



MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY SOCIAL WORK

YOUR COURSES

CORE REQUIREMENTS

- Introductory Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to American Politics
- Oral Communication
- Biology of Human Concern
- Methods of Social Research
- Social Welfare Policies & Programs
- Social Work Practice I
- Basic Helping Skills
- Diversity in America
- Human Behavior & the Social Environment
- Social Work Practice II
- Social Work Practice III
- Group Theory & Practice
- Foundation Field Instruction
- Senior Seminar
- Advanced Field Instruction

Select one of the following:

- Substance Abuse
- Aging in America
- Family Child Welfare
- Human Sexuality
- Marital and Family Interaction

OVERVIEW

You already have the most important characteristic needed to be an effective social worker: **compassion for others**. Let Mount Mercy help develop that virtue and passion into a career that will **make a difference** in your community.

Mount Mercy offers coursework on group theory, facilitation, and basic helping skills—subjects other institutions often only glance over.

The Bachelor of Arts in Social Work is versatile, from one-on-one work with individuals and families, to program planning for larger community-based organizations.

Faculty advisors work directly with students to set goals, **assuring success** in and out of the classroom. Mount Mercy's faculty have a wealth of experience, in practical and value fields such as marriage and family therapy, political organization, and in classroom teaching.

FAST FACTS

- Renewable **social work scholarships** available to incoming freshman and transfer students ranging from \$200–\$2,000/year.
- The on-campus **Social Work Organization** works to raise awareness of social issues within the Cedar Rapids community.
- Mount Mercy University's CRST International Graduate Center is home of the Olson Marriage & Family Therapy Clinic.
- Students who graduate from Mount Mercy's social work program may be eligible for "advanced standing" in many Master of Social Work programs.

16%

— growth —

Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 16% by 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations.

—U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

\$49,470

— median annual wage —

The median annual wage for social workers was \$49,470 in May 2018.

—U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



"I am forever thankful for the opportunities, mentorship, and guidance that faculty provided me during my time at Mount Mercy. They all, in various ways, kept me motivated to keep going and get to this point where I am now officially a social worker."

— **Nathan Stern '14**

Master of Social Work Student
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WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SOCIAL WORK DEGREE?

Mount Mercy's social work program prepares students for careers with communities, families, small groups, and individuals.

Graduates from our social work program are prepared to work in a variety of fields, including:

- Child protective services
- In-home family services
- Juvenile and adult corrections
- Substance abuse treatment
- Programs for people with disabilities and for the elderly
- Foster care
- Community development
- Master of Arts in Marriage & Family Therapy

INTERNSHIPS

As a social work major, you are required to complete **foundation field instruction** and **advanced field instruction** during your senior year. **Foundation field** consists of 12 hours of agency placement and 2 hours of seminar each week during the fall semester. **Advanced field** consists of 24 hours of agency placement and 2 hours of seminar each week during spring semester.

Students have interned at:

- Juvenile Court Office
- Tanager Place
- Four Oaks
- Aging Services
- Domestic Violence Programs
- Big Brother/Big Sister Programs
- Goodwill
- Department of Human Services



YEAR ONE

FRESHMAN YEAR

| COURSE | CREDITS |
|--|-----------|
| Oral Communication..... | 3 |
| Introduction to Psychology..... | 3 |
| Introduction to Sociology..... | 4 |
| Biology of Human Concern..... | 3 |
| Introduction to American Politics..... | 3 |
| Writing Competency..... | 3 |
| Portal Course..... | 3 |
| TOTAL | 22 |

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- All social work majors must get at least a C (2.00) in all required social work courses and in SO 215 Methods of Social Research.
- All other courses must be passed with a C-.
- During junior spring semester, students can apply for further acceptance into the major. They must have completed SW 300 and SW 320 and have a GPA of 2.50 or above.



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