

Dear Student:

Congratulations on your acceptance to the School of Social Work at New York University. You can apply for advance or waiver credit if you have taken a graduate level social work course at another institution.

I. Advance and Waiver Credit

The School of Social Work permits 12 credits (of which 6 credits can be from electives) toward the Master of Social Work degree for courses taken at an accredited graduate school of social work or graduate degree program in a field related to social work. Advance credit is given for courses equivalent to those within the Professional Foundation Year (first year) of the School's MSW curriculum when a course grade is equivalent to B or better. Courses at NYU Social Work that are usually granted advance or waiver credit are: Human Behavior in the Social Environment I; Human Behavior in the Social Environment II; Social Welfare Programs and Policies I; and Social Work Research I.

Exclusions for advance and waiver credit include:

- All Field Instruction courses and all required Social Work Practice courses
- Courses taken more than 5 years before admission to the School of Social Work
- Course work used toward one graduate degree cannot be used for another

A waiver is different from advance credit. A waiver allows you to replace a required course with a social work elective or other course at NYU. In order to receive waiver credit, you will have completed comparable course work in a similar social science discipline or passed a waiver examination (see below).

II. Advance or Waiver Credit Application Process

Please include the following with your application for advance or waiver credit:

- Official transcript (with grades)
- Detailed course description
- Syllabus and bibliography for each course

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED. The Advance Credit and Waiver Committee requires 4-6 weeks to evaluate your complete application. We strongly suggest that you read the course descriptions on our Web site (www.socialwork.nyu.edu) to determine if your courses are similar to ours.

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III. Advance and Waiver Credit for Social Work Research

You are eligible for *advance credit for Social Work Research I* if you have completed either of the criteria below:

- Have an equivalent undergraduate or graduate social work research course from a CSWE accredited social work program within the last 5 years and earned a minimum grade of B; or
- Have completed an equivalent graduate course in a field related to social work within the last 5 years and earned a minimum grade of B. Coursework used toward the completion of one graduate degree can't be used for another.

You are eligible for *waiver credit for Social Work Research I* if you pass the Research Waiver Exam.

With the exception noted on the next page, credit is not given for Social Work Research II. A student who has completed equivalent course work may instead enroll in Clinical Research II (S90.3027) in the doctoral program. You are a candidate if you pass the Research Waiver Exam or receive advance credit for Social Work Research I and have completed a second graduate research course in a related field (equivalent to SW Research II) within the last 5 years and received a minimum grade of B. You are also a candidate if you conducted empirical research (including design, data collection, analysis and presentation of findings) within the last 5 years either through paid employment or through research collected for a thesis or equivalent. To enroll in Clinical Research II, you need: an official transcript; graduate course description; syllabus and bibliography; and documentation regarding research completed.

III Advance and Waiver Credit for SW Research cont.

Exception: You are eligible for advance credit for Social Work Research II if you completed a second social work research course at a CSWE accredited social work program within the last 5 years and earned a minimum grade of B.

IV. Policy for Social Work graduates from The College of Staten Island

An articulation agreement between NYU School of Social Work and the College of Staten Island (CSI) allows BSW graduates from CSI to earn a maximum of 12 advance credits toward the MSW at NYU Social Work. CSI graduates must have earned a minimum grade of B in the following:

<u>CSI Social Work Courses</u>	<u>NYU Equivalent</u>	<u>Credits</u>
SWK 310 Human Behavior and Social Environment I	S10.2006 HBSE I	3
SWK 320 Human Behavior and Social Environment II	S10.2007 HBSE II	3
SWK 301 Social Work Practice Research	S10.2009 SW Research I	3
SWK 378 Social Policy and Planning	S99.XXXX Unspecified Elective	3

CSI students should complete an advance credit application and register for the Social Welfare Programs and Policies I course at NYU. Psychology courses in the human development major at CSI will not transfer as advance credits for the required Human Behavior courses at NYU.

V. Policy for Other BSW Graduates

If you have a BSW from an accredited undergraduate social work program and are not admitted to the Advanced Standing Program at NYU, you can request to have some (maximum of 12 credits) of your social work courses evaluated for advance or waiver credit. This is an exception to our policy (see paragraph I) since you have completed equivalent social work courses that are required in the NYU MSW program.

VI. Blanket Credit

Admitted students to our Advanced Standing Program (who are graduates of an accredited undergraduate social work program within the past 5 years) automatically receive 33 blanket credits. These credits fulfill the requirement for the first year of our MSW program. Blanket credits are awarded for enrolled students that have submitted an official transcript that confirms their BSW degree. Students admitted conditionally need to submit an official transcript during the first semester in order to receive the 33 blanket credits.

VII. Nonmatriculated Courses Taken at NYU Social Work

Admitted degree students who earned a minimum grade of B in graduate courses at NYU Social Work as a nonmatriculated student automatically have their course work transfer to the MSW degree. Paper work is not required.

If you have questions about advance or waiver credit, please contact the Office of Admissions at (212) 998-5910 or e-mail ssw.admissions@nyu.edu.

Sincerely,

NYU School of Social Work Graduate Admissions

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Advance and Waiver Credit Application

Applications for advance and waiver credit should be submitted during your first semester of attendance.

Date: _____ Name: _____ UID# _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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