We prepare you for the full range of social work practice

The UMD Department of Social Work offers an Advanced Generalist program that will prepare you for a wide range of social work roles. Graduates find work as therapists and case managers, community organizer and administrators. Specialized courses and field placements are available in areas such as clinical and child welfare practice, and American Indian social services. Content on developing cultural competence is integrated across the curriculum.

Why UMD

What is unique about UMD’s MSW?

- We have a special commitment to American Indians with strong linkages to the American Indian community and specialized course content
- We have scholarship and educational opportunities for students focusing on child welfare.
- Our advanced generalist model is ideally suited for work in rural areas, as well as urban settings.
- The program allows the flexibility to pursue your areas of interest by tailoring electives and field placements.

Career Possibilities

To find out what our recent graduates are doing, see the Career and Internship Services Report: Follow-up of Majors

Scholarships

Please visit our Funding & Scholarships website for information on a number of opportunities for MSW students.

Requirements

In addition to the general application instructions provided by the Graduate School, visit the Social Work program page for specific application instructions and deadlines related to the program. Also visit the catalog requirements page linked above for additional information.

What you can do with this degree?

Why pursue a degree in social work?

Social work is a value based profession for those with a strong desire to make a difference in people’s lives. Social workers help individuals and families to find solutions to life’s challenges, bring communities together and advance policy changes that promote human well-being. A career in social work is for people with a passion for advocacy and social justice. They
also conduct research and are involved in administration. Social workers inspire hope that will empower others. To find out more about the social work profession visit the National Association of Social Workers website.

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