

MSW/PHD DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

Advanced Standing Track

Curriculum, Funding, and Application



University at Buffalo

School of Social Work

MSW/PhD Program: Advanced Standing Track Curriculum Overview

Summer	2 MSW Advanced Standing Seminars 1 MSW Elective	
	Fall	Spring
Year 1	MSW Field Placement 2 MSW Advanced Year Courses 2 PhD Courses PhD Scholarship Proseminar (1 cr.)	MSW Field Placement MSW Professional Development Seminar (1 cr.) 2 MSW Advanced Topics Analysis 2 PhD Courses
Year 2	2 MSW Courses 2 PhD Courses PhD Scholarship Proseminar (1 cr.) PhD Research Internship (2 cr.)	4 PhD Courses PhD Scholarship Proseminar (1 cr.) PhD Research Internship (2 cr.)
Year 3	Comprehensive exams & dissertation	
Year 4+	Dissertation	

PhD courses other than the SW-based proseminars and research internship may be taken in sequence and in any department at UB.

MSW/PhD Program: Advanced Standing Track Funding Overview

	Curriculum	Funding
Summer	MSW courses	Self-funded
Year 1	MSW & PhD courses	Tuition waiver ¹
Year 2	MSW & PhD courses	Tuition waiver, Assistantship ²
Year 3	Comprehensive exams & dissertation	Tuition waiver ³ , Assistantship
Year 4+	Dissertation	Self-funded ⁴

- 1 Tuition waiver = full tuition coverage at in-state rate for domestic US students (out-of-state rate for international students) for up to 50 credits.
- 2 Assistantship = 20 hours/week, 12 month appointment; \$16,000 per year.
- 3 Tuition waiver in Year 3 applicable only if students have not reached the 50 credit limit.
- 4 Beginning in Year 4, students must secure their own funding (e.g., working on a faculty research grant, teaching, serving as a field liaison).



MSW/PhD Program: Advanced Standing Track Application Overview

- Online application & fee
- All academic transcripts
- BSW within 6 years
- GRE within 5 years
- Resumé or curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample (in APA style)
- Research statement
- Personal statement (for MSW admission)
- TOEFL required of some international applicants.
- An interview may be requested

Application Deadlines: November 25; February 1; April 1*

*Advanced Standing students start classes in summer and should apply by the first or second deadline

