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**Schedule of courses**

Students attend classes two days per week during the day and/or evening. Required courses are in a face-to-face format, held each semester year-round, and some electives have online options. OCL students will become part of the final year of the macro OCL program and attend practice classes on the East Lansing campus, as well as completing core coursework by attending class in the Mid-Michigan program.

**Field education**

Students complete three semesters of field education (4 credits each) for a total of 600 field hours. Field education is conducted during the first year for full-time status and second year for part-time. Typically, students participate in field 16 hours per week for 15 weeks per semester (seven weeks during summer semester). Every attempt is made to locate field placements close to where students live or work.

**Location**

Mott Northern Tier is located in Clio. It is easily accessible from the I-75 expressway (exit 131, West Vienna Road).

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Location
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Master of Social Work (MSW) Programs

MSW PROGRAMS AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The School of Social Work at Michigan State University is committed to bringing high-quality graduate education to communities throughout the state. We offer a variety of fully accredited Master of Social Work (MSW) programs to best fit the needs of our students. Students can choose between two concentrations: Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership (OCL).

EAST LANSING PROGRAMS (REGULAR MSW & ADVANCED STANDING: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students on the East Lansing campus can complete the 57-credit Regular MSW Program on a 2-year full-time schedule or a 3-year part-time schedule. Also offered in East Lansing is the 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program, which students can complete on a 10-month full-time schedule or a 2-year part-time schedule. Students can choose between Clinical Practice and OCL concentrations.

FLINT PROGRAM (REGULAR MSW: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students on the Flint campus (hosted at Mott Community College) complete the 57-credit Regular MSW Program on a 2-year full-time schedule or a 3-year part-time schedule. All courses required for the Clinical Practice concentration are offered in Flint. Students who choose the OCL concentration are required to complete specific coursework through the Weekend MSW Program.

OAKLAND AND MID-MICHIGAN PROGRAMS (ADVANCED STANDING: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students on the Oakland campus (hosted at Oakland University) and the Mid-Michigan campus (hosted at Mott Northern Tier) complete the 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program on a 10-month full-time schedule or a 2-year part-time schedule. All courses required for the Clinical Practice concentration are offered in Oakland and the Mid-Michigan area. Students who choose the OCL concentration are required to complete specific coursework through the Weekend MSW Program.

STATEWIDE BLENDED PROGRAM (REGULAR MSW AND ADVANCED STANDING: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students in the Statewide Blended Program complete the MSW Program through a unique blend of face-to-face instruction, videoconferencing, and online learning. The 57-credit Regular MSW Program is a 3-year part-time program. To qualify for the Regular program, students must live more than 50 miles from the East Lansing AND Flint campuses. The 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program is a 2-year part-time program. To qualify for the Advanced Standing option, students must live more than 30 miles from the East Lansing, Oakland, AND Mid-Michigan campuses. Out-of-state applicants for both Statewide Blended Program options must live within 50 miles of the Michigan border. Students can choose between Clinical Practice and OCL concentrations. Students who choose the OCL concentration are required to commute to the James B. Henry Center, 3335 Forest Road, Lansing, for some classes or take part via teleconference.

WEEKEND MSW PROGRAM (REGULAR MSW: CLINICAL OR OCL)
Students in the Weekend MSW Program complete the 57-credit MSW Program through a unique blend of face-to-face weekend sessions and online learning. Weekend sessions are held at the James B. Henry Center, 3335 Forest Road, Lansing. This program is a 3-year part-time program. Students can choose between Clinical Practice and OCL concentrations.

What is the difference between the Regular MSW and Advanced Standing programs?
Our Advanced Standing programs are a unique opportunity for applicants who graduated from an accredited social work baccalaureate program within the last six years with a minimum 3.25 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) for the last 60 credits of their undergraduate program.

Field education
All of our MSW programs have a field component. Students in the 57-credit MSW Program complete 4 semesters of field education (if part-time, field education is during the last two years of the program beginning in the fall). Students in the 38-credit Advanced Standing MSW Program complete 2½ semesters of field education (if part-time, field education is during the second year of the program beginning in the summer).

Dual degrees
Students in these MSW programs may also decide to pursue a dual degree. An MSW/JD dual degree is available to students in East Lansing or those willing to commute, while an MSW/MPH dual degree is available to students throughout the state.
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**Why MSU?**
Michigan State University provides an excellent setting for social work education. As a Research 1 University, MSU creates and advances knowledge, attracting scholars worldwide. As the nation's first land-grant university, MSU extends learning to actively serve Michigan, the nation, and the international community. With more than 200 programs of study, students at MSU have extensive opportunities for collaboration in a wide variety of disciplines.

**Why social work?**
The School of Social Work has one of the oldest undergraduate degrees in social work in the United States, a master’s degree program that was inaugurated shortly after World War II, and a PhD program. The School's BASW and all MSW programs have been continuously accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The doctoral program is a member of the Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE). All three programs of the School of Social Work have produced many distinguished practitioners, educators, researchers, and leaders in human services.

**What concentrations are offered?**
Students can choose between two concentrations: Clinical Practice and Organization and Community Leadership (OCL). Clinical (micro) social work (also known as direct practice with individuals, couples, families, and small groups) is a concentration within the practice of graduate social work and builds upon the profession's values and ethics and a strengths-based, person-in-environment perspective. The OCL (macro) practice concentration focuses on social issues at a larger scope—programs, policies, communities, laws, or social and governmental institutions—through activities such as program and policy analysis and development, advocacy, fundraising, grant-writing, research, and program evaluation.

**How do I apply?**
The application deadline is January 10 of each year for all MSW programs. Detailed admissions information is available on our website at socialwork.msu.edu. The entire admissions process is completed online, and online applications open in September.

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