

HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

**ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM**

*for*

**GRADUATES**

*of*

**ACCREDITED BACCALAUREATE  
SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMS**

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Howard University School of Social Work offers an *Advanced Standing Program for Graduates of Accredited Baccalaureate Social Work Programs*. This three-semester program requires forty-five (45) credit hours for the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree. Four semesters and 60 credit hours are normally required. Students admitted to the advanced standing program must meet the following requirements:

- Degree from a baccalaureate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- Baccalaureate degree earned within four (4) years of application, admission and enrollment in the M.S.W. degree program
- Overall “B” average for undergraduate work
- Grades of “B” or better in social work core foundation courses:
  - Social Work Practice Methods
  - Field Instruction
  - Social Work Research
  - Human Behavior and the Social Environment
  - Social Welfare Policy and Services

Accepted applicants who meet the *Advanced Standing Program* requirements will be granted advanced standing status upon enrollment in the MSW degree program.

Inquiries and requests for additional information about the *Advanced Standing Program* should be directed to the School of Social Work Admissions Office:

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**M.S.W. CURRICULUM DESIGN**

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**Three Semesters or One and One Half Academic Years:**

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**DIRECT PRACTICE MAJORS**

<u>Semester I</u>		<u>Semester II</u>	
Direct Practice†	03	Intervention Planning & Strategies†	03
Field Education II	06	Field Education III	06
Human Behavior & the Social Environment II	02	Psychopathology*	02
Data Analysis for Social Workers	02	Field of Practice I or II	02
Social Welfare Policy & Services II	02	Practice Evaluation	02
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

**Semester III**

Intervention with Selected Clinical Problems†	03
Field Education IV	06
Field of Practice I or II	02
Elective	02
<u>Elective</u>	<u>02</u>
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

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†All practice methods courses must be taken concurrently with Field Education.

\*Psychopathology is required for all Direct Services majors.

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Note: • Forty-five (45) credit hours with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.00 are required for graduation

- Field Education I & II require two days per week in field.
- Field Education III & IV require 2 1/2 days per week in field.
- Field of Practice courses are only taken as electives during the student's advanced year (after completion of fifteen (15) credit hours and/or after completion of the first semester courses).

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**COMMUNITY, ADMINISTRATION, AND POLICY PRACTICE MAJORS**

<u>Semester I</u>		<u>Semester II</u>	
Community & Organization†	03	Human Service Administration†	03
Assessment Practice			
Field Education II	06	Field Education III	06
Human Behavior & the Social Environment II	02	Advanced Community Organizing or Advanced Policy Analysis	02*
Data Analysis for Social Workers	02	Field of Practice I or II	02
<u>Social Welfare Policy &amp; Services II</u>	<u>02</u>	<u>Practice Evaluation</u>	<u>02</u>
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<u>Semester III</u>			
	Resource Development†		03
	Field Education IV		06
	Field of Practice I or II		02
	Elective		02
	<u>Elective</u>		<u>02</u>
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\*Systems Analysis is required for all Macro Practice majors.

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**APPLICATION AND SELF-EVALUATION FOR ADMISSION IN  
ADVANCED-STANDING STATUS**

**I. Applicants for admission in advanced-standing status must hold a bachelor’s degree in social work from a degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. (CSWE)**

What degree have you earned/will you earn? \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of degree)

Where did you/will you earn your degree? \_\_\_\_\_  
(College or University)

Is/was the degree program accredited by the CSWE? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**II. Applicants for admission in advanced-standing status must have earned the Bachelor’s degree within four (4) years of admission to/enrollment in the M.S.W. degree program as follows:**

Year Admitted/Enrolled	Degree must have been earned not earlier than the year
2011	2007
2012	2008
2013	2009
2014	2010

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall 200 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 200 \_\_\_\_\_

When did/will you earn your bachelor’s degree? \_\_\_\_\_  
(enter month/day/year)

**III. Applicants for admission in advanced-standing status must have earned a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale or it’s equivalent. A cumulative grade point average includes all grades for courses completed to meet the requirements for the bachelor’s degree.**

What is your cumulative grade point average (gpa) for your bachelor’s degree? \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Applicants for admission in advanced-standing status must have earned grades of “B” or better in the following core baccalaureate social work courses:**

	I	II
• Social Welfare Policy and Services	_____	_____
• Human Behavior and the Social Environment	_____	_____
• Research	_____	_____
• Social Work Practice Methods	_____	_____
• Social Work Field Instruction	_____	_____

Please indicate your grades for these core social work courses in the spaces provided above.

Applicants must satisfy each of the foregoing requirements for admission in advanced-standing status – no exceptions. Applicants who do not satisfy all of the requirements for admission in advanced-standing status may enroll as regular students in the regular two-year, sixty (60) hour degree program. Regular degree students may sit for the challenge examinations for first-year first-semester and second-semester courses.

**Please check the appropriate box below:**

- I have earned my bachelor's degree and I meet all of the requirements for admission in advanced-standing status.
- I have earned my bachelor's degree and I do not meet all of the requirements for admission in advanced-standing status.
- I am completing my bachelor's degree and thus far, I meet the requirements for admission in advanced-standing status.
- I am completing my bachelor's degree and, I do not meet the requirements for admission in advanced-standing status.

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**