

MSW FOUNDATION PROGRAM FLOW

Students are responsible for their own registration. Registration time tickets are distributed by the Registrar's Office to admitted students' preferred email addresses. You should register at your allotted time to ensure that you can access all required courses. More information about registration can be found in the [MSWF Program Guide](#). In June, you will be asked to register for *both* September and January terms. The School of Social Work is not responsible for students who have missed their registration times or who are unable to access all required courses because of delayed registration. The most up-to-date program flow is available [here](#).

- Students are required to complete 31.5 units to obtain their MSW degree (this includes both thesis and course-based options). 16.5 units are taken in the first calendar year of the Foundation program and the remaining 15.0 units are taken after transfer from the MSWF program into either the MSA or MSWI program.

Part-time status: one course per term

Full-time status: two or more courses per term

On-Campus Courses: OC

Distance Education Courses: DE

FOUNDATION YEAR

FALL 2025

SOCW 551: INDIGENOUS SOCIAL WORK FOUNDATIONS (OC)	(1.5 units)
SOCW 542: ANTI-RACIST PRACTICE (OC)	(1.5 units)
SOCW 544: SOCIAL WORK, THE STATE AND CITIZENSHIP (OC)	(1.5 units)

Spring 2026

SOCW 554: INDIGENOUS POLICY AND PRACTICE (OC)	(1.5 units)
SOCW 549: RESEARCH FOUNDATIONS (OC)	(1.5 units)
SOCW 547: HISTORICIZING SOCIAL WORK (OC)	(1.5 units)

SUMMER 2026

SOCW 550: SOCIAL JUSTICE, SOCIAL WORK AND THE LAW (DE)	(1.5 units)
SOCW 540: FOUNDATION PRACTICUM (DE)	(4.5 units)

ELECTIVE REQUIREMENT

The Foundation program requires students to register in one (1) elective during their first year (units TBD). More information about electives can be found in the [MSWF Program Guide](#) and on the [Elective Credit Information PDF](#).

TRANSITION INTO MSA OR MSWI

Following the completion of all MSWF core courses and elective requirements, MSWF students must choose whether they will follow the course flow for the MSW Advanced or MSW Indigenous Specialization, by completing the core courses and choosing either thesis- or course-based completion. Please see the program flow documents for the MSA and MSWI streams for information on each.

STEPS FOR MSWI: Non-Indigenous MSWF students must apply to the **MSWI** program stream, which includes submitting an Experience Summary detailing 6000 hours of work experience as well as a referral from an Indigenous Community Contact, [as detailed on the MSWI website](#). Indigenous MSWF students can notify the following staff to indicate their decision to enter the MSWI program stream. Please contact the MSW Admissions & Academic Advisor (mswadvice@uvic.ca) to discuss entry options, or the MSW Program Assistant (swgrad@uvic.ca) for general questions.