

PROGRAM GUIDE for FOUNDATION YEAR COURSE SELECTION

The following listing is a guide for the foundation year program of study. Use this guide as you proceed to register for courses. This guide is appropriate for all full- or part-time first year “foundation” students at NCSSS. All advanced standing students should contact Dr. Eileen Dombo, Dombo@cua.edu for assistance with course selection. All transfer students should contact Aileen Worrell, Worrell@cua.edu for assistance. All dual degree (JD/MSW) students should contact Dr. Wendy Blome, blome@cua.edu, for assistance with course selection.

THE MSW FOUNDATION CURRICULUM

These foundation level courses will comprise your first year of study at NCSSS. Brief descriptions of each course are available in the MSW Curriculum Course Descriptions document. The specific selections will be guided by whether you are studying full- or part-time. Full-time students are in the field during the upcoming foundation year; part-time students are not in the field. Part-time students, when making their course selections, must decide whether or not they intend to go to summer school.

Subject	Catalogue #	Course Name (credits)
SSS	570	Diversity in a Multicultural Society (3)
SSS	571	Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)
SSS	572	Human Development and Psychopathology (3)
SSS	581	Social Welfare Policy and Services I (3)
SSS	582	Social Welfare Policy and Services II (3)
SSS	590	Social Work Research (3)
SSS	605	Generalist Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups (3)
SSS	606	Generalist Social Work Practice with Groups, Organizations & Communities (3)
SSS	673	Foundation Field Education and Integrative Seminar I (3)
SSS	674	Foundation Field Education and Integrative Seminar II (3)

The Foundation Program: The First Year of Study

The model programs listed below indicate the appropriate course selections for you to make. For those students planning to take a qualifying exam to place out of a foundation course, please register for the course. After completing and passing a qualifying exam you will drop the course from your schedule.

Full-Time Program

During the upcoming academic year, full-time students will complete the following Foundation Courses for a total of 30 credits. Full-time students will spend two days per week (16 hours) each semester at their assigned agency. Most first year students are assigned to field placements on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

FALL SEMESTER

570	Diversity in a Multicultural Society
571	Human Behavior and the Social Environment
581	Social Welfare Policy and Services I
605	Generalist Practice
673	Field Education and Integrative Seminar

SPRING SEMESTER

572	Human Development and Psychopathology
590	Social Work Research
582	Social Welfare Policy and Services II
606	Generalist Practice
674	Field Education and Integrative Seminar

Part-Time Program – Without Summer School *

Part-time students complete the above foundation year courses within *two* years. In year one, part time students take classroom courses only. In year two, part-time students complete their field placements while concurrently taking their practice classes and integrative seminars.

Year 1

FALL SEMESTER

581 Social Welfare Policy and Services I
571 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
570 Diversity in a Multicultural Society

SPRING SEMESTER

582 Social Welfare Policy and Services II
572 Human Development and Psychopathology
590 Social Work Research

Year 2

FALL SEMESTER

605 Generalist Practice
673 Human Behavior and the Social Environment

SPRING SEMESTER

606 Generalist Practice
674 Human Development and Psychopathology

Part-Time Program – With Summer School

Please remember that summer school scheduling is developed in the spring, and sometimes enrollment limitations do not allow courses to be offered as planned. **All part-time students must register for at least two courses, or six credits**

Year 1

FALL SEMESTER

570 Diversity
571 Human Behavior

SPRING SEMESTER

572 Human Development
590 Social Work Research

SUMMER SESSIONS

581 Social Welfare Policy I
582 Social Welfare Policy II

Year 2

FALL SEMESTER

605 Generalist Practice
673 Field Education & Seminar

SPRING SEMESTER

606 Generalist Practice
674 Field Education & Seminar

SUMMER SESSIONS

Begin advanced year coursework

*** Please note that for billing purposes all graduate students enrolled in 8 or more credit hours per semester will be billed at the full-time rate.**