Social Work - Advanced Standing - Advanced Generalist, MSW

Moment by moment, social workers improve lives and strengthen communities. Wherever life takes you, this master's degree prepares you, a recent BSW graduate, to be a skilled practitioner, leader and advocate throughout your pursuit for justice. Engage, intervene and evaluate social systems in one of ASU's most influential communities.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MSW Social Work - Advanced Standing - Advanced Generalist
The professional program leading to the MSW degree prepares social workers with the knowledge, skills and values needed to practice as advanced generalists and is designed to prepare them to respond effectively to the needs of special populations in the Southwest.

The program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** West campus, ASU@Yuma

Degree Requirements

39 credit hours including the required applied project course (SWG 693)

**Required Core (3 credit hours)**
SWG 510 Foundation Practice I (3), or
Advanced Generalist Coursework (30 credit hours)
SWG 515 Bridge Seminar II (3)
SWG 516 Social Work Skills Seminar (3)
SWG 606 Assessment of Mental Disorders (3)
SWG 610 Advanced Social Work Practice III (3)
SWG 614 Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice IV (3)
SWG 623 Program Evaluation (3)
SWG 632 Policy Practice (3)
SWG 640 Professional Seminar II: Applying Theory to Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice (3)
SWG 645 The Professional Experience III (3)
SWG 646 The Professional Experience IV (3)

Restricted Electives (3 credit hours)

Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)
SWG 693 Applied Project (3)

Additional Curriculum Information
Students in this program hold an undergraduate Council on Social Work Education-accredited BSW in Social Work or equivalent degree.

The academic unit advises and monitors students to ensure they choose the appropriate coursework. Core course selection depends on the student's background.

Students complete a practicum and an applied project.

Advanced generalist and other requirement coursework may be substituted with approval of the academic unit.

The number of credit hours required for restricted electives depends on the credit hour path chosen. Students should see the academic unit for a complete list of approved electives.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Applicants must have a BSW from a Council on Social Work Education-accredited program with a minimum GPA of 3.20 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last two years of work leading to the Bachelor of Social Work (junior and senior GPA). Applicants must have received their Bachelor of Social Work
degree no more than six years prior to the date of admission to the MSW program. All applicants are required to have completed a course in human biology and a course in statistics prior to enrollment in the advanced standing program.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work
3. three letters of reference
4. professional resume that includes volunteer and paid work experience
5. statement of educational and career goals
6. proof of English proficiency

**Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide proof of English proficiency regardless of current residency.

A combination of academic and professional references is desirable. References from friends, family members or personal therapists are not accepted. At least one of the three required references must be from the applicant's Bachelor of Social Work field instructor or, if employed in a social work-related job for two or more years, a recommendation from the applicant's supervisor.

Guidelines for writing the statement can be found at https://socialwork.asu.edu/content/msw-application-proceduresmaterials.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines, and they should contact the School of Social Work with any questions about the application process.

**Career Opportunities**

The advanced generalist concentration program prepares students to be practitioners who deliver culturally competent, ethical interventions that range from complex case management and practice with individuals (micro), families and groups (mezzo) to affecting social change by developing skills in organization, administration, policy development and community practice (macro).

Career examples include:

- community outreach coordinator
- hospital or school social worker
- mental health advocate
- program specialist
- social services manager or director

**Contact Information**