CSD Advanced Research builds on the introductory research class and focuses on research methodology and design with an emphasis of developing skills that will allow students to work with multifaceted research teams in diverse settings. Specific attention is paid to the application of program evaluation models in conducting agency evaluations.

Advanced Social Welfare Policy and Analysis is designed to prepare students to engage in the policy-making processes that impact and are impacted by the community’s service delivery system. Examines controversial policy issues within the child welfare, school social work, aging, and community development policy.

CSD Field Practicum prepares students to engage in macro practice as social workers at the advanced level in public and private settings. Students work in community-based agencies and perform a variety of tasks including assessment, resource and program development, engaging and working with community partners on service delivery, agency policy analysis, and program evaluation.

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College of Social Work

Master’s in Social Work
Community and Social Development Concentration

The Community and Social Development (CSD) Concentration is designed to move students from a basic understanding of general social work direct practice to an advanced level of knowledge and application of macro social work skills in preparation for leadership roles in the field.
Foundation MSW Courses (21 hours)
- Practice with Individuals
- Practice with Families
- Practice with Groups
- Foundation Practicum
- Research Methods
- Ethics
- Social Welfare Policy

Bridge Courses (6 hours)
These courses are designed to respond to the practical reality that substance misuse and mental health challenges impact social work practice with all types of client populations in all types of practice settings.
- Substance Misuse
- Psychopathology

Concentration Courses
Community and Social Development (27 hours) focuses on preparing students to work in multi-disciplinary settings to build community assets and better respond to the changing needs of residents
- Advanced Practicum I & II
- Non-Profit Management
- Community Assessment
- Community Interventions
- Advanced Research
- Advanced Policy
- Poverty and Inequality

Community and Social Development
Dynamic concentration courses include:

Poverty and Inequality provides the philosophical, theoretical, and practice foundation for understanding how poverty and inequality impacts individuals and communities. Explores evidence-based interventions used to alleviate poverty.

Asset-Based and Sustainable Community Assessment and Development is designed to develop practice skills in assessment of community assets and problems and the development of strategies to build and sustain needed resources to enhance the well-being of communities. Emphasis is on reviewing cutting edge national and international evidence-based asset building strategies.

Non-profit Management in Human Service Organizations prepares the social worker to engage in administrative roles that often accompany positions in community settings. Focuses on social work management practices and leadership skills required in the development and management of non-profit organizations with a particular focus on the human services delivery system.

Community-Informed Interventions is designed to explore the organizational context for creating change in communities. Emphasizes building practice skills needed to engage in program design and adaptation that responds to changing community needs while promoting inclusion of diverse community constituencies.