

A photograph of two young women standing in front of a window with blinds. The woman on the left is wearing a red long-sleeved shirt and a necklace with a large gold pendant. The woman on the right is wearing a white button-down shirt under a dark cardigan and is holding a book. They are both smiling and looking at each other.

OUR MSW CURRICULUM

Full-Time, Part-Time,
and Dual-Degree Programs



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SILVER SCHOOL
OF SOCIAL WORK

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK OPTIONS

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Develop Expertise in a Specialized Field of Practice

Through our impressive range of three-credit and one-credit electives, and field placements at more than 600 social service agencies, it is possible for you to concentrate your graduate education on specific aspects of social work suited to your professional interests.

Non-Matriculated Option

This is an exploratory option for people interested in the field of social work but who have not been admitted to the MSW program. One or two courses per semester may be taken without making a commitment to a degree program. Students later admitted to the MSW program may receive credit for as many as four courses (12 credits) if they earn a grade of B or higher. Non-matriculated students can take the following courses:

- Social Welfare Programs and Policies I
- Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
- Social Work Research I

Two-Year Program

The traditional path to the MSW degree, this program attracts the greatest number of students.

The period of study for this option is four semesters: fall-spring-fall-spring, including 1,200 hours of field learning.

The program consists of a generalist practice curriculum followed by a specialized practice curriculum in clinical social work with individuals, families, and groups. Students spend two semesters each in two different field instruction agencies which are selected from among the more than 600 social service agencies affiliated with the School throughout the metropolitan area. Full-time students are required to attend their field placement for 21 hours on weekdays during regular business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm). The two-year option permits, but does not require, study during the summer term.



Sample Course of Study

First Year	Fall	Credits
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Field Instruction I	4
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
Practice with Groups	3	
Field Instruction II	4	

Second Year	Fall	Credits
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Elective	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
Elective	3	
Field Instruction IV	4	
Total Credits		65

16-Month Accelerated Program

An accelerated route to the MSW degree, the 16-month sequence of courses is identical to the Two-Year program. This program enables students to begin study in the spring semester and complete the degree requirements in four consecutive semesters, including the summer semester. Because this option involves more concentrated work than the Two-Year program, it is recommended that applicants have some social work or related experience. The period of study is spring-summer-fall-spring with 1,200 hours of field learning. Full-time students are required to attend their field placement for 21 hours on weekdays during regular business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm).

Sample Course of Study

	Spring	Credits	
First Year	Social Work Practice I	4	
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3	
	Field Instruction I	4	
	Summer		
	Social Work Practice II	3	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3	
	Social Work Research I	3	
	Practice with Groups	3	
Field Instruction II	4		
Second Year	Fall		
	Social Work Practice III	3	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3	
	Elective	3	
	Social Work Research II	3	
	Field Instruction III	4	
	Spring		
	Social Work Practice IV	3	
	Advanced Social Policy	3	
	Elective	3	
Elective	3		
Field Instruction IV	4		
Total Credits		65	

Advanced Standing Program*

Graduates of a Council on Social Work Education-accredited undergraduate social work program within the past five years may apply for admission to the specialized practice year (second year) of the Two-Year program. The period of study for this option is two semesters: fall-spring, including 600 hours of field instruction. Full-time students are required to attend their field placement for 21 hours on weekdays during regular business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm). There is an option to complete class work on a schedule of one evening and one Saturday each week.

** This program has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nyu.edu.*

Sample Course of Study

		Credits
First Year	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
Total Credits	32	

Note: Advanced Standing students have the option of taking *Diversity, Racism, Oppression and Privilege (DROP)* as one of their two electives. If you wish to do so, speak with your Academic Advisor about it.



Two-Year Shanghai and New York*

NYU Silver’s MSW program at Shanghai and New York provides the opportunity to experience an innovative global MSW education. Extended immersion in Shanghai and New York allows students to critically reflect on cultural, social, and economic similarities and differences between these two environments, and it enhances their learning about and capacity for culturally appropriate practice. The program consists of a generalist practice curriculum in Shanghai followed by a specialized practice curriculum in clinical social work in New York City. Students spend two semesters in a field instruction agency in each of the program’s two years, for a total of 1,200 hours of field learning experience.

** This program has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nyu.edu.*

Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits	
First Year in Shanghai	Social Work Practice I	4	
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	
	Professional Writing Seminar OR Chinese**	2	
	Field Instruction I	4	
	Spring		
	Social Work Practice II	3	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3	
	Practice with Groups	3	
	Social Work Research I	3	
Field Instruction II	4		
Second Year in New York	Fall		
	Social Work Practice III	3	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3	
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3	
	Social Work Research II	3	
	Field Instruction III	4	
	Spring		
	Social Work Practice IV	3	
	Advanced Social Policy	3	
	Elective	3	
Elective	3		
Elective	1		
Field Instruction IV	4		
Total Credits		65	

**** Note:** Students who wish to strengthen their writing or language skills may choose to take the Professional Writing Seminar or Chinese during the first semester in Shanghai. Students choosing not to take either of those electives must take two additional 1-credit electives during their year in New York.

32-Month Program for Working Professionals*

Designed for those who work full time, this option allows students to earn an MSW degree over 32 months through evening, weekend, and summer study. Students will complete their 65 credits as part of a learning community cohort that remains the same over the first year of the program. Field placements will be arranged primarily during evening, weekend, and summer time periods, and students must have availability for 3 hours weekly during regular business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm). The period of study for this option is eight semesters including summer study, with 1,100 hours of field learning. This option is only open to new, first-year MSW students.

** Applicants must have at least three years of professional or business experience. Admission is selective and financial aid is available. This program is only available at the Washington Square Campus location.*

Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits
First Year	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Social Work Practice Lab I	1
	Spring	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Social Work Practice Lab II	2
	Summer	
	Social Work Research I	3
	Social Work Practice I	4
Field Instruction 32-Month I	3	
Second Year	Fall	
	Practice with Groups	3
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Field Instruction 32-Month II	2
	Spring	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction 32-Month III	3
	Summer	
	Social Work Practice III	3
Elective	1	
Field Instruction 32-Month IV	2	
Third Year	Fall	
	Elective	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Field Instruction 32-Month V	3
	Spring	
	Advanced Social Policy	3
Social Work Practice IV	3	
Field Instruction 32-Month VI	2	
Total Credits		65

Extended Program

This flexible program enables each student to complete a study plan arranged with a program adviser. One year of full-time study (two semesters of 13 credits each, including field learning) is required. First year field placement offers some flexibility of hours, but one full weekday is required. Second year extended students are required to attend their field placement for 21 hours weekly during regular business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm). The period of study ranges from three to four years, including 1,200 hours of field learning.

Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits
First Year	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Spring	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Summer	
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Elective	3
	Second Year	Fall
Social Work Practice I		4
Field Instruction I		4
Spring		
Social Work Practice II		3
Field Instruction II		4
Summer		
Social Work Research II		3
Practice with Groups		3
Third Year	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
Field Instruction IV	4	
Total Credits		65

Extended One-Year Residence Program*

For employed social workers, this option combines 37 credits of part-time study with one year of full-time study, including one field placement of 900 hours. A work-study plan is available to applicants employed in agencies that provide an appropriate educational experience as determined by the Office of Field Learning and Community Partnerships.

** Concurrent, clinically supervised direct social work employment is required for entry into this program. Applicants must have provided two years of direct service to clients.*

This program has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nyu.edu.



Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits
First Year	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Spring	
	Social Work Research I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Summer	
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Elective	3
	Second Year	Fall
Social Work Practice I		4
Practice with Groups		3
Spring		
Social Work Practice II		3
Elective		3
Summer		
Social Work Research II		3
Elective		3
Third Year	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Field Instruction OYR-A	6
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Elective	3
	Field Instruction OYR-B	7
Total Credits		65

Extended Shanghai and New York*

This option is designed to meet the needs of working professionals, consisting of part-time study during the Shanghai portion of the program and full-time study during the New York portion of the program. The extended pathway is available to Chinese nationals (including residents from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan), and to non-Chinese nationals who have an appropriate visa for part-time study in China.

** This program has specific application requirements which are listed in the application and on our website at socialwork.nyu.edu.*

Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits
First Year in Shanghai	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Professional Writing Seminar OR Chinese**	2
	Spring	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Practice with Groups	3
Second Year in Shanghai	Fall	
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Field Instruction I	4
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice II	4
	Field Instruction II	4
Third Year in New York	Fall	
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring	
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
Field Instruction IV	4	
Total Credits		65

**** Note:** Students who wish to strengthen their writing or language skills may choose to take the Professional Writing Seminar or Chinese during the first semester in Shanghai. Students choosing not to take either of those electives must take two 1-credit electives during their year in New York.

DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAM OPTIONS

The Silver School of Social Work offers four dual-degree program options in the areas of child development, global health leadership, management, and law. Each dual degree is described in detail on the following pages. A separate application for each school must be completed and each school will evaluate applications based on its own requirements. Special admissions standards are not applied to dual-degree applicants at either school. Once admitted to both schools, applicants qualify for the dual-degree program.

The cost of the program is determined by the prevailing rates at each graduate school. If seeking financial aid, you must apply to each school separately. Different amounts of assistance may be awarded by each school; however, you may receive financial aid from only one school per semester. For a current course listing please check each school's respective website.

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MSW/MA in Child Development with Sarah Lawrence College

This program combines theories of clinical social work and developmental psychology. Graduates work with children and families in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, mental health clinics, and therapeutic nurseries.

Students in this program can pursue graduate study leading to a Master of Social Work degree and a Master of Arts degree in child development. By taking courses that are acceptable for transfer credit in each of the schools involved and through careful course planning, the dual-degree student can complete both programs in three years. Ninety-five credits are required, including a thesis for the MA in child development (10 credits) and 1,200 hours of field instruction for the MSW.

Students must begin this program at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY, completing one year of course work in developmental theory and an observational fieldwork placement. Social work classes begin after the completion of the first year and can be taken at any campus.

Sample Course of Study

	Fall (Sarah Lawrence)	Credits
First Year	Developmental Theories/ Observational Workshop	5
	Field Work	2
	Personality Development	5
	Graduate Seminar	1
	Spring (Sarah Lawrence)	
	Pathways of Development	5
	Child Development Elective	5
	Child Development Elective	5
	Graduate Seminar	1
Second Year	Fall (NYU)	
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Field Instruction I	4
	Spring (NYU)	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Practice with Groups	3
Field Instruction II	4	
Third Year	Fall (NYU)	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring (NYU)	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Social Work Elective	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
Master's Thesis	10	
Total Credits		95

MSW/MPH

with the NYU College of Global Public Health

This interdisciplinary, three-year program with the NYU College of Global Public Health is for students who seek to combine social work and public health with a global focus. At completion of the dual-degree program, students will have earned a Master of Social Work degree and a Master of Public Health degree. Courses are taught by professors drawn from relevant programs across seven schools at NYU, including the Silver School of Social Work; the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service; the School of Medicine; the College of Dentistry; the Rory Meyers College of Nursing; the College of Global Public Health; and the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

The dual degree is designed to provide the necessary skill sets for graduating students to pursue professional careers in both social work and public health, and prepare them for leadership roles in community healthcare settings, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations in the United States and internationally.

Students in the MSW/MPH program enroll as full-time students taking courses within each program concurrently. The MSW/MPH option is available to those choosing the Global Health Leadership MPH concentration. Please note that neither degree is conferred until the requirements for both degrees are fulfilled.

Sample Course of Study

	Fall	Credits
First Year	Essentials of Public Health Biology	3
	Foundations of Global Health Leadership	3
	Global Health Informatics I	0
	Readings in the History and Philosophy of Public Health I	0
	Readings in the History and Philosophy of Public Health II	0
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies	3
	Spring	
	Biostatistics for Public Health	3
	Readings in the History and Philosophy of Public Health III	0
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Field Instruction I	4
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Summer	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Field Instruction II	4
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Practice with Groups	3
Second Year	Fall	
	Global Issues in Social and Behavioral Health	3
	Global Health Policy and Management	3
	Epidemiology	3
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring	
	Qualitative and Field Methods	3
	Global Environmental Health	3
	MPH Group A Elective 1	3
Social Work Practice IV	3	
Field Instruction IV	4	
Third Year	Fall	
	MPH Group A Elective 2	3
	MPH Group A Elective 3	3
	Capstone I: Practice and Integrative Learning Experiences	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Spring	
	Capstone II: Practice and Integrative Learning Experiences	3
	MPH Group A Elective	1
MPH Group B Elective	3	
MSW Elective	3	
Total Credits		93

MSW/JD with the NYU School of Law

Many problems in our society call for solutions that reach across professional boundaries. Helping troubled children and families, sheltering the homeless, and protecting the elderly—all have legal as well as social service implications. Students in this program will develop skills in both clinical social work and law in order to help people who are in trouble and often powerless.

Students in this dual-degree program can pursue graduate study leading to a Master of Social Work degree and a Juris Doctor degree. By taking courses that are acceptable for transfer credit in each of the schools involved and through careful course planning, the dual-degree student can complete both degrees within a four-year period.

The School of Law requires 83 credits of study; however, 12 credits for courses taken at the Silver School of Social Work will be applied in satisfaction of requirements for the JD degree. Similarly, the MSW program requires a minimum of 65 credits, and 13 credits for courses taken in the School of Law will be applied toward the MSW degree. With the crossover of credits, students will complete 123 credits for both degrees instead of the required 148 credits if both degrees are completed separately. Please note that neither degree is conferred until the requirements for both degrees are fulfilled.

Sample Course of Study

		Credits
First Year	Law Courses full-time	30
	Second Year	
Second Year	Fall	
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Law Courses	6
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
	Law Courses	8
	Summer	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Social Work Research II	3
Field Instruction II	4	
Third Year	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Practice with Groups	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Social Work and the Law	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
Fourth Year	Law Courses full-time	27
	Total Credits	123

MSW/Executive MPA with the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

This dual-degree program allows mid-career professionals to gain outstanding social work skills and widely valued credentials in public administration with a management and organizational focus. Students graduate equipped with strong clinical social work skills, and the management and organizational skills needed to thrive in today's complex health and social service financing and service delivery systems in both public and private sectors. Students have the flexibility to take courses in both Wagner's Public and Nonprofit Management and Policy and Health Policy and Management programs.

The combined course of study will incorporate the courses required for the Executive MPA degree (36 credits), in addition to the 65 credits required for the Master of Social Work degree (16 courses and four semesters of field learning). Eight credits taken at the Wagner School (equivalent to six credits at the Silver School) will be applied to the MSW degree. Eight credits taken at the Silver School will be applied to the Executive MPA degree. Please note that neither degree is conferred until the requirements for both degrees are fulfilled.

Sample Course of Study

		Credits
First Year	Fall	
	Social Work Practice I	4
	Social Welfare Programs and Policies I	3
	Diversity, Racism, Oppression, and Privilege	3
	Field Instruction I	4
	Wagner: Strategic Leadership	4.5
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice II	3
	Social Work Research I	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3
	Wagner Elective	4
	Field Instruction II	4
	Summer	
	Practice with Groups	3
Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3	
Wagner: Financial Management (and discussion)	3	
Second Year	Fall	
	Social Work Practice III	3
	Social Work Research II	3
	Human Behavior in the Social Environment III	3
	Field Instruction III	4
	Social Work Elective	3
	Spring	
	Social Work Practice IV	3
	Advanced Social Policy	3
	Field Instruction IV	4
	Wagner Elective	4
Wagner: Leadership Confronted	4.5	
Summer		
Wagner Elective	3	
Wagner Elective	3	
Total Credits	83	

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Founded in 1960, 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 development of knowledge relevant to social work practice in complex urban environments. The School provides a rich environment for the education of professional social workers, offering programs at the bachelor s, master s, post master s, and doctoral levels. Through faculty research, the School is a key source of scholarly research and publications directed at improving the practice of social work, evaluating social service and mental health programs, and developing new alternatives for meeting the needs of underserved populations.

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