

New Mexico Highlands University – Facundo Valdez School of Social Work
FULL-TIME - MSW Course Sequencing
2025 - 2026

COURSES REQUIRED OF ALL MSW 1 ST YEAR STUDENTS	FALL (SEMESTER 1)	SPRING (SEMESTER 2)	SUMMER (OPTIONAL SEMESTER)	
		5410 Social Policy & Services (3) 5380 Substance Use (3) 5850 Human Behavior & Social Environment I (3) 5650 Social Work Practice I (3) 5320 Field Practicum I (3) 5510 Field Practicum Seminar I (1) Total: 16	5300 Evaluative Research (3) 5460 Understanding Difference (3) 5860 Human Behavior & Social Environment II (3) 5660 Social Work Practice II (3) 5340 Field Practicum II (3) Total: 15	A limited number of required and elective courses and are available, but Summer is not required. Students may alternatively enroll in practicum for Spring and Summer, or “Summer block” practicum, rather than Fall and Spring.
COURSES REQUIRED OF 2 ND YEAR MSW STUDENTS AND ADVANCED STANDING STUDENTS (BY CONCENTRATION)	FALL (SEMESTER 3)	SPRING (SEMESTER 4)		
	Clinical Practice Concentration			
	6010 DSM for Clinicians (3)	6440 Group Work (3)		
	6330 Adv. Clinical Research (3)	6560 Professional Development (3)		
	6650 Adv. Multicultural Practice I (3)	6660 Adv. Multicultural Practice II (3)		
	6320 Field Practicum III (3)	6340 Field Practicum IV (3)		
	2 SOWK Elective Courses (4)	2 SOWK Elective Courses (4)		
	Total: 16			Total: 16
Leadership & Administration Concentration				
6640 Organizational Theory (3)	6510 Leadership & Supervision (3)			
6090 Political Economy (3)	6250 Non-Profit Management (3)			
6300 Advanced Agency Research. (3)	6420 Advanced Social Policy (3)			
6320 Field Practicum III (3)	6340 Field Practicum IV (3)			
2 SOWK Elective Courses (4)	2 SOWK Elective Courses (4)			
Total: 16			Total: 16	
Bilingual/Bicultural (BLBC) Clinical Practice Concentration				
6310 Adv. Qualitative Research (3)	6440 Group Work (3)			
6020 DSM (Bilingual)* (3)	6560 Professional Development (3)			
5120 Immigrant Rights (2)	6540 The Latino Family* (2)			
6670 Advanced Bilingual Practice I* (3)	6680 Advanced Bilingual Practice II* (3)			
6320 Field Practicum III-BLBC* (3)	6340 Field Practicum IV-BLBC* (3)			
1 SOWK Elective Course (2)	1 SOWK Elective Course. (2)			
* Conversational Spanish required	* Conversational Spanish required			
Total: 16			Total: 16	

Updated: 06/25

Advanced Standing (AS) students: AS students should take all classes identified as second year courses, including all 6000-level courses required for their concentration, along with 8 credits of electives for Clinical and Leadership & Administration concentrations, and 4 credits of electives, along with SOWK 5120 and SOWK 6540 for the Bilingual-Bicultural Clinical concentration.

MSW Electives: In practice, electives can be taken any semester, at the student's discretion, including during Summer semesters. Please consult with your faculty advisor for guidance on choosing of electives. MSW students may only register for 5000-level and 6000-level electives. It is recommended that MSW students take at least half of their electives at the 6000-level. MSW students, in consultation with their faculty advisor, may also consider courses required for other concentrations for elective credit. Only MSW students who have completed 5000-level coursework are eligible to take 6000-level electives.

MSW Practicums: 6000-level practicum placement must be in the student's MSW concentration. BLBC Practicum- agency supervisor(s) must be Spanish-speaking, the agency must be serving Spanish-speaking clients, and the agency must offer opportunities to work with Spanish-speakers at least 75% of the time.