policy. Topics vary depending on the interests of faculty and students and the availability of instructors. Students outside of the School may register with permission from the School.

SOWK 5701 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Direct Intervention**

The School will offer courses on substantive topics related to direct intervention including community development. Topics vary depending on the interests of faculty and students and the availability of instructors. Students outside of the School may register with permission from the School.

SOWK 5702 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Social Work**

The School will offer lecture courses on substantive topics related to social work and social welfare. Topics will vary each year depending on the interests of faculty and students. Students from outside the School of Social Work may register with permission of the School.

SOWK 5703 [0.5 credit]**Special Topics in Social Work**

The School will offer lecture courses on substantive topics related to social work and social welfare. Topics will vary each year depending on the interests of faculty and students. Students from outside the School of Social Work may register with permission of the School.

SOWK 5704 [0.5 credit]**Race, Culture and Social Work Practice**

Anti-racist framework for social work practice to analyze policy and practice issues. "Privilege" as a critical and essential component for understanding oppression based on race and culture. Complex intersections of race and culture with class, gender, age, and other dimensions.

SOWK 5705 [0.5 credit]**Child Protection**

Child welfare policy and the organization of social work practice particularly in the Canadian context. A range of welfare provisions affecting children and families will be considered as well as direct child protection policies and practices.

SOWK 5706 [0.5 credit]**Trauma and Memory**

Comprehensive examination of contemporary theories of trauma and memory. Advanced counseling interventions with survivors of psychological trauma; critical examination of case studies illustrating recent findings in treatments of psychological trauma and associated memory processes.

SOWK 5801 [0.5 credit]**Feminist Social Work Practice with Individuals, Couples, and Families**

Theory and practice of feminist approaches to social work with individuals, couples and families. Issues of diversity, such as race, class, and gender. Problem-based learning approach.

SOWK 5804 [0.5 credit]**Organizing for Social Change**

Hands-on introduction to theories, models, and methods of organizing for social change from grass roots groups to national coalitions. Practical skills for helping people mobilize to influence relevant social issues. Problem-based learning approach.

SOWK 5805 [0.5 credit]**Social Development in the International Context**

International social development policies and practices from a cross-cultural perspective. Focus on international social policies and practices, and on economic, health, telecommunication, migration, and education policies and practices.

SOWK 5903 [1.0 credit]**Independent Research Studies in Social Work**

Individually-arranged independent research study. Requires a written proposal that outlines a research project with clear learning objectives, and practice objectives (where relevant).

SOWK 5904 [0.5 credit]**Independent Research Studies in Social Work**

Individually-arranged independent research study. Requires a written proposal that outlines a research project with clear learning objectives, and practice objectives (where relevant).

SOWK 5909 [2.0 credits]**Thesis**

Prerequisite(s): registration in MSW Advanced Year (Year II).

SOWK 6100 [1.0 credit]**Theoretical Foundations in Social Practices**

A focus on human rights and social justice that explores dynamic tensions of life in an advanced capitalist, globalized political economy and the relevance for social work practices. The course will assist the students in developing the theoretical frameworks for their dissertations.

SOWK 6200 [1.0 credit]**Dissertation Research Seminar**

An advanced study of current research methods in social work, inquiry into research techniques, conceptualization and theoretical issues. This course, which will meet over the fall and winter terms, will assist students in the development of their research methodologies.

SOWK 6401 [0.5 credit]**Teaching Critical Social Work**

Application of educational theory, models, practices, design and technology for post-secondary education in social work. Theory and practice of critical pedagogy, curriculum development, teaching methods, skills and strategies.

SOWK 6405 [0.5 credit]**Directed Studies**

Individually-arranged independent exploration of selected areas of inquiry that are offered subject to the availability of faculty. Requires a written proposal with clear learning objectives and study plan.

SOWK 6800 [0.5 credit]**Qualifying Examination**

A critical assessment and demonstration of mastery in an area of inquiry related to the research project, involving theoretical, methodological and substantive components. Requires a proposal to the Exam Committee, the successful completion of a Qualifying Exam paper and an Oral Qualifying Exam.

SOWK 6909 [6.0 credits]**PhD Dissertation**

An original scholarly research contribution that constitutes a significant contribution to the field of social welfare and the profession of social work. Dissertation must meet standards including a formal oral defense governed by the regulations of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs.

Summer session: some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at central.carleton.ca