

Berkeley Social Welfare

MSW Degree Program Options and Areas of Study

<https://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/academics/masters-degrees-and-certificates>

MSW Specialization Areas	Full-time MSW	FlexMSW Advanced Standing	FlexMSW Extended	Full-time Concurrent MSW/MPH	Full-time Concurrent MSW/MPP
Advancing Health and Wellbeing across the Adult Lifespan ("A-WELL")	●		●	●	
Strengthening Children, Youth and Families ("SCYF")	●	●	●	●	
Strengthening Organizations and Communities ("SOC")	●		●	●	●
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Elective Courses in Other Departments	●			●	●
Graduate Certificate in Aging	●		●	●	●
School Social Work Credentials (PPSC)	●		●	●	●
Social Work with Latinos Certificate	●		●	●	●

Full-time MSW

- Ideal for students interested in maximum choice of special program options (certificate programs, concurrent degrees, etc.) and course offerings in other Berkeley campus departments
- Two-year, full-time, in-person program; no summer enrollment required
- 54 units required for degree conferral, including 25 units earned in Field Education
- Choice of any MSW specialization area

FlexMSW Advanced Standing

- Ideal for:
 - emerging leaders already working in the field of social work and desiring master's-level professional training
 - students who may be able to complete field placement in current place of employment

- Requires the professional baccalaureate degree in social work from an accredited program in order to be eligible for admission
- One calendar year (August to August) in-person program, completed over three consecutive semesters (fall, spring and summer)
- 27 units required for degree conferral, including 14 units earned in Field Education
- Classes scheduled primarily in evenings and on Saturdays in the fall and spring semesters; mornings or late afternoons in the summer semester (final term of program)
- Limited to specialization in Strengthening Children, Youth and Families (“SCYF”) and course offerings in Social Welfare only
- Certificate and concurrent degree programs not available to FlexMSW Advanced Standing students

FlexMSW Extended

- Ideal for:
 - students already working in the field of social work and who must continue full-time employment while attending graduate school
 - students who may be able to complete field placement in current place of employment
- Part-time program of study designed to be completed in eight semesters over three calendar years (August to August), inclusive of two summer terms
- 54 units required for degree conferral, including 25 units earned in Field Education
- Priority enrollment access to all classes scheduled in the evenings or on Saturdays
- Choice of any MSW specialization area (although some required classes for some specializations may only be offered during regular weekday hours)
- Limited to course offerings in Social Welfare only
- May be possible to complete some certificate program options, but not either concurrent degree option