

SOCIAL WORK (THESIS) (M.S.W.) (45 CREDITS)

Offered by: Social Work (Faculty of Arts)

Degree: Master of Social Work

Program credit weight: 45

Program Description

The School of Social Work at McGill University prepares graduates for careers and leadership in the fields of social work and social welfare. In the M.S.W. program, students develop an understanding of a broad range of theories which inform practice, policy, and research. Envisioned as an opportunity to advance knowledge and skills, students are encouraged to immerse themselves in an area of scholarship and practice related to "Children and Families," "Social Care and Health Studies," and "Community and International Development." In addition, students investigate a subject matter of their choice in one of these broad areas of study through an independent study project or a master's thesis. Through the M.S.W. program, students develop critical and innovative approaches to practice competence and to policy analysis such that they may contribute to both established social services and to new and less developed areas of service provision.

Note: For information about Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 course offerings, please check back on May 8, 2025. Until then, the "Terms offered" field will appear blank for most courses while the class schedule is being finalized.

Thesis Courses (27 credits)

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Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 698	Thesis Research 1.	12
SWRK 699	Thesis Research 2.	15

Required Courses (6 credits)

Expand allContract all

Course	Title	Credits
SWRK 605	Anti-Racist Social Work Practice.	3
SWRK 653	Research for Social Justice.	3

Complementary Courses (12 credits)

12 credits of SWRK courses at the 500 or 600 level; up to 6 credits in total may be taken outside the School of Social Work.