

**Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work**

**Approved MSW Electives**

Updated 5/2020

Three elective courses (or the equivalent of 9 elective credits) are required for the MSW degree, including one elective (or 3-credit equivalent) in the area of specialization.

Not all courses listed below may be scheduled in any given semester. Check the UH Class Availability website at <https://www.sis.hawaii.edu/uhdad/avail.classes?i=MAN> for course offerings and prerequisites or restrictions. To view more information for a listed course, click on the hyperlinked CRN. Course Information “Details” will link you to a course description and prerequisites. For non-SW courses, you may need approval from the instructor or department if there are any restrictions or prerequisites.

The following is a list of approved MSW electives. Additional courses can be used to fulfill elective requirements if approved by a student’s academic advisor for use as a (general) MSW elective or by the appropriate specialization chair for use as a specialization elective.

Approved elective in SPECIALIZATION AREA:	Child & Family	Behavioral Mental Health	Health	Gerontology	MSW Elective (General)
<b>Social Work Courses: Specialization Courses</b>					
SW 717 Social Work Practice with Children and Families		BMH	H	G	X
SW 718 Seminar in Social Work Practice with Children and Families					X
SW 722 Social Work Practice in Health Care	CF	BMH		G	X
SW 723 Seminar in Social Work Practice in Health Care					X
SW 724 Seminar in Social Work Practice in Mental Health	CF		H	G	X
SW 725 Social Work Practice in Mental Health					X
SW 726 Social Work Practice with the Aged	CF	BMH	H		X
SW 727 Seminar in Social Work Practice with the Aged					X
SW 790/SW 791 Advanced Practicum – <i>additional credits beyond the required 3 credits/semester</i>	CF	BMH	H	G	X
SW 743/744/746 Individual or Group Research – <i>additional credits beyond the required 3 credits</i>	CF	BMH	H	G	X
<b>Social Work Electives: Permanent Courses</b>					
SW 637 Death and Dying	CF		H	G	X
SW 663 Treatment of Chemical Dependency	CF	BMH	H	G	X
SW 672 Child Welfare as a Field of Social Work	CF				X
SW 682 Marriage and Family Therapy	CF	BMH	H	G	X
SW 707 Methods of Group Psychotherapy		BMH	H	G	X
SW 715 Therapeutic Strategies with Older Adults				G	X
SW 731 Social Policy Analysis			H		X

Approved elective in SPECIALIZATION AREA:	Child & Family	Behavioral Mental Health	Health	Gerontology	MSW Elective (General)
SW 737 Social Work and the Law	CF		H		X
SW 774 Cultural Factors in Work with Hawaiians	CF		H	G	X
SW 776/NURS 744 Seminar on Women & Health		BMH	H	G	X
<b>Social Work Electives: SW 680 Topics in Social Welfare [Rotating topics]</b>					
SW 680 Inside the DSM	CF	BMH	H		X
SW 680 Introduction to Forensic Social Work	CF	BMH			X
SW 680 Experiential Approaches to Work with Individuals and Groups	CF	BMH	H		X
SW 680 Ho`oponopono as Peacemaking		BMH	H		X
SW 680 Indigenous Peacemaking					X
SW 680 Social Determinants of Health		BMH	H		X
SW 680 Gender Identity, Social Policy, and Social Programs					X
SW 680 Military and Veteran Culture for Social Work and Allied Professions	CF	BMH	H		X
SW 680 International Social Work					X
SW 680 Decolonizing Social Work					X
SW 680 Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees					X
SW 680 Social Work Perspectives in the Criminal Justice System		BMH			X
SW 680 Empowerment, Social Justice, and Social Change					X
SW 680 Community Development and Social Work in Hawai`i					X
SW 680 Public Policies Affecting Practice with Older Adults	CF	BMH	H	G	X
SW 680 Native Hawaiian Perspectives: A Cultural Context for Well-Being	CF	BMH	H	G	X
SW 680_Ke A`o Mau: Growing the Social Work and Health Workforce	CF	BMH	H	G	X
SW 680 Introduction to Medicare			H	G	X
SW 680 Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescents	CF	BMH	H		X
<b>Other Departments' Courses</b>					
<i>DISABILITY STUDIES</i>					
DIS 681 Multicultural Issues in Disabilities		BMH			X
DIS 683 Interdisciplinary Disability & Diversity Issues		BMH	H		X
DIS 684 Interdisciplinary Team Development			H		X
<i>EDUCATION</i>					
EDEF 630 Cultural Diversity and Education	CF				X
<i>LAW</i>					
LAW 5200 Advanced Legal Studies: Topic: Health Law and Poverty			H		
LAW 521 Law, Aging and Medicine			H	G	X

<b>Approved elective in SPECIALIZATION AREA:</b>	<b>Child &amp; Family</b>	<b>Behavioral Mental Health</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Gerontology</b>	<b>MSW Elective (General)</b>
LAW 532 Health Law			H	G	X
LAW 590R Child Welfare Clinic	CF				X
LAW 590D Elder Law Clinic				G	X
<i>NURSING</i>					
NURS 605 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention			H		X
NURS 609 Health Policy			H		X
NURS 623 Psychopharmacology			H		X
<i>PEACE AND CONFLICT EDUCATION</i>					
PACE 660 Family Mediation	CF				X
<i>PUBLIC HEALTH</i>					
PH 602 U.S. Health Care Services and Policy			H		X
PH 623 Introduction to Health Promotion Theory and Methods			H		X
PH 626 Health Economics			H		X
PH 630 Cultural Competency in Health Care		BMH	H		X
PH 633 Indigenous Health Activism			H		X
PH 641 Advanced Health Policy			H		X
PH 648 Program Planning, Management, Evaluation & Leadership			H		X
PH 658 Computer Applications in Public Health			H		X
PH 671 Community and Public Health Practice (2 credits)			H	G	X
PH 673 Health Ethics, Law and Politics			H		X
PH 674 Advanced Native Hawaiian Determinants			H		X
PH 676 Advanced Public Health Policy in Hawaii			H		X
PH 677 Global Health Service Delivery (online)			H		X
PH 681 Environmental Determinants of Health			H		X
PH 690 Global Health Challenges			H		X
PH 702 Health Promotion Research			H		X
PH 704 Community Based Participatory Research			H		X
PH 728 Indigenous Applied Research Methods			H		X
PH 742 Qualitative Methods			H		X
PH 765 Advanced Evaluation Approaches			H		X
<i>PSYCHOLOGY</i>					
PSY 625 Knowledge and Wisdom			H	G	X
PSY 771 Child Treatment	CF		H		X
<i>SOCIOLOGY</i>					
SOC/WS 305 Women and Health *	CF	BMH	H		X
SOC 453 Analysis in Sociology and Aging				G	X

<b>Approved elective in SPECIALIZATION AREA:</b>	<b>Child &amp; Family</b>	<b>Behavioral Mental Health</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Gerontology</b>	<b>MSW Elective (General)</b>
SOC 615 Sociology of Health and Health Services			H	G	X
SOC 616 Seminar in Stress and Health			H		X
SOC 716 Seminary in Medical Sociology			H		X
SOC 721 Social Change – Pacific Islands			H		X
<i>SPECIAL EDUCATION</i>					
SPED 605 Collaboration in School and Community Settings	CF				X
<i>URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING</i>					
PLAN 616 Community-Based Planning			H		X
PLAN 618 Community Economic Development			H		X
<i>WOMEN'S STUDIES</i>					
WS/SOC 305 Women and Health *	CF	BMH	H		X
WS 446 Gender Violence over the Lifecycle		BMH			X
WS 612 Women in American Culture	CF				X

\* Need to petition with instructor consent to provide graduate-level supplemental work

*MSW Students:* For approval of a course that is not listed above, submit a request to the appropriate specialization chair for specialization area elective approval. General MSW electives can be approved by your academic advisor. Be prepared to provide at least a course description and a course syllabus if possible.