Western Michigan University’s Social Work graduate program (M.S.W.) is a research-driven professional program that focuses on social change, social justice and service transformation, working closely with students and the community.

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the M.S.W. offers courses in direct practice with individuals, groups, and families and in macro practice, which focus on policy development, community organizing, and program development.

Students can select their best alternative from among three program options. Advanced standing, extended study, and full-time programs are offered in combinations at locations in Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, and Benton Harbor.

Emphases in school social work and trauma-focused treatment are available.

Internships are available statewide, nationally and internationally in a variety of areas including: clinical social work, child welfare, school social work, and community organizing.

The program serves the profession, and has reached national and international audiences, through its Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare since 1974.
Social Work (M.S.W.)

Teaching, Research, and Program

Focus Areas
WMU’s M.S.W. faculty are frequently published and grant funded for their exceptional knowledge in specific areas of social work. They are dedicated to providing valuable information to advance the field of study and human welfare. Key areas of expertise include: support for young adults who age out of foster care, childhood trauma, sexual health, brain injury, national politics, evidenced-based practice vs. values-based practice, gerontology, theory, community based participatory research, and teaching and learning in virtual environments.

Admissions
Applications are accepted for the full-time, extended-study, and advanced-standing programs beginning in September. The deadline for advanced-standing applications is January 15; the priority deadline for Full-time and Extended-study applications is March 15. Early application is advised. The GRE is not required. For access to the M.S.W. application and detailed information, please visit www.wmich.edu/socialwork.

Graduate Assistantships/Associateships
The School of Social Work employs two to three graduate assistants to facilitate its program objectives and the professional or teaching objectives of faculty members. Scholarship opportunities are available also.

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Kalamazoo
With a population of more than 325,000, Kalamazoo is the sixth largest metropolitan area in Michigan and among the 150 largest in the country. Kalamazoo is rated one of the 25 best cities in the country for young college graduates, and is located midway between Chicago and Detroit.