MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW) PROGRAM
DISTANCE EDUCATION OPTION

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
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AGENDA

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- Tuition and Fees
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WHAT IS THE MSW PROGRAM DISTANCE EDUCATION OPTION?

- Provides the opportunity for students to earn an MSW degree through distance education technology in their communities.
- Classes are delivered via interactive television, computer-based delivery, face-to-face onsite and hybrid approaches.
- Three-year schedule.
- One or two-year Advanced Standing option available for students with a BSW degree.
What is the MSW Program Distance Education Option?

- Required classes are held primarily on weeknights
  - Fall and Spring semesters: Classes meet once per week
  - Optional Summer sessions: Classes meet two to three times per week
- Classes may also have weekend attendance requirements
- Mandatory student orientation is held once a year on O‘ahu (students are responsible for their own travel expenses)
INSTRUCTIONAL MODALITIES & TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- Synchronous (similar to regular classroom settings)
  - Hawaii Interactive Video Service (HITS)
  - Web-based instruction (Blackboard Collaborate)
  - Face-to-face
- Asynchronous (self-directed learning)
  - Completely online courses (Laulima)

- Technology requirements
  - Computer (desktop or laptop) and high-speed, reliable access to the internet
  - More specific information regarding hardware and software requirements can be found at: http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/de/documents/TechnologyRequirements2015.pdf
HITS Classroom Locations

- Kaua‘i Community College
- UH Center, West Hawai‘i at Palamanui
- UH Hilo
- UH Maui College, Hāna Education Center
- UH Maui College (Kahului)
- UH Maui College, Lānaʻi Education Center
- UH Maui College, Molokaʻi Education Center
TUITION AND FEES

- All courses in the DE Option are offered through UH Mānoa Outreach College.

- For Fall 2016 and Spring 2017:
  - Resident tuition: $637 per credit
  - Nonresident tuition: $1,532 per credit

- Outreach College tuition and fee schedule:
  http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu/myuh/fees.asp
## Distance Education Option

### Three-year Schedule (57 credits)

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*For accepted students with a BSW degree*
PRACTICUM

- Supervised internships in community agencies or programs
- Foundation Practicum (regular MSW only)
  - Generalist placement
  - 16 hours per week (225 hours per semester; 450 hours total)
- Concentration Practicum (regular MSW and Advanced Standing)
  - Concentration-specific placement
  - Minimum of 16 hours per week (minimum 450 hours total)
- Summer Block Practicum Option
  - 450 hours over 14 weeks
PRACTICUM

- Students need to be available to participate in practicum during normal business hours

- Practicum at place of employment
  - Additional paperwork and approval required
  - Can be done for only one placement
  - Practicum must be different from current job
  - Must have different supervisor

- Students are required to attend all scheduled practicum orientations and meetings
Electives

- Coursework includes three electives

- Previously offered electives in social work:
  - Inside the DSM
  - Intro to Forensic Social Work
  - Leading in the Human Services Field
  - Treatment of Chemical Dependency
  - Social Work Perspectives on Immigrants and Refugees
  - Group Psychotherapy
  - Marriage and Family Therapy

- Additional concentration practicum hours or research credits can be counted as elective credits

- Can be taken in another discipline (e.g. public health, education, disability studies, psychology, urban planning) – must obtain approval for any courses outside of social work
MSW Program Admission Requirements

- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited U.S. college or university or its equivalent from a recognized foreign institution of higher learning
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 (or its equivalent)
- Background in liberal arts, specifically in the areas of logic/analytical thinking, behavioral science, social science, biological science with an emphasis on human biology, and culture
- Personal qualifications, experience, motivation, and interest that indicate potential for successful graduate social work education and professional practice
MSW PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED STANDING

- BSW degree from a CSWE accredited program; awarded no more than seven years from the time the MSW degree is to be conferred.
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 and no grade lower than a B- in any social work course.
- Background in liberal arts, specifically in the areas of logic/analytical thinking, behavioral science, social science, biological science with an emphasis on human biology, and culture.
- Personal qualifications, experience, motivation, and interest that indicate potential for successful graduate social work education and professional practice.
APPLICATION PROCESS

First, apply to UH Mānoa:
- UH Mānoa Graduate Division
  http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/prospective-students
- There is an application fee ($100)
- Official transcripts required for non-UH coursework

Then, apply to the MSW Program:
- Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
  http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/msw-forms.html
- Mail complete application packet to SSW
- No additional fee to apply
- Separate set of official transcripts is required for non-UH coursework
MBTSSW Application Materials

- MSW Application Form (must be signed)
- Statistical Information Form
- Liberal Arts Background Form
- Resume
- Personal Statement
- One (1) official transcript from EVERY (non-UH) college and university attended in sealed, signed envelopes
- Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (using required form) in sealed, signed envelopes
- SSW Financial Aid Application (optional)
MBTSSW ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR ADVANCED STANDING

- For Personal Statement, follow guidelines for Advanced Standing applicants.
- At least one Letter of Recommendation must be obtained from a teaching or practicum faculty or program/department chair of applicant’s BSW program.
- Copy of the portion of the university or program catalog that provides information on the applicant’s undergraduate social work program degree requirements.
- Copy of senior practicum evaluations and learning contracts.
APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Deadline for all MSW applications:

FEBRUARY 1, 2016 (postmarked)

Send completed School of Social Work MSW application and other required materials to:

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
2430 Campus Road, Gartley Hall
Honolulu, HI 96822
Attn: MSW Admissions
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

- UH Mānoa Financial Aid Services:
  http://www.hawaii.edu/fas/

- School of Social Work Administered Financial Aid:
  http://www.hawaii.edu/sswork/msw-aid.html

- UH Foundation:
  http://www.uhfoundation.org

- Hawaii Community Foundation:
  http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org

- Kamehameha Schools:
  http://www.ksbe.edu/finaid/

... and make sure to research other public & private sources of financial aid. . .
**Contact Us**

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