



## Frequently Asked Questions

**How much time per week should I be spending on coursework?**

If you're a full-time student, expect to spend 30 hours a week working on coursework. If you're a part-time student, you will allocate at least 15 hours a week.

**Am I able to take more than one course per term?**

When you are a full-time student, you will take two courses at a time. In the part-time structure, you will only take one course at a time, except for when you enroll in the field courses. During field placement, students must take two courses simultaneously.

**Is financial assistance available?**

Financial assistance is available to all online students. You can reach out to the Office of Student Finance for specifics.

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**How many credits will be transferred into my program?**

Students must submit their most recent fieldwork evaluation from the previous accredited MSW program and may receive up to 30 credits. To be considered, courses must have been completed with a B or higher grade. Transcripts will be reviewed individually, and credits will be rewarded accordingly.

**Is there a preferred browser for YU online learning platform?**

Yes, Google Chrome is the preferred browser.

**How long is the program and what courses should I enroll in?**

Students can reference their program sequence in the "Announcements" section of the orientation course throughout their program.

**How do I know when to register?**

Your Student Success Coordinator will reach out when registration opens for each term.



### Will I have the same access to on-campus resources as an online student?

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Typically, you will have access to the same resources that on campus students do. You have the option of getting your [YU Card](#) as well. You can work with your SSC to complete the steps for that.

### When do I start my fieldwork?

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Planning officially begins about four (4) months (one semester) prior to starting fieldwork if you are doing the full-time structure (8 months—2 semesters if you are doing the part-time structure).

Students begin the field planning process by engaging in the non-credit bearing Orientation to Field Education. Students will be field planning while simultaneously enrolled in academic courses. Students can reach out to the associate director of field education to get more information regarding the process.

### What is the fieldwork experience like?

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Traditional students will begin with the Orientation to Field Education in their foundation (generalist) year. Students in their specialization (advanced) year, will also be expected to complete a field planning course. They will work with a field planner in both courses and will need a webcam, headset, and scanner

Throughout the MSW program, students complete at least 1,200 hours of fieldwork. The fieldwork experience occurs over 4 full semesters (15-week courses). During these semesters, students will complete fieldwork while simultaneously taking an online practice course.

The fieldwork semesters are broken up by year. The first year is General Fieldwork (2 semesters) and the second year is Advanced Fieldwork (2 semesters).