

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES PRESENTS: METHODS, PATHWAYS, & FIELD OF PRACTICE SPECIALIZATIONS (FOPS)

(Transcript for video)

PATHWAYS

The timeframe by which you move through your MSW Program.

The five pathways are as follows:

- Two-Year Time Frame (TYTF)
- One Year Residency (OYR)
- Accelerated Full Time and OYR
- Advanced Standing
- Dual Degree

Your Pathway Informs the Following:

- When you begin the program.
- When you start Field Placement.
- Which pathway grid you follow.
- What courses to register for.
- Required credits for your degree.
- When you submit Field paperwork.

All deadlines and dates are announced via your myHunter e-mail!

Always consult your Academic Advisor if you have questions about:

- Course Registration
- Academic Issues
- Field of Practice Specializations

METHODS

Your method informs your course of study in pursuing your MSW degree.

The Methods are as follows:

- Clinical Practice with Individuals, Families & Groups
- Community Organizing, Planning & Development
- Organizational Management & Leadership
- Various Dual Degrees

You take methods courses in addition to the general requirements all students must complete. You must also take them concurrent with your field placement.

Consult and follow your [pathway grid](#) to confirm your schedule of required courses.

FIELD OF PRACTICE SPECIALIZATION (FOPS)

A Field of Practice Specialization (FOPS), **although not required**, will equip you with an area of expertise that will enhance your MSW degree.

If you are interested in pursuing an FOP Specialization, please talk with your Academic or Field Advisor, and the FOP Chair.

The FOPS include the following:

- Aging
- Children, Youth & Families
- Community-Based Mental Health
- Criminal Justice
- Global Social Work & Practice with Immigrants
- Health
- School Social Work
- Sexuality & Gender

Requirements for completing and FOP Specialization:

- An appropriate second or residency (OYR) field practicum.
- A Professional Seminar (790) project and/or Research topic related to your FOP.
- At least one (1) elective option that falls under the FOP.

Additional Information

Professional Seminar

The capstone course for your MSW. You will prepare a paper or project that focuses on a practice or policy issue that matters to you.

Licensure Central

A website that houses information and resources to help you prepare for the licensing exam throughout your MSW program.

QUESTIONS?

Visit an Academic Advisor - Rooms 316A & 316B
Reach out to Student Services – Rooms 303 & 304
Visit the [Student Services Website](#).