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## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK



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MSWINDIGENOUS SPECIALIZATION  
STUDENT PROGRAM GUIDE  
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## THE MSW PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- 'Centering' Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing.
- Building on students' own knowledge as experienced practitioners in Indigenous service settings.
- Developing critical awareness and capacity for analysis and applying these skills to practice and policy development within the context of Indigenous service settings.
- Developing the capacity to conduct research and contribute to Indigenous knowledge building and transmission.
- Identifying the impacts of racism, colonization, and oppression in order to be able to contributing towards liberating policies and practices.
- Advancing diverse Indigenous knowledges to inform policies and practices to support Indigenous child, family, and community wellbeing.
- Identifying international connections between Indigenous peoples and their knowledge and experience.
- Promoting leadership skills in policy development and administration in the context of Indigenous governance.
- Supporting Indigenous students to explore their identity and lived experience to inform integrated and holistic social work practice.
- Facilitating transformative dialogue to contribute towards advancing Indigenous resistance, resurgence and revitalization.

## PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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## GARO & FGS CONTACT INFORMATION

### GRADUATE ADMISSIONS & RECORDS (GARO)

GARO provides administrative support to the student and the School of Social Work. This support begins at the time of application and continues through your program in the form of transcripts, grades and grade changes, registration, and convocation. Contact GARO directly for information about

## WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

*We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the University of Victoria stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt*

# PROGRAM FLOW

## COMPLETION OPTIONS

The choice of whether to complete your MSW degree via the thesis or the course-based route is an important one. This choice should be considered in the context of your research and practice interests, your strengths and challenges as a practitioner-graduate student, and your future plans. We advise students to make final decisions on completion options after admission and after acquiring some experience in the program. Students are encouraged to discuss these options with the Advisor at the earliest possible date.\*

*\* Please advise the MSW Program Assistant of your choice via email*

### COURSEBASED COMPLETION

The course-based completion option requires the completion of SOCW 571: MSW Capstone and SOCW 506: MSW Practicum (450-hour placement). Registration in practicum requires the completion of all-pre requisites. SOCW 571: MSW Capstone is designed to be the final course in a student's program and cannot be taken until all course work has been completed. Ideally, SOCW 571 is taken concurrently with SOCW 506 to enhance reciprocal learning.



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WINTER SESSION:  
September to December

SUMMER SESSION:

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM

As a graduate student in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the School of Social Work, there are a number of things that you must take responsibility for as you move through your MSW program.

- Register each term. Continuous registration is required until you complete your Master's program, unless you are on an approved Leave of Absence. Registration dates and times for each term will be posted on Online Tools. All MSWA students are expected to take SOCW 512 and SOCW 519 in the first term. After that, students are welcome to continue with either full- or part-time registration following the University's policies.

## PRACTICUM INFORMATION

All course-based completion students must successfully complete a 450 hour placement in an approved setting. Please see the [Field Education website](#) for more information about application processes and deadlines.

- All incoming students will have an opportunity to learn about practicum during an advising session scheduled during the on-campus institute.
  - If you are planning to complete via the course-based option, it is essential that you attend this advising session

### QUESTIONS ABOUT PRACTICUM?

The Practicum Assistant is your first point of contact for all questions related to practicum placements.

#### PRACTICUM ASSISTANT

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## FACULTY & SUPERVISOR INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

The Faculty of Graduate Studies policies governing [Academic Regulations](#) can be found in the University Calendar. All students in the MSW programs are bound by the policies governing academics at the University of Victoria, this includes the policy on [Academic Integrity](#). Students are re rhy

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR GRAD STUDENTS

## UNIVERSITY-BASED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

All new applicants are evaluated for the University Fellowship and new student graduate awards. Successful incoming students are notified of their awards with their admission offer. The minimum standard required for consideration for these awards is ~~class~~ standing (Average). Grade calculations and equivalencies are determined by the Graduate Admissions and Records Office. The process is competitive and meeting the minimum standard for consideration does not guarantee that you will be successful. In addition to these awards for incoming students, you may be eligible to apply for other awards and bursaries available through:

- *The Faculty of Graduate Studies:* A number of awards, scholarships, and bursaries are available to full-time students. The Faculty of Graduate Studies provides a list of available awards and necessary applications ~~online~~ [online](#) or through their office in the University Centre.
- *Student Awards & Financial Aid Office:* Information about bursaries and scholarships can be found at the UVic Student Awards & Financial Aid Office (SAFA) located in the University Centre or through their ~~website~~ [website](#). In addition, SAFA can assist with applications, maintenance, and questions related to provincial, territorial, and federal government student loans.
- *The School of Social Work:* provides a small number of graduate awards each year. Information about these awards and how to apply for them is provided, usually in ~~September~~ [September](#), via the MSW ListServe. When the School receives notification about ~~other~~ [external](#) awards, information is posted to the MSW ListServe.

## BAND FUNDING

Band-funded students must obtain Third party billing information and ~~Third party billing form~~ [Third party billing form](#) to be completed by your Band office. The office may then fax or email the form ~~Accounting Services~~ [Accounting Services](#). Please ensure that the forms are sent before the following tuition deadlines:

FALL SESSION ~~September 30~~

WINTER SESSION ~~July 31~~

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