MSW STUDENT MANUAL
2019-2020
(as of 8/26/2019)
SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Silver School of Social Work at New York University is to educate professionals in a global perspective for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities and to provide leadership in the development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in a complex urban environment.

The School seeks to fulfill its mission by building and transmitting knowledge that will help to alleviate human suffering, enhance the vitality and caring capacity of communities, and promote the ideals of a humane and just world.

The School is committed to the core social work values of: belief in the dignity and worth of all individuals; the centrality and power of caring human relationships; a commitment to social and economic justice that includes freedom from all forms of oppression and access to social goods; and a dedication to practicing with integrity and the highest level of competence. The School offers programs at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctorate level.

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BS) provides students with the knowledge, skills, and ethical standards necessary for beginning social work practice. The BS program is grounded in the liberal arts and emphasizes human rights, social justice and advocacy, which establishes the foundation graduates need to effectively address the social problems of today’s world.

The Master in Social Work (MSW) educates professionals for the pursuit of social justice with an emphasis on direct social work practice that aims to improve biopsychosocial functioning through helping relationships. Dedicated to excellence in integrating teaching and learning in both classroom and community contexts, the MSW Program prepares its graduates to apply critical thinking, research-based knowledge and practice wisdom to restore, maintain, and enhance the functioning and well-being of individuals, families and communities, and promote effective and equitable social policies and social services.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Social Work (PhD) prepares its graduates to be the intellectual leaders of the social work profession. Students in the PhD program learn to engage in practice-based research and the development of theories relevant to practice, to disseminate new knowledge through professional writing and speaking, and to educate future generations of social workers.

The Doctor of Social Welfare Program in Clinical Social Work (DSW) trains advanced clinical social work practitioner-scholars to assume leadership positions in clinical social work education and agency-based behavioral health practice settings. Through the promotion of practice-relevant scholarship, the program prepares graduates to develop new clinical social work knowledge and skills to advance social work practice and education benefiting client populations-at-risk.

The School is committed to the education of its students in collaboration with community partners and the advancement of the social work profession through the scholarly contributions of its faculty.
SECTION IV: STUDENT SERVICES

The NYU Silver Office of Career & Professional Development, the Office of Inclusive Engagement and Student Life, and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Student Ombuds are located in 1 Washington Square North, Room 212 and play a vital role in maintaining and enriching the school's community. We welcome and orient new students, implement initiatives to improve student life, provide and facilitate student achievement. We realize that being a social work student is very challenging and the combination of our offices offer support for a variety of student concerns, including providing resources for personal and academic matters.

The following resources are provided:

- orientation and transitions
- advising student groups
- career services: career coaching, workshops, alumni engagement events
- community development and student services
- student socioemotional support
- international student support
- on-campus housing options
- accommodations for students with disabilities
- student community development
- inclusive engagement programming
- student ombuds
- liaison for professional networks (ex: NASW)
- licensing resources

For more information, and to get up-to-date information on School happenings, events, and job opportunities, visit our community & job board here: http://blogs.nyu.edu/socialwork/student.affairs/.

Feel free to stop into our offices or call 212.998.5926 to speak to someone about your interests, concerns, or questions. You can also email silver.cpd@nyu.edu for career related inquiries, silver.inclusivestudentlife@nyu.edu for student life or other programming, or courtney.omealley@nyu.edu for student ombuds. Our regular business hours are 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except during University holidays. We are here to assist you to make the most of your student experience, please email us if you need assistance outside of these hours.

Student Activities

The Graduate Student Association

Phone: 212.998.5888
Email: silver.gsa@nyu.edu
Office Location: One Washington Square North, Room G10

The Graduate Student Association is an elected student organization that acts as a liaison between the students and the administration and faculty. The GSA typically is the place where graduate students can bring feedback about the program or suggestions for events and can come for direction and assistance. The GSA also plans several events for the student body throughout the
academic year. Some events include student-to-student forums, student-faculty meets, informal networking events for social work students, mentoring programs, coffee workshops, end-of-semester celebrations, career panels, and a graduation party.

Student Leadership Council
The Graduate Student Association, the Office of Career & Professional Development, and Office of Inclusive Engagement & Student Life at the Silver School of Social Work invite continuing students to join the Student Leadership Council. The mission of the council is to provide pathways to student leadership and open the doors to the many professional, academic, and personal benefits those opportunities create. All Council members must participate in a leadership training in August and in Fall Orientation. Throughout the year, members of the Student Leadership Council will have the opportunity to participate in other activities as their schedules allow. Opportunities will be available for students in all programs and at all campuses, including informally advising and mentoring first year MSW students and new international students, facilitating workshops, leading and planning social outings, joining curricular or other school-wide committees, moderating career panels, attending special networking events, working with the GSA on major events, and more. Applications for the Student Leadership Council are open each summer for the upcoming academic year.

Student Groups
The School of Social Work has various student groups, listed below. You can always find the most updated list of NYU Silver School student groups here: http://socialwork.nyu.edu/students/student-life/councils-and-activities.html

In addition, the University has a number of groups with a variety of interests and functions. For more detailed information on all University groups, please refer to the NYU Student’s Guide available online http://www.nyu.edu/life/student-life/getting-involved/clubs-and-organizations.html

Graduation
When nearing completion of coursework required for graduation, the University will inform students of their eligibility to register for graduation, which they can do via Albert. During this period it is crucial for students to check their NYU email account for ongoing graduation updates from the University and Silver’s Office of Inclusive Engagement and Student Life.

Graduates are invited to attend the University-wide Commencement Ceremony and the Silver School Convocation held in May of each year. These ceremonies celebrate the graduates of those completing coursework in September, January, and May of each year.

Diplomas are automatically mailed to students’ permanent addresses about eight weeks after degrees have been awarded.

Students who anticipate graduating in the spring semester but will not complete their Field learning hours until the summer semester are able to participate fully in the Convocation and Commencement ceremonies. These students are not considered Dean's Exceptions, and they should apply for spring graduation via Albert. However, these students will not be eligible to take the New York State LMSW exam until their Field learning hours have been completed and their degree has been conferred by the University Registrar (in September). The degree conferral
date is set by the University Registrar: http://www.nyu.edu/life/resources-and-services/nyu-studentlink/registration-records-and-graduation/graduation-and-diplomas/graduation-information.html#Deadlines.

**Licensing**

The most up-to-date information about licensing can be found on the Licensing Information section of the School’s website: http://socialwork.nyu.edu/students/professional-development/licensing-information.html.

**Career Development**

*The Wasserman Center for Career Development*

133 E. 13th Street, 2nd Floor
http://www.nyu.edu/careerdevelopment
212.998.4757

The Wasserman Center for Career Development facilitates the career development of NYU students and alumni in a supportive and innovative environment. They are committed to providing quality programs and resources that empower individuals and connect the NYU community with diverse learning experiences and career opportunities.

*NYU Silver Office of Career & Professional Development*

212.998.5926

The Office of Career & Professional Development strives to provide high quality, innovative professional preparation tools and resources for Silver students to be successful in their careers and be social worker leaders in the community, locally and globally. In building the co-curricular program, assessing the needs of each student, their experience and identities will be crucial to provide tailored, inclusive support.

*@SilverCPD Social Work Career Curriculum*

Found on NYU Classes, @SilverCPD is an online curriculum developed by Silver School faculty, alumni, and staff to provide students with the tools needed to manage their own professional development. It aims to provide a guided pathway for career planning, from exploring interests to developing a career vision, to teach students the skills needed to compete effectively in the job market, and to facilitate networking among students, alumni, and faculty. Ultimately, the goal of @SilverCPD is to equip students with the tools to manage their short-term and long-term career goals.

**Services for Students with Disabilities**

*The Henry and Lucy Moses Center for Students with Disabilities*

719 Broadway, 2nd Floor
www.nyu.edu/csd
212.998.4980

The Moses Center provides information and services to students with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability (e.g., physical, learning, visual, psychiatric, hearing) who needs to arrange reasonable accommodations must contact the Moses Center, preferably at the beginning of the semester.
Student Health Center
726 Broadway, 4th Floor
https://www.nyu.edu/students/health-and-wellness/student-health-center.html
212.998.4780
NYU students enrolled in any degree program are entitled to Student Health Center services. The Student Health Center’s medical and counseling services are sensitive to racial, cultural and language concerns, and they are LGBT affirmative. Students can call to make an appointment or visit during walk-in hours.