

J10-MS Master of Social Work

Year and Campus:	2011 - Parkville											
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees											
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate											
Duration & Credit Points:	250 credit points taken over 30 months full time. This course is available as full or part time.											
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Course Overview:	<p>Our Master of Social Work (MSW) offers you an outstanding postgraduate course of study, preparing you for professional practice in a diverse range of social work contexts. It provides you with a nationally and internationally benchmarked course of study in the theory and practice of social work. On completion you will be eligible to apply for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).</p>											
Objectives:	<p>The MSW degree:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Prepares students for professional social work practice in a diverse range of contexts; # Provides students with foundational theories informing social work practice; # Introduces students to the methods of social work practice, including casework, counselling, groupwork, community development, policy and research; # Introduces students to the fields of social work practice, including child and family, ageing, health, mental health, and disability; # Immerses students in practice through the two 70 day fieldwork placements; # Offers a research pathway for those wanting to pursue further study 											
Course Structure & Available Subjects:	<p>Coursework only</p> <p>Over two years you will enrol in 175 points of coursework subjects and 50 points of fieldwork subjects. You will undertake four theory subjects totaling 50 credit points per semester in your first year. At mid-year you will undertake a block of supervised field placement of 70 days duration, worth 25 credit points. In the second semester, you undertake a further 50 credit points of coursework. In the second year you will undertake three subjects totaling 37.5 credit points each semester with a mid-year block of supervised field placement, also of 70 days duration worth 25 credit points. In the final semester one subject is an elective subject.</p> <p>Coursework with Research component</p> <p>At the end of the first year, you may be eligible to apply for entry to the research pathway. In the research pathway you will enrol in the structure exactly the same as for the coursework only degree until semester 2 in the second year when you enrol in the Social Work Thesis subject in addition to your coursework subjects. This pathway will extend your enrolment by one semester (25 credit points).</p>											
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SCWK50006 Direct Practice with Individuals	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK50007 Communication and Interviewing Skills	March	12.50
196-710 Supervised Field Placement 1A	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
196-711 Supervised Field Placement 1B	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
SCWK50009 Assessing Risk and Vulnerability	September	12.50
SCWK50010 Working in Human Service Organisations	September	12.50
SCWK50001 Researching Social Work Practice	September	12.50
SCWK50011 Legal and Ethical Contexts of Practice	September	12.50

Second Year

The following subjects, plus an elective subject in semester 2.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SCWK50012 Working with Families	March	12.50
SCWK50013 Working with Groups	March	12.50
SCWK50014 Working with Communities	March	12.50
SCWK90050 Supervised Field Placement 2A	November, Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
SCWK90051 Supervised Field Placement 2B	Summer Term, Semester 1, Semester 2	12.50
SCWK50002 Program Planning and Evaluation	September	12.50
SCWK50015 Social Policy for Social Work Practice 2	September	12.50

Second Year Elective Subject

Not all elective subjects will be available every year. Some may be on a two year cycle. Students may vary their course plans by negotiation with the Course Coordinator if they wish to undertake a specific elective subject.

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SCWK90039 Child and Family Social Work	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK90026 Issues in Women's Mental Health	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK90031 Social Work Practice in the Health Field	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK90037 Social Work in Psychiatric Disability	September	12.50
SCWK90028 Advanced Practice with Groups	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK90038 Social Work Practice: Mental Health	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK90036 Social Work Practice with the Elderly	Not offered 2011	12.50
SCWK90044 Critical Issues in Social Work	Not offered 2011	12.50

Research Pathway Only

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SCWK90020 Social Work Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25

Third Year

Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:
SCWK90020 Social Work Thesis	Semester 1, Semester 2	25

Part-time enrolment

Please visit the Social Work website for part-time **subject delivery** (http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/future_students/becoming_a_social_worker/degree_structure) . Taken over 48 months.

Entry Requirements:**Master of Social Work** (225 points)

The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue the course successfully using the following criteria –

- an undergraduate degree; and
- at least 40 hours of documented part-time relevant work experience over three months (work experience may be paid or unpaid and should normally be substantiated by an appropriate professional reference); and
- a statement of up to 500 words by the applicant; and
- an overall band score of the Academic IELTS of at least 7. Each component (listening, reading, writing and speaking) of the Academic IELTS must score at least 7.

The Selection Committee may conduct interviews and tests and may call for referee reports and employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above.

Note: Relevant work experience may be paid or unpaid, and may be full-time or part-time, but for part-time experience, at least 40 hours should normally have been obtained in a single three-month period.

Core Participation Requirements:

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.

Further Study:

For students who undertake the 225 coursework MSW pathway, further coursework and research pathways are available:

- # For postgraduate, specialist coursework, MSW graduates are eligible to apply for the Master of Advanced Social Work after two years of professional practice.
- # For postgraduate research, the MPhil is available upon graduation from the MSW.

For students who undertake the 250 research pathway within the MSW, they are similarly eligible to apply for the MASW after two years of professional practice or for the PhD upon graduation from the MSW.

Graduate Attributes:

Through the theoretical and practical curricula of the new MSW degree, its graduates will be professional social workers who are academically excellent, knowledgeable across disciplines, leaders in communities, attuned to cultural diversity, and active global citizens.

Generic Skills:

The MSW aims to offer its students an outstanding postgraduate course of study, preparing students for professional practice in a diverse range of social work contexts. The course provides students with a nationally and internationally benchmarked course of study, in the theory and practice of social work.

Graduates of the MSW degree will be expected to develop advanced generic skills in the areas of critical thinking, communication and research.

Links to further information:

<http://www.socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/>

Notes:**Benefits**

As a student of the Master of Social Work you will benefit from:

- # a curriculum approved by the Australian Association of Social Workers;

- # well-qualified, experienced, research-active and accessible teachers, with strong ties to the profession and community services;
- # mixed teaching methods: lectures; tutorials; seminars; collaborative learning; practice simulations;
- # a well-developed field education program, including several student units in key agencies in the health, aging, child and family, drug and alcohol and women's services;
- # good coverage of particular fields of practice such as: mental health; child and family practice; health; aging; substance abuse;
- # excellent student facilities and the backing of a well-resourced major university;
- # the excellent employment record for our graduates in a wide range of fields and job descriptions;
- # a diverse and talented population of students at entry-to-practice, advanced practice and research levels