

Foundation Year Course Exemptions and Transfer Courses

Full and part-time Foundation Year students may qualify for a Foundation course waiver or transfer of some courses. Students may also be able to **transfer** courses from a graduate MSW Program another graduate program to meet selected requirements. We may require the student to submit a syllabus for the course(s) to be transferred. The transfer of credits is governed by University policies as defined in the Graduate Catalogue. The MSW program has been approved to give up to 29 transfer credit hours for graduate-level courses from accredited universities. A request for the transfer of credits must be approved by both the Coordinator of the MSW Program and the Dean of the Graduate School. Once approved, the transfer credit is recorded on the preliminary degree plan developed with the Advisor. UTEP Graduate Catalog delineates the following criteria for the transfer of graduate-level credits:

- The course is equivalent to a graduate-level course at UTEP
- The course has not already been applied to the fulfillment of any other degree program
- A grade of “B” or better was earned
- The credit was not earned through a correspondence course
- The course was not taken beyond the six-year approval limit for the completion of a master’s program.

Students entering the Full- or Part-Time MSW degree plan that received their BSW within 5 years of admission may request a **waiver** for selected courses in the Foundation content. Only the following courses will be eligible for a waiver:

- SOWK 5300: The Social Work Profession
- SOWK 5357: Social Policy I
- SOWK 5360: Social Policy II
- SOWK 5316: Culturally Grounded Social Work

All the Foundation courses will use textbooks that are more advanced, require more extensive readings, and have more rigorous assignments and examinations than that offered at the BSW level. Therefore, the student must have earned an “A” for the course in which they are requesting the waiver. For UTEP BSW courses in which the students earned an “A”, the degree plan will show WAIVED. To be considered for a waiver, the student who received their BSW from an accredited university other than UTEP must submit course syllabi from the courses previously taken in order to ensure comparability. Any alterations to the degree plan must be approved by the Coordinator of the MSW Program.

Practice Course Sequencing

When courses are sequenced, the student must complete the first course in the sequence before they can register for the second course. These include Field Practicum 1 and 2 and Advanced Practicum 1 and 2.

Course Substitution Requests

Students may request a course substitution for a required course but only under extreme medical or family situations. To request a “Course Substitution”, the student’s request must first be approved by the MSW Coordinator. Once approved, the MSW Coordinator and student must work with the faculty instructor or lead faculty instructor (if the course has multiple sections) of the course for which the student is requesting a substitution. The course selected for the substitution must be approved by both the faculty instructor and the MSW Coordinator. Once approved, the MSW Coordinator must inform The Graduate School of the approved course substitution.

OVERVIEW OF CURRICULUM
FULL-TIME (24-MONTH OPTION) (* = Concentration courses)

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Summer 1	SCH	Total
SOWK 5300	The Social Work Profession <i>(may waive with earned A grade in Introduction to Social Work)</i>	3	
SOWK 5331	Theory and Practice with Individuals <i>(no waiver)</i>	3	6

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Fall 1	SCH	Total
SOWK 5335	Foundation Practicum I <i>(linked to internship)</i>	3	
SOWK 5357	Social Policy I <i>(may waive with earned A grade)</i>	3	
SOWK 5380*	Social Work in the Border Region	3	
SOWK 5333	Theory and Practice with Groups	3	12 or
SOWK 5315*	Clinical Assessment	3	15

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Spring 1	SCH	Total
SOWK 5332	Theory and Practice with Families	3	
SOWK 5360	Social Policy II <i>(may waive with earned A grade)</i>	3	
SOWK 5316*	Culturally Grounded Social Work Practice <i>(may waive with earned A grade)</i>	3	
SOWK 5336	Foundation Practicum II <i>(linked to internship)</i>	3	12 or
SOWK	<i>Elective – Upper division course</i>	3	15

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Summer 2	SCH	Total
SOWK	<i>Upper division elective or core course depending on advising</i>	3	3

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Fall 2	SCH	Total
SOWK 5383*/5382*	Theory & Practice with Organizations OR 5382 Multicultural Macro Practice with Communities	3	
SOWK 5370	Research Methods <i>(no waiver)</i>	3	
SOWK	Elective - Upper division course	3	
SOWK 5345*	Advanced Practicum I <i>(linked to internship)</i>	3	12

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Spring 2	SCH	Total
SOWK 5313*	Research Project	3	
SOWK 5383*/5382*	Theory & Practice with Organizations OR 5382 Multicultural Macro Practice with Communities.	3	
SOWK	<i>Elective (total of 3 required) – Upper division courses</i>	3	
SOWK 5346*	Advanced Practicum II <i>(linked to internship)</i>	3	12

Total 60 credit hours (waived courses may reduce total hours needed)

PART-TIME (36-MONTH OPTION) (* = Concentration courses)

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Summer 1	SCH	Total
SOWK 5300	The Social Work Profession <i>(may waive with earned A grade in Introduction to Social Work)</i>	3	3

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Fall 1	SCH	Total
SOWK 5357	Social Policy I <i>(may waive with earned A grade)</i>	3	
SOWK 5380*	Social Work in the Border Region	3	6

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Spring 1	SCH	Total
SOWK 5360	Social Policy II <i>(may waive with earned A grade)</i>	3	
SOWK	Elective – Upper division course OR 5316 Culturally Grounded Social Work	3	6

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Summer 2	SCH	Total
SOWK 5331	Theory and Practice with Individuals	3	
SOWK	Elective – Upper division course	3	6

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Fall 2	SCH	Total
SOWK 5315*	Clinical Assessment	3	
SOWK 5335	Foundation Practicum I (linked to internship)	3	6 or
SOWK 5333	Theory and Practice with Groups	3	9

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Spring 2	SCH	Total
SOWK 5316*	Culturally Grounded Social Work <i>(may waive with earned A grade)</i>	3	
SOWK 5336	Foundation Practicum II (linked to internship)	3	9 or
SOWK 5332	Theory and Practice with Families	3	12

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Summer 3	SCH	Total
*SOWK	Elective – Upper division course	3	3

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Fall 3	SCH	Total
SOWK 5370	Research Methods	3	
SOWK 5383*/5382*	Theory and Practice with Organizations OR Multicultural Macro Practice with Communities	3	
SOWK 5345*	Advanced Practicum I (linked to internship)	3	9

**Part-Time
Program**

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Spring 3	SCH	Total
SOWK 5383*/5382*	Theory and Practice with Organizations OR Multicultural Macro Practice with Communities	3	
SOWK 5346*	Advanced Practicum II (linked to internship)	3	
SOWK 5313*	Research Project	3	9

Total 60 credit hours (*waived courses may reduce total hours needed*)

ADVANCED STANDING (12-MONTH OPTION) (* = Concentration courses)

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Summer	SCH	Total
SOWK 5315*	Clinical Assessment	3	
SOWK 5331	Theory and Practice with Individuals (<i>recommended</i>) or – Upper division elective	3	6

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Fall	SCH	Total
SOWK 5383*/5382*	Theory and Practice with Organizations OR Multicultural Macro Practice with Communities	3	
SOWK 5380*	Social Work in the Border Region	3	
SOWK 5345*	Advanced Practicum I (linked to internship)	3	
SOWK 5333	Theory and Practice with Groups (<i>recommended</i>) or SOWK 5370 Research Methods (<i>recommended</i>) or Upper division elective	3	12

Prefix and Number	Required Courses Spring	SCH	Total
SOWK 5383*/5382*	Theory & Practice with Organizations OR Multi-cultural Macro Practice with Communities	3	
SOWK 5313*	Research Project	3	
SOWK 5346*	Advanced Practicum II	3	
SOWK 5316*	Culturally Grounded Social Work Practice or Upper division elective	3	12
SOWK 5332	Theory & Practice with Families (<i>recommended</i>) or Upper division elective	3	15

Total 30 hours