



MSW Program Route Change Q&A - Shifting to a New Field Education Route

1. What are the required courses for the new Field Education route?

The required courses are two research courses (SW 880 and SW 881), four SW electives, SW 931, SW 940, and SW 950.

2. What are the names and course numbers of the new Field Education program?

The following are completed over 2 terms:

- SW 931: Field education (completed Term 1)
- SW 940: Integrative field education seminar (completed Term 1)
- SW 950: Reflective practice portfolio (completed Term 2)

3. When will the new Field Education courses become available?

SW 931 and SW 940 will be offered starting Fall 2027 and SW 950 starting Winter 2028.

4. Do current MSW Field Practicum or Research Practicum students need to switch routes?

Existing practicum students have the option to either remain in the route they were originally admitted to or switch to the new program route. The MSW Program Advisor can help students decide whether switching is a good option for them.

5. What if I was admitted to the “old” Field or Research Practicum route but want to move to the “new” Field Education route?

Students who have not yet started their practicum may request to switch into the new Field Education route once the new courses become available. The MSW Program Advisor can guide you through the process and confirm whether switching is suitable for your situation. ***You should only switch to the new Field Education route if the timing of SW 931, SW 940, and SW 950 allows you to complete your degree within the six-year program limit.***

6. If I have already started my field or research practicum, can I switch to the new Field Education route?

No, once you have begun your field practicum or research practicum, you must complete the requirements for that route.



7. Who arranges the field education placement?

As with current practices, students are responsible for finding their own placements.

8. Do I need to find an Academic Supervisor for the Field Education route?

No, an Academic Supervisor is not needed for the Field Education courses. Supervision will be provided by a Faculty Liaison (a FSW faculty member who teaches the seminar) along with your Field Education Supervisor (onsite supervisor at the agency).

9. Can I do my field education placement in part-time?

No, only full-time field education placements are available. Students must complete 450 hours of field education work within one semester.

10. Can I do my field education placement in Spring/Summer term?

No, field education placement (SW 931) and the concurrent seminar (SW 940) are only offered in Fall and Winter semesters. However, for those completing SW 931 and SW 940 in the Winter, SW 950 will be available in the Spring.

11. What do I need to do to prepare for my field education placement?

Please refer to the MSW Field Education Planning Student Checklist. You have to start planning your Field Education placement at least 3-4 months before the placement term.

12. How do I register for the field education courses?

Once all tasks on the MSW Field Education Planning Student Checklist are completed, the MSW Program Advisor will place the overrides for SW 931, SW 940, and SW 950 to register for the class. This is to ensure proper sequencing and that you have prepared everything to start SW 931 and SW 940.