



Classes are held at WCU's Main Campus in Cullowhee and at WCU's Biltmore Park Instructional Site in south Asheville. Most classes are face-to-face with full time WCU Department of Social Work faculty; some classes are taught online, in a hybrid online/face-to-face format, or in both locations simultaneously using synchronous streaming technology. Adjunct faculty teach electives related to their field of full-time practice.

Students enrolled in the Biltmore Park cohort should enroll in **core/required courses** with a suffix of -80, -81, -82. Students enrolled in the Cullowhee cohort should enroll in **core/required courses** with a suffix of -01, -70, -71, -72. Unless otherwise specified, students may enroll in **elective courses** at any campus/instructional site. Students enrolled in the traditional MSW program are required to complete three electives; however, if students are participating in any certificate program, please contact the certificate coordinator to ensure all requirements are met (certificate program information is located here: <https://www.wcu.edu/learn/departments-schools-colleges/HHS/socw/msw.aspx>)

How to Register For Classes

There are two data items you will need to register:

1. Your user name (92 number),
2. Your password,

Go to this web-link and follow the instructions:

http://www.wcu.edu/registrar/pdf/how_to_register_for_a_class.pdf

Where Can I Find Course Descriptions?

[Social Work Graduate Catalog](#)

[WCU Dynamic Course Schedule](#)

Curriculum Check Sheet

Full-time Traditional Program (complete in 2 years)

Foundation Curriculum (Year One)

FALL Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 551: Social Policy (3 cr.)

SOCW 534: Human Behavior in the Soc. Environ (waiver exam available) (3 cr.)

SOCW 553: Practice I: Foundations of Social Work Practice (3 cr.)

SOCW 562: Practice II: Assessment and Psychopathology (3 cr.)

SOCW 504: Diversity, Difference, and Social Justice (3 cr.)

SPRING Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Fridays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 535: Research (waiver exam available) (3 cr.)

SOCW 564: Organizational and Community Practice (3 cr.)

SOCW 586: Foundation Field Practicum 20-24 hrs/week (6 cr.)

SOCW 596: Foundation Field Seminar (2 cr.)

SUMMER Semester

SOCW Elective (and/or during the fall/spring semesters) (3 cr.)

Specialization Curriculum (Year Two)

FALL Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Fridays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 627: Practice III: Interventions (3 cr.)

SOCW 664: Leadership and Management (3 cr.)

SOCW 686: Advanced Field Practicum I 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

SOCW Elective (and/or during the summer) (3 cr.)

SPRING Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Thursdays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 662: Practice IV: Families and Groups (3 cr.)

SOCW 673: Rural Community Advocacy (3 cr.)

SOCW 687: Advanced Field Practicum II 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

SOCW Elective (and/or during the previous summer/fall) (3 cr.)

Curriculum Check Sheet

Part-time Traditional Program (complete in 4 years, 3-year option**)

Foundation Curriculum (Year One)

FALL Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Tuesdays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 553: Practice I: Foundations of Social Work Practice (3 cr.)

SOCW 562: Practice II: Assessment and Psychopathology (3 cr.)

SOCW 504: Diversity, Difference, and Social Justice (3 cr.)

SPRING Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Fridays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 535: Research (3 cr.)

SOCW 564: Organizational and Community Practice (3 cr.)

SUMMER Semester

SOCW Elective (and/or during the previous summer/fall) (3 cr.)

Foundation Curriculum (Year Two)

FALL Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Mondays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 551: Social Policy (3 cr.)

SOCW 534: Human Behavior in the Social Environment (3 cr.)

SPRING Semester

SOCW 586: Foundation Field Practicum 20-24 hrs/week (6 cr.)

SOCW 596: Foundation Field Seminar (2 cr.)

SUMMER Semester

SOCW Elective (and/or during the previous summer/fall) (3 cr.)

Specialization Curriculum (Year Three)**

FALL Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Fridays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 627: Practice III: Interventions (3 cr.)

SOCW 664: Leadership and Management (3 cr.)

SPRING Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Thursdays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 662: Practice IV: Families and Groups (3 cr.)

SOCW 673: Rural Community Advocacy (3 cr.)

SUMMER Semester

SOCW Elective (and/or during the previous summer/fall) (3 cr.)

* * When students are admitted to the MSW part-time program, they enter a 4-year program. Part-time students who are interested in pursuing their specialization year field placement and take classes concurrently may be able to finish the regular MSW program in three years. Students who want to petition to change their full or part-time status after beginning the program MUST submit a written request to the MSW program director, who will consider the request after consultation with the faculty. Students will not be allowed to switch back and forth between the full and part-time programs. Only one "change-in-status" petition will be considered during a student's enrollment in the MSW program.

Specialization Curriculum (Year Four)

FALL Semester

SOCW 686: Advanced Field Practicum I 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

SPRING Semester

SOCW 687: Advanced Field Practicum II 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

Curriculum Check Sheet
Full-time Advanced Standing Program (complete in 10-months)

SUMMER Semester

SOCW 553: Advanced Standing Bridge Course (3 cr.)

SOCW Elective (3 cr.)

FALL Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Fridays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 627: Practice III: Interventions (3 cr.)

SOCW 664: Leadership and Management (3 cr.)

SOCW 686: Advanced Field Practicum I 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

SOCW Elective (and/or during the summer) (3-6 cr.)

SPRING Semester—Core classes are generally scheduled on Thursdays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 662: Practice IV: Families and Groups (3 cr.)

SOCW 673: Rural Community Advocacy (3 cr.)

SOCW 687: Advanced Field Practicum II 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

SOCW Elective (and/or during the summer) (3-6 cr.)

Curriculum Check Sheet

Part-time Advanced Standing Program (complete in 2 years)

SUMMER Semester (Year One)

SOCW 553: Advanced Standing Bridge Course (3 cr.)

SOCW Elective (3 cr.)

FALL Semester (Year One)—Core classes are generally scheduled on Fridays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 627: Practice III: Interventions (3 cr.)

SOCW 664: Leadership and Management (3 cr.)

SOCW Elective (and/or during the summer) (3-6 cr.)

SPRING Semester (Year One)—Core classes are generally scheduled on Thursdays; electives may be offered on any day

SOCW 662: Practice IV: Families and Groups (3 cr.)

SOCW 673: Rural Community Advocacy (3 cr.)

SOCW Elective (and/or during the summer) (3-6 cr.)

FALL Semester (Year Two)

SOCW 686: Advanced Field Practicum I 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)

SPRING Semester (Year Two)

SOCW 687: Advanced Field Practicum II 20-24 hrs/week (Field Seminar Meets 5 times during the semester) (6 cr.)