NYU SILVER
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

YOU’RE GOING PLACES!
At the **NYU Silver School of Social Work**, you join a tight-knit community of students and professors who share a common drive to promote a more humane and just world. You build a solid foundation in human relationships that is grounded in empirical research and the liberal arts and become equipped to lend your skills to individuals and communities in need—all while establishing a professional network to help you effect real change.
In New York City, the concept of social work first took root in the early immigrant settlements that surrounded Greenwich Village. In our local community, groundbreaking targeted support services were developed for recent migrants, emancipated slaves, poor women and children, and more. Today, Little Italy, Chinatown, and the Lower East Side are part of the Silver School of Social Work’s unique urban training ground. At Silver you have access to conferences, research opportunities, and guest lectures that bring the leading professionals in your field on campus. Recent initiatives include:

**Annual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness**, which features leading researchers, service providers, and young people sharing what they’ve learned

**A screening of and panel discussion** on the short film *Refuge*, produced and directed by NYU alumni, in which Syrian and Lebanese refugees share their stories

**Mass Incarceration Conversation Series**, which aims to foster dialogue among people impacted by, and working at the intersections of, this critical phenomenon

**Social Justice and Diversity Conference**, organized and presented by students, for students, with a focus on direct practice through a social justice lens
Though she’d always envisioned a career in education, Brianna Moreno recognized, during her first year at NYU, an unyielding desire to serve at-risk populations in a context larger than the classroom. Brianna, now a junior majoring in Social Work and minoring in Spanish, considered herself informed about issues pertaining to social inequality but discovered an entirely new level of awareness at Silver. She’s applied this awareness—and the practical skills she’s learned—to her experiences as a volunteer with a local senior citizens group and a teaching assistant at a Montessori preschool.

“I chose to major in Social Work because I have this passion for helping others, especially children. Silver has prepared me for a multidimensional career by making me increasingly aware of the social, economic, and political disparities that plague our country and teaching me to consider every single contributing factor when searching for the ideal ways to help people overcome them.”
YOUR IMPACT

Spend a Summer Session, January Term, fall or spring semester, or full academic year at one of NYU’s global locations. Wherever you choose to go, you’ll experience the same rigorous curriculum taught by expert faculty—the hallmarks of your NYU education.

NYU’S GLOBAL LOCATIONS
Abu Dhabi, UAE
Accra, Ghana
Berlin, Germany
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Florence, Italy
London, England
Madrid, Spain
Paris, France
Prague, Czech Republic
Shanghai, China
Sydney, Australia
Tel Aviv, Israel
Washington, DC, US

GOES GLOBAL

At the Silver School of Social Work, you can widen your professional perspective, learn about new cultures, and gain proficiency in a new language through courses you take when studying abroad. The school offers programs specifically designed to give you a rich academic experience through immersion in other cultures, including:

- **Complex Health and Social Welfare Issues: The Case of Unaccompanied Minors in the US** in Puebla, Mexico
- **Practice with Families: Comparative Approaches** in Paris, France
- **Women’s Health, Resilience, and Well-Being Study** in Del Carmen, Philippines

PURSUE YOUR PASSION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Silver teamed up with NYU’s College of Global Public Health to offer a unique combined major in Global Public Health and Social Work—one of only a few undergraduate programs of its kind in the United States.

500,000+
NYU alumni worldwide provide support throughout your career

18,000+
social work practitioners and leaders trained at Silver since 1960
Hailing from Wuxi, China, Ouwen Jiang, a junior majoring in Social Work and Political Science, appreciates Silver’s open atmosphere. She says her professors make their classrooms safe spaces, where everyone is encouraged to share their stories and voice their opinions with confidence. Silver has helped Ouwen examine and overcome her preconceptions while she continues to grow in her understanding of what it means to be a global citizen. Having always imagined herself working to help others, and understanding the ubiquity of politics, Ouwen knows studying social work and political science together will better prepare her to pursue social activism when she graduates.

“I really enjoyed having the opportunity to analyze the results of a research study conducted by poverty studies professor Dr. Robert Hawkins, who traveled to rural villages in the Philippines to assess community needs, as well as assisting him in the Restorative Justice Lab. He also gave me excellent career advice. After graduation, I plan to earn my master’s in Social Work and then attend law school to study international and human rights law.”
CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH

Here, you are part of a strong research tradition and a history of clinical excellence that dates back more than 50 years. You learn to conduct research by working closely with professors who improve social work practices through their clinical initiatives. For example, Professor Michelle R. Munson was awarded a $713,000 National Institute of Mental Health grant in 2017 to create and test an intervention to engage young adults in mental healthcare. Professor Marya Gwadz, a clinical psychologist and the associate dean for research, received a $5.8 million grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse to develop intervention strategies for vulnerable people living with HIV. You also have the opportunity to conduct your own independent research projects under the supervision of top scholars in the fields of social justice, equality, and public health.

ENGAGE IN ESSENTIAL EXPLORATION

As a social work student at NYU, you may have opportunities to collaborate with researchers or conduct your own investigations at esteemed faculty-run institutes and centers, including:

The Center for Drug Use and HIV/HCV Research (CDUHR), which is a National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded Center of Excellence. CDUHR aims to end the HIV and HCV epidemics in drug-using populations and their communities by conducting interdisciplinary research and disseminating its findings to inform programmatic, policy, and grass roots initiatives at the local, state, national, and global levels.

The Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health (CLAFH), which investigates the Latino family’s role in shaping the development and well-being of Latino adolescents. Directed by Professor Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, the center received M·A·C AIDS funding to support the delivery of an HIV-prevention program in the Caribbean. Guilamo-Ramos also received major grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Department of Health and Human Services for his work on adolescent risk behavior. CLAFH is currently conducting a five-year, $4 million federally funded study in the South Bronx to develop and evaluate a teen pregnancy and STI-prevention intervention targeting black and Latino adolescent males and their fathers.

The Center on Violence and Recovery, which is dedicated to advancing knowledge on the causes and consequences of violence and trauma and developing solutions that foster healing among individuals, families, and communities. The center received funding from the National Institute of Justice to conduct an in-depth examination of batterer intervention and alternative treatment approaches for domestic violence offenders.

The McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, which oversees applied research aimed at addressing the root causes of poverty. In 2016, it received funding from the Robin Hood Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation to evaluate the efficacy of an intervention developed to help mothers with post-traumatic stress disorder reduce their symptoms, alleviate depression, and diminish the risk of repeated child maltreatment.
When you join the Silver community, you also become part of the larger NYU community. And at NYU, there’s always something happening. You can take your pick from more than 300 student-run clubs and organizations across the University and connect with classmates while discovering avenues for personal and professional development. You can participate in Silver’s Undergraduate Student Government Association and have a hand in shaping the Silver experience for you and your peers, or join one of the many groups started by Silver students—like the Chinese Student Support Group, the Latinx Social Work Student Organization, and the Students of Color Collective.

NYU is all yours

FIND THE IDEAL FIT FOR YOUR FUTURE

NYU has the resources to help you pursue the career you’ve always dreamed of. Network with Silver graduates at Silver Alumni Career Panel discussions and Silver Alumni Speaker Series talks—and gain valuable insight into career-focused topics like understanding race and identity in your work, engaging with LGBTQ populations, discovering unique career paths in social work, and much more. You can also use the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development to find full- or part-time internship and job opportunities as well as connect with NYU alumni mentors who are ready to help you navigate your path to success.

100% of the Silver Class of 2017 was employed or enrolled in graduate or professional school within six months of graduation

86.1% of the Silver Class of 2017 utilized Wasserman Center resources during their undergraduate years
BUILD YOUR NETWORK THROUGH OUTREACH

As he was completing his bachelor’s degree in Social Work, alumnus Kirk Cooper-Johnson conducted his field practicum at an East Village mental health agency through NYU Silver’s Office of Field Learning and Community Partnerships. At the agency he liaised with public defenders and implemented a proposal on clients’ transportation needs and barriers in New York City. In addition, Kirk volunteered at the National Alliance on Mental Illness HelpLine, where he built relationships with social workers and mental health advocates.

“In New York City, every block is an opportunity for learning. Whichever population you want to serve, you’ll be able to work with them through the Office of Field Learning. There were actually two Silver grads at the agency where I did my field practicum, and they became unofficial mentors to me. The alumni network is really extensive—and Silver provides such a great family atmosphere in the midst of the city. I always had room to grow, and it was easy to find solidarity with the people around me.”
Turn your passion into action—and make a difference.

When you choose social work as a profession, you commit to making a positive impact on people’s lives. At the NYU Silver School of Social Work, you join a passionate community of social advocates dedicated to addressing the structural and systemic challenges facing our society. Together, you make a difference by promoting human rights and social justice around the world.

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