

UB School of Social Work Practicum Calendar 2026-2027

Full Time Advanced Student Calendar (Fall 2026 – Spring 2027)

SW 552 Field Instruction 3 & SW 553 Field Instruction 4

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

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

Fall Semester	Date
Full Time Advanced Year practicum begins	Week of Monday, August 24, 2026
Labor Day – UB Observed Holiday - no practicum	Monday, September 7
Fall Break – practicum in session this week	Monday, Oct. 12 to Tuesday, Oct.13
Advanced Learning Contracts due in Sonia	Friday, September 18
Fall UBSSW Practicum Recess – no practicum for 1 week	Monday, Nov. 23 to Sunday, Nov. 29
Mid-practicum Evaluation due for students	Friday, December 4
Mid-practicum Evaluation due for educators	Friday, December 11
Fall practicum ends the week ending (Mon – Sun)	Sunday, December 13
Winter UBSSW Practicum Recess – no practicum for 2 weeks	Mon., Dec. 14 to Sun, Dec. 27

Spring Semester	Date
Practicum resumes	Week of Mon., December 28, 2026
New Years Day UB Observed Holiday – no practicum	Friday, January 1, 2027
Career Fair* (advanced students)	Thursday, February 4
MLK Day – UB Observed Holiday - no practicum	Monday, January 18
UB Classes begin for Spring Semester	Wednesday, January 20
Spring UBSSW Practicum Recess – no practicum for 1 week	Mon., March 15 to Sun., Mar 21
Final Evaluation due for students	Friday, April 16
Final Evaluation due for educators	Friday, April 23
Spring practicum ends the week ending (Mon – Sun)	Sunday, May 2

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), the student 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. Practicum Hours Information: Attendance at this event may qualify as practicum hours. Please consult with your practicum educator to confirm if your participation can be credited toward your practicum 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

Fall Semester

Week (Monday to Sunday)		Estimated Weekly Hours	Estimated Total Hours
08/24/26	08/30/26	15	15
08/31/26	09/06/26	15	30
09/07/26	09/13/26	15	45
09/14/26	09/20/25	15	60
09/21/26	09/27/26	15	75
09/28/26	10/04/26	15	90
10/05/26	10/11/26	15	105
10/12/26	10/18/26	15	120
10/19/26	10/25/26	15	135
10/26/26	11/01/26	15	150
11/02/26	11/08/26	15	165
11/09/26	11/15/26	15	180
11/16/26	11/22/26	15	195
11/23/26	11/29/26	0	195
11/30/26	12/06/26	15	210
12/07/26	12/13/26	15	225
12/14/26	12/20/26	0	225
12/21/26	12/27/26	0	225
Total Fall Semester		225	

Spring Semester

Week (Monday to Sunday)		Estimated Weekly Hours	Estimated Total Hours
12/28/26	01/03/27	15	240
01/04/27	01/10/27	15	255
01/11/27	01/17/27	15	270
01/18/27	01/24/27	15	285
01/25/27	01/31/27	15	300
02/01/27	02/07/27	15	315
02/08/27	02/14/27	15	330
02/15/27	02/21/27	15	345
02/22/27	02/28/27	15	360
03/01/27	03/07/27	15	375
03/08/27	03/14/27	15	390
03/15/27	03/21/27	0	390
03/22/27	03/28/27	15	405
03/29/27	04/04/27	15	420
04/05/27	04/11/27	15	435
04/12/27	04/18/27	15	450
04/19/27	04/25/27	15	465
04/26/27	05/02/27	15	480
Total Spring Semester		255	
Total for Both Semesters		480	