

Transforming Lives Across Six Time Zones

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Dalhousie Social Work Vision & Mission

- Maritime School of Social Work was founded in 1941 and became part of Dalhousie University in 1969.
- Goal to make Social Work Education both geographically and academically accessible.
- Social Justice
- Diversity & Inclusiveness
- Bachelor and Graduate level programs
- Full time and part time, campus and distance
- Faculty of Health
- Dalhousie University, Halifax Nova Scotia Canada. +19,000 students



In the beginning...

- Online programs began 1999 with less than 20 students
- Delivered by mail
- Rural Nova Scotia students



- 6000 km from N.S. to B.C.
- 6 time zones
- 10 provinces and 3 territories
- 400+ distance students
- Brightspace
- Distance and campus faculty

Social Work Student Data

- Over 400 distance students
- Every province and every territory, urban and rural
- Typical BSW student- working in an entry level career, 25-30 years, completed one undergraduate degree or creating a second career, working full/part time, family commitments
- Typical MSW student aged 30, career advancement, working full time, interested in policy issues and research, family commitments

Manager eLearning Role

- Create schedule for term preparation
- Meet professors to discuss syllabus
- Create Brightspace course template
- Discuss assignment options
- Assist with course technology
- Organize small student groups by region
- Set up gradebook, dropboxes and discussions
- Create how-to videos
- Add weekly content when completed by professor
- Assist students with technology
- Attend web conferences
- Respond to student and professor questions throughout the term

Professors Role

- Develop syllabus
- Select textbook
- Choose course readings
- Record lectures
- Guide Teaching Assistants
- Develop and record lectures
- Live web conferences
- Participate and grade course discussions
- Grade assignments
- Communicate and provide student feedback throughout the term

BSW SEQUENCE OF COURSES - DISTANCE DELIVERY

3 Year Option

Year	Fall Semester	Winter Semester	Spring/Summer
Year 1	SLWK 2111X - Development of Canadian Social Work & Social Welfare	SLWK 2111Y - Development of Canadian Social Work and Social Welfare	SLWK 3012 - Social Welfare Policy
	SLWK 2222 - Advancing Social Justice	SLWK 2444 - Life Processes	Elective (see note below)
Year 2	SLWK 2010 - Intro to Community SLWK Practice	SLWK 2334 - Beginning SLWK Practice	SLWK 2335 - Beginning SLWK Practice con't (Residency: see note below)
	SLWK 3030X - Theoretical Foundations of SLWK Practice	SLWK 3030Y - Theoretical Foundations of SLWK Practice	SLWK 3083 - Intro to Research
			Elective: see note below
Year 3	SLWK 4010X - Advanced SLWK Practice	SLWK 4010Y - Advanced SLWK Practice	
	SLWK 3084 - Understanding Research Methods in SLWK	SLWK 3220 - Cross Cultural Issues in Social Work Practice	
		SLWK 4034 - Field Instruction (Part-time)	➔ SLWK 4035 - Field Instruction (Part-time)
		OR	SLWK 4033 - Field Instruction (Block)

RESIDENCY: Students are required to complete a portion of SLWK 2335 (Beginning Social Work Practice) onsite at Dalhousie University, normally in early May. Students will spend approximately two-weeks on-campus. Students are responsible for all expenses associated with attending residency—airfare, accommodations, meals, materials, etc

ELECTIVES: Electives are offered in the Spring and Summer sessions of each year. All students are required to complete 2 half-credit electives for their BSW degree. Some students may be required to complete more elective credits. Please refer to your Curriculum Advising Form for the total number of electives you require.

FIELD PRACTICE: Students complete a 700-hour field placement in their home community. Students have a choice of a full-time (block) placement from April to August or a part-time placement from January to August of their final year.

Note: Students have the option of revising their course sequence if necessary. Consult the DE team at sswde@dal.ca

Program Highlights

- Brightspace
- Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident living in Canada
- Full time or part time options
- Affirmative Action Policy
- Field placement in your home community
- Same experience on campus and distance
- Weekly modules, course sites available 24/7
- Support from Dalhousie Student Accessibility Centre
- Scholarships available

Bachelor of Social Work BSW

- Previous university credits or completion of a degree
- 700 hour Field Placement in home community
- Entry to practice- professional program
- 2 Week Residency in Halifax

Master of Social Work MSW

- Completed a BSW degree
- 450 hour Field Placement in home community
- Career advancement
- Thesis option
- Critical clinical, social justice, anti-oppressive

course Home Content Discussions Assessments ▾ My Tools ▾ Help ▾ Course Admin

Wendy, Welcome to SLWK 3030 ▾



Announcements ▾

Calendar ▾

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 ▶

Instructor Information ▾



Dal Social Work Field

- Students complete Field Practicum in their home community
- Option to complete full time or part time hours
- Participate in online seminars throughout their course
- Meet regularly with Field supervisor, Field instructor
- BSW students complete Framework for Practice paper
- MSW complete 450 hours
- BSW complete 700 hours
- School of Social Work Distance Field staff

Student assignment groups organized by time zone
Live web conferences
Recorded lectures

School of Social Work staff dedicated to distance programs
20-25 sections of courses taught by term



**DALHOUSIE
UNIVERSITY**

Diversity of student experience by regions of Canada
Student representatives on School Committees;
Distance professors from across Canada;
Affirm differences; Engagement, responsibility;
Leading change

Online Community site available for all students, faculty and staff.
Meeting space, announcements, school news.
Creating a safe space for learning.
Leading transformative learning through a social justice lens;
Evolve as a student and bring your knowledge to your home community