

UB School of Social Work Practicum Calendar 2025-2026

Part Time Advanced Student Calendar (Spring - Summer 2026)

SW 552 Field Instruction 3 & SW 553 Field Instruction 4

Spring Semester Hours	Summer Semester Hours	Total Hours
255 hours	225 hours	480 hours

Students are in practicum 15 hours per week when practicum is in session throughout 2 semesters.

Spring Semester	Date
Part Time Advanced Year practicum begins	Week of Friday, January 2, 2026
Career Fair* (advanced year students)	Thursday, February 5
MLK Day – UB Observed Holiday - no practicum	Monday, January 19
UB Classes begin for Spring Semester	Week of Wednesday, January 21
Learning Contract due in Sonia	Friday, January 23
Spring UBSSW Practicum Recess – no practicum for 1 week	Monday, March 16 to Sunday, March 22
Mid Evaluation due for students	Friday, April 17
Mid Evaluation due for educators	Friday, April 24
Spring practicum ends the week ending (Mon – Sun)	Sunday, May 3

Summer Semester	Date
Practicum resumes	Week of Monday, May 4
Memorial Day – UB Observed Holiday - no practicum	Monday, May 25
Independence Day – UB Observed Holiday no practicum	Saturday, July 4
Final Evaluation due for students	Friday, July 31
Final Evaluation due for educators	Friday, August 7
Practicum ends the week ending (Mon – Sun)	Sunday, August 16

Calendar Guidelines

- The Practicum Calendar differs from the Academic Calendar. Student schedules for practicum should correspond with the Practicum Calendar. Hours per semester may vary due to fluctuations with each academic year. Total practicum hours remain the same.
- The Final Evaluation is due before the end of practicum. Submit timesheets with projected hours. However, students are required to attend practicum after this to meet their hourly requirement. Failure to comply can result in a change of grade for Practicum.
- The actual day of the week that practicum begins and ends is determined by the schedule arranged between the student and the agency.
- Students are generally expected to be at their practicum site for an 8-hour day. This is based on 7.5 practicum hours with a half-hour lunch break that is not counted toward practicum hours.
- Recess Periods: Students do not need to make up time for missing (not being at) practicum during the periods on the practicum calendar which designate Fall, Winter or Spring recess specific to practicum. However, students in some agencies, i.e. school settings may need to take the designated Spring Break of the school system versus that of the University at Buffalo. In order to get the minimum required hours, students often need to exchange the time off from UB with that of the school if they do not coincide. It is important to discuss this with the Practicum Educator at the time of interview.
- UB Observed Holidays: If a student's typical practicum day falls on an UB Observed Holiday (the student is typically in practicum on that day of the week), he or she is not required to be in practicum on that day; however, the student is required to make up the hours on an alternate day in that semester.
- Students may need to work their practicum hours around their final exams. It is important to discuss this with the Practicum Educator at the time of interview.
- Please note that the practicum resumes before classroom instruction begins in the Spring semester.
- Be aware of SSW policy related to agency training and potential classroom conflicts: "In the rare event that a student is mandated to attend a practicum training that conflicts

with a scheduled course, the instructor will consider resulting absences as excused and follow university policy (See UB SSW Student Handbook.) In such instances, students will notify the practicum education office or their practicum liaisons about the conflict.

- All practicum hours must be completed within the specific semester.
- *Career Fair – Advanced Year Students who seek employment locally in Erie and Niagara County in New York State can gain insights into various career opportunities in the human services sector, network with professionals who are actively seeking new talent and get your questions answered and make valuable connections for your future career. Field Hours Information: Attendance at this event may qualify as field hours. Please consult with your field educator to confirm if your participation can be credited toward your field requirements. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to expand your professional network and learn about potential employment options in your field.
- See estimated hours on last page.

Estimated Hours

Spring Semester

Week (Monday to Sunday)		Estimated Weekly Hours	Estimated Total Hours
12/29/25	01/04/26	15	15
01/05/26	01/11/26	15	30
01/12/26	01/18/26	15	45
01/19/26	01/25/26	15	60
01/26/26	02/01/26	15	75
02/02/26	02/08/26	15	90
02/09/26	02/15/26	15	105
02/16/26	02/22/26	15	120
02/23/26	03/01/26	15	135
03/02/26	03/08/26	15	150
03/09/26	03/15/26	15	165
03/16/26	03/22/26	0	165
03/23/26	03/29/26	15	180
03/30/26	04/05/26	15	195
04/06/26	04/12/26	15	210
04/13/26	04/19/26	15	225
04/20/26	04/26/26	15	240
04/27/26	05/03/26	15	255
Total Spring Semester		255	

Summer Semester

Week (Monday to Sunday)		Estimated Weekly Hours	Estimated Total Hours
05/04/26	05/10/26	15	270
05/11/26	05/17/26	15	285
05/18/26	05/24/26	15	300
05/25/26	05/31/26	15	315
06/01/26	06/07/26	15	330
06/08/26	06/14/26	15	345
06/15/26	06/21/26	15	360
06/22/26	06/28/26	15	375
06/29/26	07/05/26	15	390
07/06/26	07/12/26	15	405
07/13/26	07/19/26	15	420
07/20/26	07/26/26	15	435
07/27/26	08/02/26	15	450
08/03/26	08/09/26	15	465
08/10/26	08/16/26	15	480
Total Summer Semester		225	
Total for Both Semesters		480	