

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
School of Social Work

Permission to Take Graduate Classes (non-degree status)

Opportunities exist for individuals to explore graduate school prior to admission to a graduate program. Application must be made to the Office of Admissions and Orientation, Graduate Division. The application for "non-degree status" can be found at:

<http://www.wmich.edu/admi/gradapp/index.html>.

Social Work courses available to those with a bachelor degree and with non-degree status:

Fall Semester

MSW Required Courses:

SWRK 6100* Foundations of Social Welfare Policy (*in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids*)
SWRK 6310* Human Behavior and the Social Environment (*in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids*)
SWRK 6400* Research and Evaluation Methods (*in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids*)

MSW Elective Courses:

SWRK 6630 Seminar in Substance Abuse I (*in Kalamazoo*)

Spring Semester

MSW Required Courses:

SWRK 6330* Advanced Seminar in Culture, Ethnicity, and Institutional Inequality in Social Work Practice (*in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids*)
SWRK 6380** Psychopathology for Social Work Practice (*with instructor permission, in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids*)
SWRK 6430*** Leadership and Management in Human Services (*in Kalamazoo & sometimes Grand Rapids*)

MSW Elective Courses:

SWRK 6650 Seminar in Substance Abuse II (*in Kalamazoo*)
SWRK 6200 Social Services in Schools (*in Kalamazoo*)

Summer I Session

MSW Required Courses:

SWRK 6300* Social Change and Community Analysis (*in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids*)
SWRK 6380** Psychopathology for Social Work Practice (*with instructor permission, in Kalamazoo*)
SWRK 6430*** Leadership and Management in Human Services (*in Kalamazoo*)

MSW Elective Courses:

SWRK 6630 Seminar in Substance Abuse I (*in Battle Creek*)
SWRK 6200 Social Services in Schools (*in Grand Rapids*)

Summer II Session

MSW Elective Courses:

SWRK 6650 Seminar in Substance Abuse II (*in Battle Creek*)

* Required for all MSW students

** Required for the Interpersonal Practice Concentration

*** Required for the Policy, Planning and Administration Concentration

All the above SWRK graduate courses are available on a space-available, basis. A limit of 9 credit hours earned as a non-degree status student may be used toward a M.S.W. degree. M.S.W. applicants may also take graduate electives (500+) from other departments and use them toward their degree. Classes cannot be older than 6 years old at the time of graduation, when used toward the M.S.W. degree.