WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
School of Social Work  
Permission to Take Graduate Classes (non-degree status)

Opportunities exist for individuals to explore graduate school prior to admission to a graduate program. Application must be made to the Office of Admissions and Orientation, Graduate Division. The application for “non-degree status” can be found at: http://www.wmich.edu/apply/graduate/nondegree.

Social Work courses available to those with a bachelor degree and with non-degree status:

### Fall Semester

**MSW Required Courses:**
- SWRK 6100* Foundations of Social Welfare Policy *(in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids)*
- SWRK 6310* Human Behavior and the Social Environment *(in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids)*
- SWRK 6400* Research and Evaluation Methods *(in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids)*

**MSW Elective Courses:**
- SWRK 6630 Seminar in Substance Abuse I *(in Kalamazoo)*

### Spring Semester

**MSW Required Courses:**
- SWRK 6330* Advanced Seminar in Culture, Ethnicity, and Institutional Inequality in Social Work Practice *(in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids)*
- SWRK 6380** Psychopathology for Social Work Practice *(with instructor permission, in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids)*
- SWRK 6430*** Leadership and Management in Human Services *(in Kalamazoo & sometimes Grand Rapids)*

**MSW Elective Courses:**
- SWRK 6650 Seminar in Substance Abuse II *(in Kalamazoo)*

### Summer I Session

**MSW Required Courses:**
- SWRK 6300* Social Change and Community Analysis *(in Kalamazoo & Grand Rapids)*
- SWRK 6380** Psychopathology for Social Work Practice *(with instructor permission, in Kalamazoo)*
- SWRK 6430*** Leadership and Management in Human Services *(in Kalamazoo)*

**MSW Elective Courses:**
- SWRK 6630 Seminar in Substance Abuse I *(in Battle Creek)*
- SWRK 6200 Social Services in Schools *(in Grand Rapids)*

### Summer II Session

**MSW Elective Courses:**
- SWRK 6650 Seminar in Substance Abuse II *(in Battle Creek)*

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* Required for all MSW students  
** Required for the Interpersonal Practice Concentration  
*** Required for the Policy, Planning and Administration Concentration

All the above SWRK graduate courses are available on a space-available, basis. A limit of 9 credit hours earned as a non-degree status student may be used toward a M.S.W. degree. M.S.W. applicants may also take graduate electives (500+) from other departments and use them toward their degree. Classes cannot be older than 6 years old at the time of graduation, when used toward the M.S.W. degree.