# McGill School of Social Work BSW Advising

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## **BSW Curriculum**

- Consists of 30 courses = 90 credits
  - 21 courses are "required SWRK" courses = 63 credits
  - 2 courses are "complementary SWRK" courses = 6 credits (SWRK)
  - 5 courses are "complementary" = 15 credits (Not "SWRK")
    - Of these 5 courses (15 credits), 2 courses (6 credits) must be at 300 level or higher, or 3 courses (9 credits) must be in the same discipline (Not "SWRK")
    - See our Approved Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Prpgrams, Literature & Civilization courses on the BSW website: <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/prospective/bsw/formsmanuals</u>
  - 2 courses are "electives" = 6 credits (Non-SWRK)

## Can I exceed 90 credits?

- Students are *not permitted to exceed the 90 credits* for the BSW
- Only with justification and the written approval of their academic advisor in the School of Social Work *and* the approval of the Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts can students exceed the 90 credits for the BSW.
- https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/files/oasis/exceeding\_the\_ba\_degree.pdf
- See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning/requirements">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning/requirements</a>
- See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/degree-planning-guide</a>

## **Residency Requirements & Grade Requirements**

- Students must complete a minimum of 60 credits at McGill University toward the fulfilment of the BSW degree requirements
- At least two-thirds of all program requirements must normally be completed at McGill
- This means that students are permitted to take up to 30 credits towards the BSW degree external to McGill University (some restrictions and regulations apply)
- See: <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2018-</u> 2019/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_residency\_reqs

## Up to 30 credits External to McGill

- All students are permitted to take up to 30 credits external to McGill towards the BSW program
- As a first step, students consult with their academic advisor for approval in terms of how any external course meets with the BSW program requirements
- If the course is offered in another university in the province of Québec.
  - See: <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/application-process/inter-university-transfer-iut-including-online</u>
- If the course is external to the province of Québec.
  - See: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/plan-prepare">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/away/plan-prepare</a>
- Courses taken at another university must be assessed for course content on McGill's <u>Course Equivalency System</u>.
  - See: <a href="https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency">https://nimbus-ssl.mcgill.ca/exsa/search/searchEquivalency</a>

## **Required Courses:**

- Required courses are mandatory courses that must be completed to fulfil the BSW program
- Students have no choices among required courses.
- It is possible to request an exemption from a required course
- The BSW program is comprised of 63 credits of required SWRK courses

## **Complementary Courses:**

- *Complementary courses* are selected from a restricted list from which students choose; the aim is to give students exposure to specialized areas of practice.
- The BSW program is comprised of 6 credits of complementary SWRK courses (SWRK)
- The BSW program is also comprised of 15 complementary credits from Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Programs, Literature & Civilization (Not SWRK)
- NOTE: Students must respect any restrictions or prerequisites listed in the university calendar. If instructor permission is required, students must follow up with the specific instructor in the particular department and go through <u>their</u> <u>administrative office to get an override to register</u>. Permission must be obtained prior to course registration.

\*\*\* see BSW Plan of Study section of website \*\*\*

## **Elective Courses:**

- The BSW program is comprised of 2 elective courses = 6 elective credits
- Electives are Not SWRK courses
- Electives are courses taken for credit from *any academic Faculty and any department*.
- Elective courses are 200+ level
- The only exceptions to taking 200+ level courses as electives are:
- Math courses & FYI seminars
- Language courses, where the appropriate level is determined by a placement test administered by the department offering the course

See <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/incoming-u1/course-selection">https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/students/new/incoming-u1/course-selection</a>

## \*\*\* see BSW Plan of Study section of website \*\*\*

# ONLY ELECTIVES can be taken ONLINE ONLY ELECTIVES can be taken as S/U

- ONLY elective courses can be taken online in our BSW program
- ONLY elective courses can be taken with the S/U grading option
- Required and complementary courses may not be taken online or graded as S/U
- A maximum of 6 credits of elective courses can be taken online and/or graded with the S/U option towards the BSW program
- See <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/study/2018-</u> 2019/faculties/arts/undergraduate/ug\_arts\_course\_reqs#booknode-67070

Tip: Students interested in the MSW might consider taking a *statistics course as an elective or non-SWRK complementary course* during their BSW or prior undergraduate studies.

## Advising Tip: Complementary Courses (Not SWRK)

- ANY course can be selected from the <u>BSW Approved Social Sciences</u>, <u>Humanities, Literature & Civilization Complementary Courses and/or Electives</u> (See BSW website - BSW Forms & Advising Documents)
- This list also includes a selection of Interdisciplinary programs
- 200+ level courses external to this list may be used as "electives"
- Make every effort to take Non-SWRK courses in U1 because there are 2 full days of field placement training AND SWRK courses in U2 & U3
- If a non-SWRK course is full, get on the waiting list and/or check Minerva regularly up to the end of Add/Drop
- If a Non-SWRK course requires a prerequisite or permission, questions are directed to the department which offers the Non-SWRK course

## **Complementary Courses: Not "SWRK"**

- 15 credits from *any* course from *any* discipline in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Literature & Civilization and specified interdisciplinary programs (Not SWRK)
- Of these 15 credits, 9 credits must be from the SAME discipline OR 6 credits must be at the 300+ level

| SOCIAL SCIENCES:  |   |
|---|---|
| Anthropology (ANTH)   | Linguistics (LING)  |
| Economics (ECON)  | Political Science (POLI)                                    |
| Geography (GEOG)  | Psychology (PSYC)   |
| History (HIST)  | Sociology (SOCI)  |
| HUMANITIES:   |   |
| Art History & Communication Studies (ARTH)                  | Music (MUAR)  |
| English (ENGL)  | Philosophy (PHIL)   |
| Gender, Sexuality, Feminist & Social Justice Studies (GSFS) | Religious Studies (RELG)                                    |
| INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS:                                 |   |
| Canadian Studies (CANS)                                     | International Development Studies (INTD)                    |
| Indigenous Studies (INDG)                                   | African Studies (AFRI)                                      |
| Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS)                 | Gender, Sexuality, Feminist & Social Justice Studies (GSFS) |

# Complementary Courses: Not "SWRK", continued...

#### Same rules – just a reminder:

- 15 credits from any course from any discipline in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Literature & Civilization and specific interdisciplinary programs (Not SWRK)
- Of these 15 credits, 9 credits must be from the SAME discipline OR 6 credits must be at the 300-level or higher
- From the below list of "Literature & Civilization" programs and departments, students are permitted to select any
  course except ALL language courses to fulfill the 15 complementary credits. ALL language courses CAN be taken
  as electives:

| Literature & Civilization: |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Classics (CLAS)            | Islamic Studies (ISLA) |
| East Asian Studies (EAST)  | Italian Studies (ITAL) |
| French Studies (FREN)      | Jewish Studies (JWST)  |
| German Studies (GERM)      | Russian Studies (RUSS) |
| Hispanic Studies (HISP)    | Spanish Studies (HISP) |

# **ELECTIVE COURSES, RESTRICTIONS & PREREQUISITES**

### Same rules – just a reminder:

- 200+ level with specific exceptions: Math; FY seminars; language courses
- Elective courses are taken for credit from *any academic Faculty and any department*
- Only electives can be taken online and only up to 6 credits online

### School of Continuing Studies courses do not count towards an Arts degree except:

 With subject numbers that do not start with a C (exception CHEM and certain McGill Writing Centre courses that begin with CEAP or CESL — see the eCalendar) are accepted for credit towards your BSW

Other acceptable Continuing Studies courses for credit *as an elective* include:

- CEAP 250 Research Essay & Rhetoric
- CESL 300 ESL: Academic English 2
- CESL 400 ESL: Essay & Critical Thinking
- CESL 500 ESL: Research Essay and Rhetoric
- As well as CCOM 300: Writing and Community Action, offered by McGill Writing Centre

See <u>https://mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses/continuing-studies-courses</u> for Continuing Studies courses that do not count for credit as electives.

\*\*\* see BSW Plan of Study section of website \*\*\*

# Restrictions & prerequisites for Complementary and/or Elective courses (not SWRK)

- Students must respect any restrictions or prerequisites listed in the university calendar for all SWRK and non-SWRK courses
- If instructor permission is required for complementary and elective courses (not SWRK), students must follow up with the *specific instructor in the particular department and go through their administrative office to get an override to register*.
- Permission must be obtained prior to course registration

## \*\*\* see BSW Plan of Study section of website \*\*\*

# U1 Advising Tip: Take Non-SWRK complementary courses & electives in U1

- For full-time students pursuing the 90-credits BSW over 3 years, it is strongly advised to take as many non-SWRK complementary courses and electives as possible in U1
- In U1, full-time students have 5 "required" SWRK courses (= 15 credits); this leaves room for 5 non-SWRK complementary courses and/or electives (= 15 credits)
- For full-time students who have completed all courses needed to enter U2 field placement, field placement training takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays (sometimes on Fridays as well) during U2 and U3; this field placement training means that students will have a limited timetable in U2 and U3 to complete the non-SWRK complementary courses and electives

## Courses taken in U1

| Required social work courses (15 credits)   | Credits |
|---|---------|
| SWRK 220 History & Philosophy of SW (Fall)  | 3       |
| SWRK 221 Public Soc. Services in Canada (Fall)  | 3       |
| SWRK 224 Human Dev Across the Lifespan (Fall) ***   | 3       |
| SWRK 222 Introduction to Practicum (Winter)   | 3       |
| SWRK 223 Poverty and Inequality (Winter)  | 3       |
| Complementary Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Programs, Literature & Civilization (Fall)   | 3       |
| Complementary Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Programs, Literature & Civilization (Fall)   | 3       |
| Complementary Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Programs, Literature & Civilization (Winter) | 3       |
| Complementary Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Programs, Literature & Civilization (Winter) | 3       |
| Complementary Social Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Programs, Literature & Civilization (Winter) | 3       |
| *** Eligible for an Exemption?  |         |
|   |         |

## Courses taken in U2

| Required social work courses<br>(24 credits)                            | Credits |
|---|---------|
| SWRK 320 Practice with Individuals & Families 1 (Fall)                  | 3       |
| SWRK 321 Introduction to Practice with Groups (Fall)                    | 3       |
| SWRK 322 Field Practice 1 (Fall)  | 3       |
| SWRK 325 Anti-Oppression Social Work Practice (Fall)                    | 3       |
| SWRK 323 Field Practice 2 (Winter)                                      | 3       |
| SWRK 326 Practice with Individuals & Families 2 (Winter)                | 3       |
| SWRK 327 Approaches to Community Practice (Winter)                      | 3       |
| SWRK 344 Integrative Seminar I (Winter)                                 | 3       |
| Plus 6 complementary (SWRK and/or Non-SWRK)/elective credits (Non-SWRK) |         |

## Courses taken in U3

| Required social work courses (24 credits)                               | Credits |
|---|---------|
| SWRK 420 Advanced Field Practice 1 - Fall                               | 3       |
| SWRK 421 Advanced Field Practice 2 - Winter                             | 3       |
| SWRK 423 Social Work Research (Fall) ***                                | 3       |
| SWRK 424 Mental Health and Illness (Fall)                               | 3       |
| SWRK 428 Social Policy & Administration (Fall)                          | 3       |
| SWRK 422 Integrative Seminar II (Winter)                                | 3       |
| SWRK 445 First Peoples & Social Work (Winter)                           | 3       |
| SWRK 525 Critical Thought & Ethics in Social Work (Winter)              | 3       |
| Plus 6 complementary (SWRK and/or Non-SWRK)/elective credits (Non-SWRK) |         |
| *** Eligible for an Exemption?  |         |

## Social work (SWRK) complementary courses: 2018-2019 \*\*\*

#### Second Year (U2)

- SWRK 342
   Practice with GLBT-S People
- SWRK 354 Social Work in the Health Field

### Third Year (U3)

- SWRK 400 Policy & Practice for Refugees
- SWRK 434 Practice with Involuntary Clients
- SWRK 463 Social Work Practice with Older Adults
- SWRK 493 Seminar on Child Protection
- SWRK 510
   Disability and Rehabilitation
- SWRK 532 International Social Work
- SWRK 535 Addictions
- IDFC 500 Indigenous Field Studies

\*\*\* Check the School of Social Work website and then check Minerva class schedule to see if the course is offered; it almost always is!

# Am I eligible for an Exemption from a required course? [CEGEP] – Slide 1/2

BSW students are eligible for an exemption from the following two courses based on having completed an equivalent course at CEGEP:

- SWRK 224, Human Development Across the Lifespan
- SWRK 423, Social Work Research
- In order for a CEGEP course to be considered "equivalent", students MUST provide their exact course syllabus & a copy of their CEGEP transcript via email to Julia.krane@mcgill.ca for evaluation of an exemption.
- *Human Development courses* that cover only one aspect of development (infancy, childhood or adolescence or older adults etc.) do **NOT** qualify for this exemption.
- If granted an exemption from SWRK 224 and/or SWRK 423, students MUST replace the course with a 3-credit SWRK complementary course. The exemption will be noted on students' unofficial transcript and students will be notified.

## Does my CEGEP "Human Development Across the Lifespan" meet the Prerequisite for the MSW & CFT programs? [CEGEP] – Slide 2/2

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- An exemption from SWRK 224 "Human Development Across the Lifespan" based on an *equivalent* course taken at CEGEP meets the prerequisite for admission into the MSW at McGill with a minimum grade of 70%
- Keep a copy of your CEGEP "Human Development Across the Lifespan" course syllabus for the exact term and year in which you took the course, and a copy of your CEGEP transcript to confirm their grade.
- Students MUST upload these two documents with their MSW application at McGill
- For questions regarding this prerequisite to the MSW program at McGill, contact Lillian lannone at <u>Lillian.iannone@mcgill.ca</u>
- Note: All applicants to the M.Sc.(A.) in Couple and Family Therapy MUST complete a 3-credit Human Development Across the Lifespan course *at the university level*, as mandated by the professional orders (OTSTCFQ & OPQ) for the CFT/TCF professions. There are no exceptions.
- For questions regarding this prerequisite to the M.Sc. (A.) in Couple and Family Therapy program, contact Carmela Sciandra at msca.cft@mcgill.ca

## Am I eligible for an Exemption from a required course? [University course taken]

If a student has previously taken an "equivalent" course in Human Development Across the Lifespan and/or Social Work Research Methods <u>at another university (BUT NOT IN A SOCIAL WORK FACULTY OR SCHOOL</u>) and wants the course to be considered as an exemption for SWRK 224 and/or SWRK 423, students MUST submit an equivalency request via McGill Equivalency System

 If granted an exemption, students will receive 0 credits and MUST take a complementary course(s) in social work (SWRK)

If a student has previously taken the equivalent of 224 or 423 IN A SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM at another university, then students MUST submit an equivalency request via McGill Equivalency System

- If the course is assessed as equivalent, transfer credits are granted and students are NOT required to take a complementary SWRK course
- Transfer credits will be noted on students' unofficial transcripts and students will be notified

## **Exemptions & GPA**

- BSW students are eligible to be granted an exemption from SWRK 224 and/or SWRK 423
- If granted an exemption, the exemption will be indicated on the student's McGill transcript with 0 credits
- Students are required to replace the exempted course with an SWRK complementary course
- The grade received for the replacement SWRK complementary course is included in the calculation of the student's GPA.

# Can I take any SWRK complementary courses during U1, U2, or U3?

- Social Work complementary courses (SWRK) at the 300 level are only open to BSW students in U2
- Social Work complementary courses (SWRK) at the 400 level are only open to BSW students in U3
- If a student wishes to take a 300 level or 400 level Social Work complementary course (SWRK) but is not in the academic year in which the course is open, the student discusses this request with their academic advisor
- If the academic advisor supports this request, the student then requests permission for a program override from the course instructor, in writing.
- If permission to take the course is granted, the student forwards the written permission to their academic advisor and Maria Pacheco, Student Affairs Coordinator.
- Once written approval is received, the student will be informed of the override via email, and the student can now register for the course

## Can I take 600 level courses in U1, U2 or U3?

- BSW U3 students are permitted to take a maximum of two 600-level courses if the following conditions are met:
- Students have a minimum CGPA of 3.30
- As a first step, the student discusses this request with their academic advisor
- Students have also obtained *written approval from the course instructor and* their academic advisor
- *For full instructions go to:* https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/programs/course/graduate

## **BSW Grades – "C" or Better:**

- All REQUIRED & COMPLEMENTARY courses used to fulfil the BSW degree must be completed with a grade of C or better
- ONLY for an elective course will the grade of D be counted for credit
- ONLY for an elective course can a student choose the S/U grading option
- This policy concerns ALL courses completed while *in the BSW program*, not courses taken prior to entering the BSW program and being transferred into the BSW program.
- If a student does not complete a required course with a C or better, the grade is considered a failure ("D" or "F",

| Grades   | Grade Points | Numerical Scale of Grades |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------|
| А        | 4.0          | 85 - 100%                 |
| A-       | 3.7          | 80 - 84%                  |
| B+       | 3.3          | 75 - 79%                  |
| В        | 3.0          | 70 - 74%                  |
| В-       | 2.7          | 65 - 69%                  |
| C+       | 2.3          | 60 - 64%                  |
| С        | 2.0          | 55 - 59%                  |
| D        | 1.0          | 50 - 54%                  |
| F (Fail) | 0            | 0 - 49%                   |

<sup>&</sup>quot;J" or "KF")

## **Other Grades:**

| J        | unexcused absence (failed); the student is registered for a course but does not write the final examination or do other required work; calculated as a failure in the TGPA and CGPA  |
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| К        | incomplete; deadline extended for submission of work in a course   |
| KE or K* | further extension granted  |
| KF       | failed to meet the extended deadline for submission of work in a course; calculated as a failure in TGPA and CGPA  |
| KK       | completion requirement waived; not calculated in TGPA or CGPA  |
| L        | deferred examination   |
| LE or L* | permitted to defer examination for more than the normal period   |
| NR       | no grade reported by the instructor (recorded by the Registrar)  |
| Ρ        | pass; not calculated in TGPA or CGPA   |
| Q        | course continued in next term (applicable only to courses taken pre-Fall 2002)   |
| W        | withdrew; a course dropped, with permission, after the Course Change deadline; not calculated in TGPA or CGPA  |
| WF       | withdrew failing; a course dropped, with special permission in an exceptional case, after faculty deadline for<br>withdrawal from course, the student's performance in the course at that stage being on the level of an F; not<br>calculated in TGPA or CGPA (Not used by Music.) |
| WL       | faculty permission to withdraw from a deferred examination; not calculated in TGPA or CGPA   |
| NA or && | grade not yet available  |
| W or     | no grade; student withdrew from the University, not calculated in TGPA or CGPA   |

# What do I do? I failed a course...

#### Failing a **REQUIRED** course:

- If a student does not complete a **required** course with a C or better, this is considered a failure ("D" or "F", "J" or "KF")
- The student must either pass the supplemental examination if this option is available OR repeat the course
- Course substitution is allowed only in special cases; students should consult their academic advisor in this case
- A student is permitted to repeat a failed course only once. Thereafter, the student must appeal to the Associate Dean (Student Affairs) for permission. If permission is denied by the Associate Dean and/or the appeals committee, the student must withdraw from the program.
- A failing grade of "D", "F", "J" or "KF" does NOT get removed from the transcript and CGPA IS affected by the grade

#### Failing a COMPLEMENTARY course:

- If a student does not complete a complementary course with a C or better, the grade is considered a failure ("D" or "F", "J" or "KF")
- The student may replace the failed course with another appropriate complementary course OR retake the same course
- If the same course is repeated, credit will be given only once
- If the grade for the complementary course from the social sciences, humanities, literature and civilization disciplines
  was a "D", this course can be considered an elective in the BSW program
- A failing grade of "D", "F", "J" or "KF" does NOT get removed from the student record and CGPA is affected by the grade
- See: <u>https://www.mcgill.ca/oasis/advising/common-issues/failing-0</u>

# Can I request that my course work be graded as S/U and not a letter grade?

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- The <u>Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) option</u> is an alternative grading scheme for ELECTIVE courses only
- Students may take only one S/U course per term, to a maximum of 10% of total McGill "resident" credits
- BSW students are permitted to take up to 6 credits of "elective" courses with the S/U grading option
- Grades of A through C are converted to "Satisfactory" (S)
- Grades of D, F, and J are converted to "Unsatisfactory" (U)
- Courses taken under the S/U option ARE EXCLUDED from (GPA) calculations, but ARE INCLUDED in the attempted credits total.
- With the grade of "S", students receive credit for the course; with a grade of "U", no credit is received

## How do I select the S/U option?

- Students must decide to have an elective course graded as S/U before the course change deadline on Minerva as part of the Student Menu > Registration Menu > Quick Add or Drop Course Sections Menu
- Students cannot make any changes after the course change deadline
- Step 1: Go to the "Quick Add or Drop Course Sections" tool under the Registration Menu in Minerva.
- Step 2: In the "Course Grade Mode" drop down menu for the elective course, select the "Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory" grade mode.
- Step 3: Click "Submit" at the bottom of the menu to save the change.
- Note: Students can only add or remove the S/U grading option until the end of the course change period (Add/Drop deadline). No changes to the grading mode can be made after this deadline.
- <u>https://mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/courses/satisfactoryunsatisfactory-option</u>

# **Reassessment Policy – Faculty of Arts**

- In accordance with the Charter of Student Rights, and subject to the conditions stated therein, students have the right to consult any written submission for which they have received a mark and the right to discuss this submission with the examiner.
- The Faculty of Arts recognizes two types of reassessments or rereads:
  - Reassessment of coursework (term papers, mid-terms, assignments, quizzes, etc.);
  - Reread for a final exam.
- In both cases, rather than re-correct the work and then grade it as they would have done themselves, independent reviewers assess the appropriateness of the original grade based... on the application of the grading key to the student's work. If a grade is deemed unfair, it is changed, whether the new grade is higher or lower than the original – i.e. the reviewer's grade takes precedence over the original grade.
- Reassessment of coursework is *administered and conducted solely by the School of Social Work*
- To request a reassessment of coursework, students should contact the Director, Nico Trocmé, in writing to make this request; append a copy of the graded coursework and the instructor's grading grid.
- Professor Trocmé will forward the graded coursework and the instructor's grading grid to a member of faculty with a request for a reassessment of the submitted work.
- SEE: <u>https://mcgill.ca/oasis/academic/exams-evaluations/reassessment-and-rereads</u>

## **Transfer Students, Mature Students & Transfer Credits**

- For transfer students or Intra/Inter-Faculty Transfer (IFT) students, up to a *maximum of* 18 previously completed credits from other universities, or from another program at McGill in the case of IFTs, are assessed individually for transfer at the point of admission. These credits may be transferred from a completed degree or an incomplete degree.
- Any online courses taken by transfer students or Intra/Inter-Faculty Transfer (IFT) students, up to a maximum of 6 credits, can ONLY count as electives
- ALL transfer credit courses <u>MUST</u> be evaluated as equivalent to courses in the Social Sciences, Humanities, Literature & Civilization disciplines and the specific interdisciplinary programs identified as part of the BSW for complementary courses OR as equivalent to McGill courses as electives.
- ALL students who receive up to 18 transfer credits *MUST* establish course equivalency
  - For instructions on the transfer credit process, please see the BSW Transfer Credit Equivalence Form at: <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/prospective/bsw/formsmanuals">https://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/prospective/bsw/formsmanuals</a>
- Mature students CANNOT obtain ANY transfer credits for any courses taken in their previous studies or advanced standing for prerequisites or other courses completed prior to starting the BSW.

## Transfer Credits, Courses/Term & GPA

- Transfer credits for courses taken at **another university** <u>prior to entering the BSW</u> will be indicated on your McGill transcript. The grades you received for these courses do not transfer, nor will the grades be included in the calculation of your GPA
- Transfer credits for courses taken at McGill prior to entering the BSW (students admitted as Intra/Inter-Faculty Transfer to the BSW) will be indicated on your McGill transcript. The credits and GPA for the courses that are transferred will roll over into your BSW transcript and be part of your GPA. Credits and GPA for courses that are not transferred will be excluded from your record.
- Transfer credits do not appear in specific academic terms of study. They function to reduce the total number of credits to complete your BSW program, i.e., when 18 transfer credits are granted, you must complete 72 credits for your BSW program
- Whether completing 90 credits or less (i.e., 72), to be full time, you must be registered for 12-15 credits per term; to be part-time, you must be registered for 9 credits or less per term

## **Important Documents**

• See:

https://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/prospective/bsw/formsmanuals for the following important documents:

- <u>BSW Program Record Form</u> (For U1 students entering as of September 2017)
- BSW Tutorial Form
- BSW Advising Session 2019
- <u>BSW Approved Social Sciences, Humanities, Literature & Civilization</u> <u>Complementary Courses and/or Electives</u>
- BSW Transfer Credit Equivalence Form

## Summer courses

- Summer course registration opens late in Winter term
- The maximum number of credits students may take in the Summer term is 12 credits
- This credit total includes McGill courses and courses taken at another host university during the Summer term
- SWRK courses begin in May usually run twice a week for 6 weeks
- Students may take a maximum of two courses in Arts, Education, Engineering, Management, or Science, in any one Summer session (May, June, or July session).
- To register for more than two courses in Arts, Education, Engineering, Management, and Science—or more than one course in other faculties, McGill students must obtain written permission from their faculty
- The McGill schedule of lectures in Summer courses is very intensive; therefore, students may not register for more than two courses in any one McGill Summer term.

## **Field Placements for U2**

- To enter the U2 field placement, 24 of 90 credits must be completed (*all* SWRK U1 & U2 required courses see next slide)
- Full-time students doing course work at the same time as their field placement are in placement from September until mid-April
- Field placement ceases at Christmas and Study Break.
- Field placement is on Tuesdays and Thursdays; some placements require students to be available at alternate times
- The U2 field placement amounts to approximately 400 hours, however students remain in field placements until the end of the course date, regardless of hours accrued
- In BSW U2, the field courses are SWRK 322 and SWRK 323 Note: Pass/Fail based on goals and evaluation by field supervisors

## U2 Field Placement Advising Tip:

- Students must have completed a minimum number of 24 credits to begin the second year (U2) field placement.
- These 24 credits are comprised of all U1 required courses (SWRK 220, SWRK 221, SWRK 224, SWRK 222, and SWRK 223) and any combination of SWRK complementary, Social Science complementary, and/or Electives courses totalling 24 credits.
- Second year (U2) students cannot do block placement

All questions concerning the field placement component of the BSW program are addressed to Francine Granner, BSW Field Education Coordinator at <u>field.socialwork@mcgill.ca</u>

## **Field Placements for U3**

- To enter the U3 field placement, 54 of the 90 credits must be completed (including *all* U1 & U2 SWRK required courses)
- Full-time students who are completing coursework at the same time as their field placement are in field placement from September until mid-April
- Field placement ceases at Christmas and Study Break
- Field placement takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays; some field placements require students to be available at alternate times
- Field placements in hospitals (Jewish General and MUHC system) & Batshaw (Evaluation & Orientation) include an additional <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day, generally Fridays
- The U3 field placement amounts to approximately 400 hours, however students remain in field placements until the end of the course date, regardless of hours accrued
- In BSW U3, the field courses are SWRK 420 and SWRK 421
   Note: Pass/Fail based on goals and evaluation by field supervisors

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