ACADEMIC MAP TO MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
FULL-TIME PLAN OF STUDY

2026-2027

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

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YEAR 1

SEMESTER 1	Required	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 5020 Human Diversity & Anti-Oppression in SW Practice	⚑		3	C
*SOWK 5100 HBSE I	⚑		3	C
SOWK 5200 Ethical & Competent Generalist SW Practice I**	⚑		3	B
*SOWK 5300 Foundation of Social Welfare History	⚑		3	C
*SOWK 5600 Field Practicum I**	⚑		3	B

Semester Credits _____

SEMESTER 2	Required	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 5220 Ethical & Competent Generalist SW Practice II**	⚑		3	B
*SOWK 5120 HBSE II	⚑		3	C
SOWK 5400 Found. Of SW Research Methods	⚑		3	C
SOWK 5500 Clinical Assessment & Diff. Diagnosis	⚑		3	C
*SOWK 5620 Field Practicum II**	⚑		3	B

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

YEAR 2

SEMESTER 3	Required	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 6200 Adv. SW Practice I**	⚑		3	B
SOWK 6000 SW Supervision	⚑		3	C
SOWK 6500 Trauma Specific Prac. In MH & Addiction Services	⚑		3	C
SOWK 6700 Trauma Informed Prac. With Children & Families	⚑		3	C
SOWK 6600 Adv. Generalist Field Practicum I**	⚑		3	B

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits _____

SEMESTER 4	Required	Grade	Credits	Min. Grade
SOWK 6220 Adv. SW Prac. II**	⚑		3	B
SOWK 6300 Social, Economic, & Environmental Justice	⚑		3	C
SOWK 6400 Adv. Research Methods	⚑		3	C
SOWK 6800 Prac. With Communities	⚑		3	C
SOWK 6620 Adv. Generalist Field Practicum II**	⚑		3	B
Practice Readiness Exam	⚑			

Semester Credits _____

Total Credits 60

- To remain in the NSU MSW Program, a student must make a "C" or above in any required Social Work course by the second completed attempt. Withdrawal from a social work course does not count in the two completed attempts.
- A student must have no more than two courses with "C" grades on the plan of study
- Earned grades of "D" or "F" will require an academic review before a student may proceed

*May be waived based upon academic standing in BSW program

**Students must earn at least a "B" in all practice and field practicum courses

Under no circumstances are academic credits awarded in Social Work courses for life or work experiences.

YOU'VE FINISHED!

⚑ REQUIRED

Major Electives

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements = 60 | Total Credits = 60

Courses taken outside of a student's degree program are not eligible for Title IV federal financial aid (grants and loans). However, elective courses are eligible for Title IV aid if they are required and included in the student's program of study. Once a student has completed all required elective credits, any additional elective courses taken beyond the program's requirements will not be eligible for Title IV funding.