

Berkeley MSW Curriculum At-a-Glance

Areas of Study

Berkeley MSW students select a specific area of study at the time of application to the MSW program, and are admitted into one of three specialization areas:

- **Advancing Health and Wellbeing across the Adult Lifespan** ("A-WELL")
- **Strengthening Children, Youth and Families** ("SCYF")
- **Strengthening Organizations and Communities** ("SOC")

Learn more about each area by visiting socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/msw-program.

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The Berkeley MSW requires **two years of full-time study** that **total 54 units**, including **25 units of field education**:

Generalist Practice **9 units**

Four courses taken by all MSW students

Diversity-Competent Practice **2 units**

At least one approved course in diversity-sensitive and competent social work practice

Specialized Practice **6-8 units**

Three to four advanced social work practice and social policy courses in your chosen area of specialization

Social Research Methods **4 units**

One year (two sequenced courses) in Social Research Methods, culminating in a Master's Capstone project

Field Education **25 units**

Two years of agency-based Field Practicum and concurrent Field Integration Seminar courses

Electives **6-8 units**

Two to five courses in professionally relevant elective course work or courses needed for additional Special Program Options

For descriptions of courses and specific degree requirements, please visit the Berkeley Academic Guide to Social Welfare:

<http://guide.berkeley.edu/graduate/degree-programs/social-welfare/>

Graduate Certificate in Aging

Focusing on ameliorating the physical, psychosocial, familial, cultural, ethnic, racial, organizational, and societal factors which serve as barriers to physical and emotional well-being in later life.

Certificate Requirements:

- SOC WEL 210C-Aging Processes
- One of the following courses in advanced social work practice:
SOC WEL 244-Direct Practice in Mental Health Settings
SOC WEL 245-Direct Practice in Health Settings
SOC WEL 246-Direct Practice in Aging Settings
- At least one additional, professionally relevant course, offered in Social Welfare or other campus units
- At least 120 hours of field experience with or on behalf of elderly clients

School Social Work Credentials

Fully accredited curriculum in school social work practice, leading to eligibility for a recommendation for the Pupil Personnel Services Credentials (PPSC) issued by the State of California. The PPS credential is usually a requirement for employment as a school social worker in California K-12 public schools.

Certificate Requirements:

- SOC WEL 232-Social Work and Education Policy
- SOC WEL 250T-Social Work Practice in School Settings
- At least 450 clock hours of approved field placement practicum in a school-based practice setting supervised by a PPSC credential holder

Social Work with Latinos Certificate

Offering a learning environment and professional network to enhance the skills of social work graduate students in culturally competent practices that improve the lives of Latino individuals, families, and communities.

Certificate Requirements:

- SOC WEL 250J-Social Work with Latinos
- At least two additional, professionally relevant courses, offered in Social Welfare or other campus units
- A minimum of 120 hours of direct practice in an agency serving predominantly Spanish-speaking Latino clients

Berkeley MSW Sample Plan of Study

Berkeley MSW students must enroll full-time (minimum of 12 units) each semester.

YEAR 1	Advancing Health and Wellbeing across the Adult Lifespan	Strengthening Children, Youth and Families	Strengthening Organizations and Communities
Fall	200-Theories for Multilevel Practice (2) 220-Introduction to Social Policy (2) 240-Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work (2) 241-Foundations of Multilevel Practice (3) <u>Choose ONE:</u> 205-Psychopathology & Psychosocial Problems (2) 210C-Aging Processes (2)	200-Theories for Multilevel Practice (2) 220-Introduction to Social Policy (2) 240-Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work (2) 241-Foundations of Multilevel Practice (3) 212-Child Development from Infancy to Adolescence in Its Social Context (2) *	200-Theories for Multilevel Practice (2) 220-Introduction to Social Policy (2) 240-Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work (2) 241-Foundations of Multilevel Practice (3) 210i-Group, Organizational & Community Dynamics (2)
	290A-Foundation Field Integration Seminar (2) 410A-Foundation Field Practicum (4)	290A-Foundation Field Integration Seminar (2) 410A-Foundation Field Practicum (4)	290A-Foundation Field Integration Seminar (2) 410A-Foundation Field Practicum (4)
Spring	<u>Choose ONE:</u> 244- Direct Practice in Mental Health Settings (2) 245- Direct Practice in Health Settings (2) 238C-Health Policy: A Social Welfare Perspective (2) Diversity and/or Elective Courses (3-4 units total) 290B-Foundation Field Integration Seminar (1) 410B-Foundation Field Practicum (4)	243-Direct Practice with Children and Families (2) 210B-Infant Development (2) * 230-Social Policy: Children and Families (2) Diversity and/or Elective Courses (3-4 units total) 290B-Foundation Field Integration Seminar (1) 410B-Foundation Field Practicum (4)	251-Program Development (2) <u>Choose ONE:</u> 230-Social Policy: Children and Families (2) 238C-Health Policy: A Social Welfare Perspective (2) Diversity and/or Elective Courses (3-4 units total) 290B-Foundation Field Integration Seminar (1) 410B-Foundation Field Practicum (4)

* = Choose ONE of these required courses

YEAR 2	Advancing Health and Wellbeing across the Adult Lifespan	Strengthening Children, Youth and Families	Strengthening Organizations and Communities
Fall	282A-Seminar in Social Research (2) Diversity and/or Elective Courses (3-4 units total) 292A-Advanced Field Integration Seminar (1) 412A-Advanced Field Practicum (6)	282A-Seminar in Social Research (2) Diversity and/or Elective Courses (3-4 units total) 292A-Advanced Field Integration Seminar (1) 412A-Advanced Field Practicum (6)	252-Program Implementation (2) 282A-Seminar in Social Research (2) Diversity and/or Elective Courses (3-4 units total) 292A-Advanced Field Integration Seminar (1) 412A-Advanced Field Practicum (6)
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