## MSW Degree Program Options and Areas of Study

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### 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