

**LEHMAN COLLEGE
OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

CURRICULUM CHANGE

Name of Program and Degree Award: Social Work, MSW Program

Hegis Number: 2104.00

Program Code: 29654

Effective Term: Spring 2026

1. **Type of Change:** Course Title

2. **From:**

The Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) Program at Lehman College prepares social workers to assume positions of leadership in urban public and voluntary sector social service agencies and organizations. All students in the program complete an Advanced Generalist curriculum and gain the knowledge, values and skills of the competencies of the social work profession required for Advanced Generalist Practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations, as well as for supervision, administration, research, and policy practice. The M.S.W. program is registered with the New York State Education Department and is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

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Three subplans are offered:

Requirements

Masters Requirements - Admission Requirements

Type: Prerequisite

Notes for all subplans:

1. The program does not grant social work course credit for life experience or previous work experience.
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3. The program does not accept non matriculated Students unless special permission is granted.

All Subplans

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, including 45 liberal arts credits
- Minimum undergraduate grade average of 3.0
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- Resume
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Applicants to the 1-Year, Advanced Standing Program

In addition to the above:

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- Include, among the three references, one reference from the advisor in the baccalaureate Social Work program or from the Program Director, and another from a field supervisor;
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Additional Comments:

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Masters Requirements - Master of Social Work

Type: Completion requirement

Earn at least 65 credits

Masters Requirements - Courses

Type: Completion requirement

Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

Core Courses

Complete ALL of the following Courses:

- SWK 605 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment
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- SWK 713 - Advanced Social Work Practice in the Urban Environment I
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Elective Courses

Earn at least 3 credits from the following:

- SWK 681 - Social Work with Immigrants
- SWK 682 - The Criminal Justice System and its Impact on Urban Families
- SWK 683 - Issues in Urban Child Welfare
- SWK 684 - Mass Violence: Dynamics of Helping Urban Populations
- SWK 685 - Gender Issues and the Practice of Social Work

Required Internship

Complete ALL of the following Courses:

- SWK 673 - Extended Fieldwork and Seminar I
- SWK 674 - Extended Fieldwork and Seminar II
- SWK 675 - Extended Fieldwork and Seminar III
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Masters Requirements - 1-Year Advanced Standing Program

Type: Completion requirement

Students enter as second year students.

- Full-time Student Status: Classes meet two evening per week. Students must complete three full days of fieldwork, at least two of which are weekdays, for a total of 21 hours per week. This totals 600 hours during the academic year.

Masters Requirements - 2-Year Program

Type: Completion requirement

Year One: Full-time Student Status

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Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

Fall Semester

Complete ALL of the following Courses:

- SWK 611 - Generalist Social Work Practice I

- SWK 605 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- SWK 639 - Social Welfare Institutions and Programs
- SWK 671 - Fieldwork and Seminar I

Spring Semester

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- SWK 612 - Generalist Social Work Practice II
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Year Two: Full-time Student Status

Fulfill ALL of the following requirements:

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Complete ALL of the following Courses:

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Masters Requirements - 3-Year Extended with 6-Semester Fieldwork

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4. **Rationale** :

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Academic Level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Compensatory <input type="checkbox"/> Developmental <input type="checkbox"/> Remedial
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Pre/ Co Requisites	NA
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Hours	3
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Course Attribute (e.g. Writing Intensive, WAC, etc)	NA
General Education Component	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> English Composition <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible <input type="checkbox"/> World Cultures <input type="checkbox"/> US Experience in its Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Expression <input type="checkbox"/> Individual and Society <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific World

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