

J16-AB Master of Advanced Social Work

Year and Campus:	2011 - Parkville
CRICOS Code:	059232G
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Duration & Credit Points:	100 credit points taken over 12 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.
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Course Overview:	<p>The Master of Advanced Social Work (MASW) is an exciting, open-structure degree that allows you to further advance your professional development in your areas of interest. It offers a research-informed curriculum with a strong emphasis on the integration of theory and practice.</p> <p>Within a single degree stream structure, you can choose from a pool of specialist subjects and focus on specialist areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Child and family # Clinical practice # Health # Human services management # Mental health <p>Example course plans for the specialist areas can be found on the social work website. (http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/future_students/advanced_practice/degree_structure)</p> <p>The degree is specifically tailored to experienced and qualified social workers who wish to update their knowledge and take a leadership role in their particular area of practice, or for those wishing to acquire skills in a new area.</p> <p>Learning and teaching</p>
Objectives:	<p>The MASW encourages an advanced practice-oriented and theoretical approach to learning. It ensures close links between theory and practice and supports self-directed and lifelong learning.</p> <p>Having already completed a first degree and worked for a minimum of two years in the field, you will bring a broad range of skills and maturity to the program. You are therefore well placed for preparation as a leader within the social work profession. You are encouraged to achieve cultural sensitivity and the capacity to engage across cultures and internationally. The program ensures academic excellence by utilising the skills of specialists working within the specialist fields.</p> <p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Critical thinking and problem-solving # A positive attitude to the acquisition of knowledge # Intercultural sensitivity # Communication skills # Planning and time management # Teamwork skills

Course Structure & Available Subjects:	The MASW is a flexible coursework program of between one and four years' duration, depending on whether you study full-time or part-time.																																																								
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	You may choose to complete your degree by undertaking eight 12.5 Specialist Subjects or alternatively, you may choose to undertake five 12.5-point specialist subjects plus a 37.5-point portfolio subject:																																																								
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Entry Requirements:	The Master of Advanced Social Work has the following admission requirements: Academic requirements A qualifying Australian Bachelor of Social Work or equivalent Recognition of qualification																																																								

	<p>Eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers</p> <p>Work experience requirement Two years of documented professional social work practice</p> <p>English language requirements All applicants must meet the University's English language requirements. If English is not your first language, there are a number of ways of demonstrating that you have met this requirement. Details are available on the University of Melbourne Future Students website If you have any uncertainty about your eligibility for the degree, please contact us directly. We welcome all applications, and you are encouraged to discuss your particular circumstances with us.</p>
Core Participation Requirements:	<p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's courses. This course requires all students to enrol in subjects where they must actively and safely contribute to clinical/field work activities. Students who think their disability will impact on meeting this requirement are encouraged to discuss this matter with the Course Coordinator and the Disability Liaison Unit.</p>
Graduate Attributes:	<p>The Melbourne Experience enables our graduates to become:</p> <p>Academically excellent: have a strong sense of intellectual integrity and the ethics of scholarship have in-depth knowledge of their specialist discipline(s) reach a high level of achievement in writing, generic research activities, problem-solving and communication be critical and creative thinkers, with an aptitude for continued self-directed learning be adept at learning in a range of ways, including through information and communication technologies Knowledgeable across disciplines: examine critically, synthesise and evaluate knowledge across a broad range of disciplines expand their analytical and cognitive skills through learning experiences in diverse subjects have the capacity to participate fully in collaborative learning and to confront unfamiliar problems have a set of flexible and transferable skills for different types of employment Leaders in communities: initiate and implement constructive change in their communities, including professions and workplaces have excellent interpersonal and decision-making skills, including an awareness of personal strengths and limitations mentor future generations of learners engage in meaningful public discourse, with a profound awareness of community needs Attuned to cultural diversity: value different cultures be well-informed citizens able to contribute to their communities wherever they choose to live and work have an understanding of the social and cultural diversity in our community respect indigenous knowledge, cultures and values Active global citizens: accept social and civic responsibilities be advocates for improving the sustainability of the environment have a broad global understanding, with a high regard for human rights, equity and ethics</p>