Master of Social Work (MSW)

The Master of Social Work program offers in-depth academic scholarship both in course content and in field placements. The program embraces a critical and anti-oppressive social justice approach to social work practice that includes a strong emphasis upon theoretical perspectives, social policy, professional values, research skills, practice methods and critical analysis. Elective courses focus on skill development in an area of special interest to the student. Students may also choose a thesis option for their MSW. The Department offers a distance-education option for this program.
RESEARCH STRENGTHS
Faculty members at the School of Social Work are engaged in a variety of research projects featuring a wide range of social work topics. For individual faculty research interests, please refer to our faculty profiles. Diligent and systematic inquiry and investigation into specific social issues leads to discovery and revision of facts, theories and applications. Three major on-going projects that are directed toward the betterment of social conditions in communities are:
- Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program
- International Resilience Project
- Racism, Violence and Health Project

AREA OF FOCUS
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Candidates must satisfy the general requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Please visit our website for complete MSW admission requirements and supporting MSW application documents.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM
MSW: typical time to complete is 1 year

APPLICATION DEADLINE
The application deadline for this program is December 1st.

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