

4.25 Master of Social Work (MSW)

(Two-year Part-time)

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Aims

- (a) To become reflective practitioners who are able to assess changing social needs and adapt their own performance accordingly.
- (b) To become self-directed learners, recognizing personal educational needs, selecting appropriate learning resources and evaluating progress.
- (c) To develop specialized knowledge and skills at advanced level to match up with the emerging social needs and problems in all their complexity and extensiveness.
- (d) To be able to assess critically professional activities and advocate for appropriate reforms in the system.
- (e) To acquire the competence as a researcher - practitioner, so as to enrich one's knowledge base for the development of new policies and interventions for emerging issues.
- (f) To be able to recognize, maintain and develop professional identity to ensure the contribution of the profession in the changing times.

Admission Requirements

(Subject to the approval of the University.)

Applicants should possess:

- (a) a Bachelor's degree in Social Work* from a recognized university or equivalent; and
- (b) preferably with 2 years of work experience in the field of social work or equivalent.

* *Usually a good second class degree is required, but applicants with outstanding work experience may be considered.*

Structure of the Course

The Master of Social Work is a part-time professional master degree designed for those who have undergraduate training in social work and wish to

advance their knowledge and skills for social services. The length of the course is two years including summer terms.

The 30-unit course is designed to be completed in two years by part-time study. Only under exceptional circumstances may students seek extension of the period of study. The course emphasizes student-oriented active learning, and it is gearing towards developing opportunity for students to develop a concentration in youth work or mental health.

Requirements of the course are as follows:

Integrative Subjects	12 units
Social Work in a Changing Social Context	3 units
Social Analysis & Service Planning	3 units
Critical Management Practice	3 units
Research & Programme Evaluation	3 units

Concentration Subjects **12 units**

Either

Mental Health Concentration:

Mental Health, Mental Disorder & Social Work	3 units
Child & Adolescent Mental Health	3 units
Chinese Medicine & Holistic Practice in Mental Health	3 units
Working with Families with Mental Health Issues	3 units

or

Youth Work Concentration:

Youth & Cultural Practice	3 units
Issues & Challenges in Youth Work Practice	3 units
Youth at the Margins: Theory & Practice	3 units
Integrative Practice in Youth Work	3 units

Dissertation **6 units**
30 units

Students who have satisfactorily completed all the above requirements and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or above will be awarded a Master of Social Work Degree. To be awarded Distinction for the course, students should attain a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or above, with no subject grade below B- and no repeated subjects. Students attaining a cumulative GPA between 3.40 and 3.69 will be awarded Merit.