MSW Advising Power Point:
Information for Prospective & Newly Admitted Students

Effective November 2015

Faculty of Social Work
MSW Program Information

- Students belong to the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research. The Faculty of Social Work is the Administrative Faculty.

- Accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE)
MSW Admission Requirements

- Hold a Bachelor of Social Work Degree
- Qualifying average of 70%
- Minimum two years employment in professional social work practice, or in a comparable human service discipline
  - Preference given to those with broad experience
- Consideration given to equality group membership
Program Objective

- Enable students to undertake a variety of responsibilities in management, policy formulation, program consultation, planning, research roles, community development, and direct social work practice.

- Allow students to advance professional knowledge, particularly in areas of social policy and social justice.
Learn advanced social work techniques
Gain understanding of social interventions
Participate in social welfare research
Analyze human service delivery operations
Study social policies and their consequences
Critically examine social change
Recognize and integrate values central to human services professionals, including the CASW Code of Ethics
Program Approach

- Integrative analysis emphasized as a means of understanding the interrelatedness of:
  - social research
  - direct social work practice
  - social policy development
  - social administration
Flexible, student centred program
May enrol part time or full time
May complete practicum or thesis on full or part time basis
Classes offered face-to-face in Regina & Saskatoon and through video conferencing (occasionally)
(Limited) Spring/Summer classes available
1. Thesis – Six courses and a thesis

2. Practicum

Field - six courses & a practicum

Research - six courses & a research project undertaken in the field
# Required Courses – Credit Hours

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Thesis Route

New Program (Implementation Fall 2015):
Classes (18 Cr Hrs, including SW 885 Thesis Proposal) + Thesis (12 Cr Hrs) = 30 Cr Hrs

Previous Program:
Classes (15 Cr Hrs) + Thesis (15 Cr Hrs) = 30 Cr Hrs

- Thesis completed under supervision of faculty member and thesis committee

Thesis Manual

- Maximum completion timeline of 5 years
Classes: (18 Cr Hrs) + Research Practicum (12 Cr Hrs) = 30 Cr Hrs

- Conducted over one or two semesters in a field setting under the supervision of a social work Professional Associate and an Academic Supervisor from the social work faculty
- Student completes Research Practicum, faculty presentation and extensive report or Journal article for peer reviewed journal

Practicum Manual

- Maximum completion timeline of 6 years
Classes (18 Cr Hrs) + Field Practicum (12 Cr Hrs) = 30 Cr Hrs

- Conducted over one or two semesters in a social work practice setting under the supervision of an experienced social work Professional Associate. Students work under the direction of a faculty Academic Supervisor.
- Student completes practicum, faculty presentation and extensive, intensive learning report.

Practicum Manual
- Maximum completion timeline of 6 years
Course Examples

- Aging & End of Life
- Theory & Practice in Human Service Organizations
- Feminist Theory & Analysis
- Work, Welfare & Social Justice
- Advanced Practice with Children and Youth
- Current Aboriginal Issues in SW Practice
- Ethical Issues, Ideologies & SW Practice

- SW Practice with Families
- Social Justice, Human Rights & Social Work
- SW Practice with Couples & Groups
- Direct Practice SW Models
- Community Organizing
- Family & Child Policies & Programs
- Qualitative & Quantitative Research
- SW Practice with Addictions

http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/programs/social-work.html
Applying to the MSW

- Annual Application Deadline: January 31\textsuperscript{st}

Application Instructions
- \textbf{http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/future-students/application-process.html}
Applying to the MSW: International Students

- There are special procedures applicable for international students
  - Proof of English proficiency
  - Minimum standards of admission if you have studied at a university outside of Canada

For more information:

- [http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/future-students/international-students/index.html](http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/future-students/international-students/index.html)

- Resource: UR International Office:
  - [http://www.uregina.ca/international/](http://www.uregina.ca/international/)
Applying to the MSW

1. Complete online application form
2. Pay non-refundable application fee ($100)
3. Submit unofficial transcripts (as one PDF)
4. Organize two references
5. Submit supplementary materials
6. **Wait** for bounce back confirmation email
Steps 1 & 2: Online Application

- Self-Administered Application Package
  [http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/future-students/application-process.html](http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/future-students/application-process.html)
- Application works best in Mozilla Firefox
- Read and follow the directions explicitly
- Have updated resume/cv ready
- Have fee payment method ready
Step 3: Transcripts

- Academic History from all post-secondary institutions attended
- May submit unofficial forms in application
  - Consolidate forms into one PDF attachment
- Before official offer of acceptance, must organize official forms to be sent to the University of Regina Admissions office.
Step 4: References

http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/assets/forms/Confidential%20Recommendation.pdf

- References should be able to critically assess your ability to do research and advanced courses
- Preferably one professional and one academic reference
- Paper References:
  - Each letter must arrive at Grad Studies in sealed envelope with referee’s name across seal
- Electronic References: GradDocs@uregina.ca
  - Sent from referee as electronic attachment with institution/company letterhead & signature
  - Applicant name to appear in Subject Line
Step 5: Supplementary Admissions Form

http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/assets/forms/Admission/MSW%20Supplementary%20Admissions%20Form.pdf

- Purpose of Study:
  - Express ideas and plans for your graduate studies: highlight areas of expertise and interest; discuss personal attributes that will contribute to program success; share benefits your MSW might give your employer and profession of social work; identify areas you would like to research further.
Step 6: Wait!

- Should receive electronic confirmation (Signature Page) of application submission within one week of submission.
- If do not receive after one business week, email Grad.Studies@uregina.ca.
Forms

http://www.uregina.ca/socialwork/programs/msw/msw-forms.html
Review Process

- Applications are reviewed by a committee made up of Faculty of Social Work members.
- Recommendations from the committee are submitted to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.
- Applicants are notified of decisions generally in late March.
Scholarship Opportunities

- There is some funding available from FGSR
  - Scholarships, Teaching Assistantships, Travel Awards, Bursaries
  - [http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/grad-calendar/financial-support.html](http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/grad-calendar/financial-support.html)
  - [http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/scholarships/fgsr-funding.html](http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/scholarships/fgsr-funding.html)
Textbooks

- Face-To-Face Classes:
  - Regina Campus:
    - New and used textbooks are available at the University Bookstore (College West 139), online through UR Self Service, or at the used book sale put on by the U of R Student Union (URSU) just before the start of classes.
    - Personalized booklists can be accessed through UR Self Service.
  - Saskatoon Campus:
    - Instructors order textbooks for face-to-face classes at the Saskatoon Campus from either the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) Bookstore or from Turning the Tide Bookstore.
    - Students can search the U of S Bookstore (sort by "classes") to determine if their textbooks were ordered through the U of S. If no listing appears, students can e-mail Turning The Tide Bookstore at inquiry@turning.ca.
    - Students can pick up textbooks directly from either location. In addition, a representative from Turning the Tide will be present at the Saskatoon Campus on the first day of class to sell textbooks.

- Online/Televised/Blended Delivery Classes:
  - Textbooks are available for online purchase through UR Self-Service and will be shipped to students.
  - Personalized booklists can be accessed through UR Self Service.
The University of Regina wishes to support all students in achieving academic success while enjoying a full and rewarding university experience.

The Centre for Student Accessibility upholds the University's commitment to a diverse and inclusive learning community by providing services and support to enable students with disabilities to approach their studies in an equal and effective manner.

The Centre aims to encourage independence, self-advocacy and equality for all students, while maintaining personal, confidential service.

Please get in touch if you have any special needs that may affect your learning.

Centre for Student Accessibility
http://www.uregina.ca/student/accessibility/
Personalized support services designed to encourage and assist you in making the most of your University experience.

- Help you face academic challenges, develop skills, set goals and connect with others.
- Wide range of programs and free services become a more effective and efficient student, and encourage you to engage in learning and in everything the University of Regina has to offer.
- Many online services available.
Other Campus Services

- Financial Services: [http://www.uregina.ca/fs/](http://www.uregina.ca/fs/)
- UR International: [www.uregina.ca/international](http://www.uregina.ca/international)
- Information Services: [http://www.uregina.ca/is/student/index.html](http://www.uregina.ca/is/student/index.html)
- Career Centre: [http://www.uregina.ca/careercentre/](http://www.uregina.ca/careercentre/)
- Counselling Services: [http://www.uregina.ca/student/counselling/](http://www.uregina.ca/student/counselling/)
- Aboriginal Student Centre: [http://www.uregina.ca/student/asc/](http://www.uregina.ca/student/asc/)
- Global Learning Centre: [http://www.uregina.ca/international/lobal-learning-centre/](http://www.uregina.ca/international/lobal-learning-centre/)
Log-in Accounts

NOVELL

USER: usually your last name and some digits
PIN: your birth date in the format DDMMYY

Use Novell for:
- Your U of R email account
- Computers on campus and printing from your student account
- UR Services
- Career Centre Tools
- Library Services Tools

Find your login information here: [https://webmail.uregina.ca/](https://webmail.uregina.ca/)

UR SELF SERVICE

USER: your student ID number
PIN: your birth date in the format DDMMYY

Use UR Self Service to:
- Register in Classes
- Update your personal information
- Pay tuition and fees
- View your unofficial transcript and final grades
- Access income tax forms
- Print your confirmation of enrollment
Registration – Student Responsibilities

UR Self Service: https://banner.uregina.ca/prod/sct/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin

- User ID = Student ID Number
- PIN = Date of Birth (DDMMYY), it’s recommended that you change this after your initial log-in.
- You register in courses on UR Self-Service online (Faculty registers you for Thesis & Practicum)
- Ensure the class is at the preferred location (Saskatoon or Regina)
- Plan a balanced schedule
- Check restrictions
- Follow MSW program requirements
If you have any questions, please contact the MSW Academic Program Advisor, Faculty of Social Work.

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