

Graduate Institute of Social Work

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Introduction

- 1.The Graduate Institute of Social Work (GISW) was established in 2005. Our mission is to train Master of Social Work (MSW) students to become future professional social workers.
- 2.The MSW program has strong faculty who are experts in a wide range of fields such as child and family, health, mental health, domestic violence and poverty. Our faculty members provide cutting edge knowledge and skills to meet the diverse learning needs of our students.
- 3.When students are doing their field work and completing their master’s thesis, we emphasize connecting and integrating theoretical frameworks with social work practice to meet the needs of the practice-oriented development of professional social work.
- 4.The MSW program actively reflects the globalization of education and highly values cultural sensitivity and human rights.

Instructional Objectives

- To train professional social workers in specialized areas.
- To integrate social work theory and practice.
- To promote interactions between social work practice and academia.
- To increase teaching and research exchange in a global context.



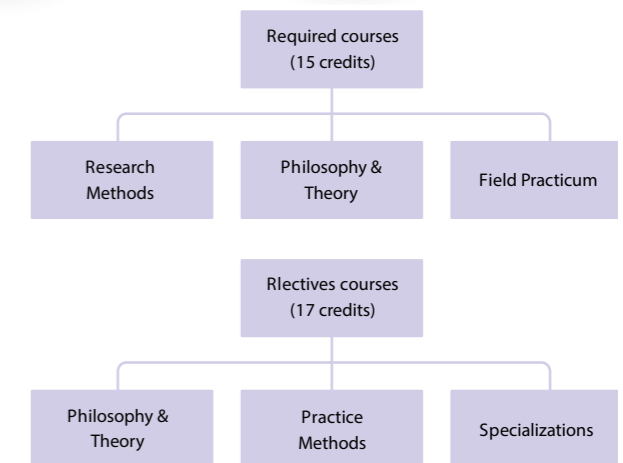
Feature of the Curriculum

- 1.Small class size, diverse students and faculty, and rich academic resources.
- 2.Emphasizing practical experience with flexible field placements. One of the two field placements can be substituted by an elective course if the student’s prior working experience meets all requirements.
- 3.Supporting overseas practicums with local supervision and online meetings with faculty—students have been to Guangzhou, Hong Kong, Mongolia, Malaysia, Myanmar, and United States.
- 4.Providing exchange study opportunities at the sister schools—students have been to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Oslo, and Beijing Normal University.
- 5.Options available for master’s thesis: either a research thesis or a technical report.



Degree Requirements

Students in the MSW program are required to complete 32 credit hours, comprised of required courses and electives. The program has 4 required courses (15 credits), including (1) Advanced Quantitative Research Method for Social Work Studies, (2) Social Work Theory, (3) Field Practicum I & II, and (4) Advanced Social Statistics or Qualitative Research Methods. Each student must select at least 2 elective courses from Practice Methods. The MSW degree requires completion of all courses taken, and a successful oral defense of a thesis.



Career Prospects

- 1.Licensed social workers in governments or non-profit organizations
- 2.Independent social workers in private practice
- 3.Social work administrators
- 4.Policy research staff
- 5.Ph.D. in Social Work

Pursue higher education (social work, social welfare, social science, etc.)	
Other graduate institutes in Taiwan	Graduate institutes in other countries

Employment		
Government Employees	Nonprofit Organizations	Other areas: Academic Research, Children & Youth, Women & Children, Gerontology