

Request for non-standard Course Calendar

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Program: Master of Social Work, new Satellite Site

Fort Sam Houston, TX

The College of Social Work seeks approval for a non-standard delivery calendar.

The Ft. Sam site will deliver the 63-hour MSW curriculum in a condensed format, using seven-week “mini-mesters”. Ft. Sam students will take 12-15 credit hours per, mini-mester. Total contact and credit hours per course are identical to those for students on main campus.

This schedule will repeat each year for the duration of the four-year contract term. Four distinct student cohorts will matriculate, with each completing a 14-month course of study leading to the MSW degree. The College requests implementation of the 7-week term calendar for the duration of the four-year contract period.

The MSW courses typically follow the traditional 16-week university calendar (with the exception of summer courses); the courses offered at the FSH site are the only ones that will be on the 7-week mini-mester calendar.

Justification:

The new satellite location is established through a competitive contract recently awarded to UK. The five-year contract establishes a cooperative agreement to deliver UK’s Master of Social Work curriculum, in collaboration with the US Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, TX. The AMEDD School is the DoD’s consolidated medical education campus, providing programming ranging from basic field medic training to doctoral education, across a range of biomedical disciplines.

Students who apply to the Ft. Sam Satellite are uniformed military officers or DoD civilian employees. These students are first selected through a competitive military review board process. Selectees then apply to the UK Graduate School through the typical procedures. The DoD reassigns students admitted to the program to Ft. Sam Houston to complete a 14-month program of study, leading to the Master of Social Work degree.

Students are relieved of other military duties during the program of study. They receive full tuition, as well as full pay and benefits during this time. The DoD wishes to return these officers

to duty in a timely fashion, while allowing ample time to complete a quality educational program. The 14-month calendar accomplishes this.

Students in the Ft. Sam Houston cohort are able to devote full time to their studies over the academic period. They continue full time through the summer term, and have no work responsibilities outside the program. In effect, the program is the students' full time job for this period and students are typically in the classroom all day, Monday through Thursday, except when in field education practicums, at which time they are complete 40 or more hours each week to internship activities.

The Army used this calendar over the past eight years when partnered with a prior university affiliate. The model was approved by the Council on Social Work Education.

Note: During mini-mesters 3-4 and 7-8, students will be completing 40 hr/week field practicum activities, along with a related field seminar. This represents a "block field" model, in which students are immersed exclusively in field learning activities, as opposed to the concurrent field model used on main campus, in which students participate in field learning activities while also enrolled in classroom coursework. The Council on Social Work Education has approved the block field education model (see attached e-mail from CSWE).

Proposed start and end dates for seven-week "mini-mesters", year 1 (to be repeated on approximate dates over the following 3 cohort years):

Mini-mester 1

Start: February 5th, 2018

End: March 23rd, 2018

Courses affected: SW 600 – Practice with Individuals
 SW 630 – Social Work Policy
 SW 635 – Ethics in Social Work Practice
 SW 650 – Research Methods I

Mini-mester 2

Start: March 26th, 2018

End: May 18th, 2018

Courses affected: SW 601 – Practice with Groups

SW 602 – Practice with Families

SW 702 – Substance Misuse and Violence

Elective TBD

Mini-mester 3

Start: May 21st, 2018

End: July 6th, 2018

Courses affected: SW 640 – Foundation Field Practicum Seminar

Mini-mester 4

Start: July 9th, 2018

End: August 24th, 2018

Courses affected: SW 640 – Foundation Field Practicum Seminar

Mini-mester 5

Start: August 27th, 2018

End: October 12th, 2018

Courses affected: SW 718 – Clinical Decision-making

SW 724 – Clinical Assessment and Treatment

SW 722 – Psychopathology for Social Work Practice

SW 750 – Research Methods II

SW 734 – Integrative Seminar

Mini-mester 6

Start: October 15th, 2018

End: November 30th, 2018

Courses affected: SW 726 – Psychopathology II

SW 728 – Comparative Treatment Modalities

SW 730 – Evidence-based Practice

SW 734 – Integrative Seminar

Elective (TBD)

Mini-mester 7

Start: January 7th, 2019

End: February 22nd, 2019

Courses affected: SW 740 – Concentration Field Education Seminar I

Mini-mester 8

Start: February 25th, 2019

End: April, 12th, 2019

Courses affected: SW 742 – Concentration Field Education Seminar II

Brothers, Sheila

From: Flaherty, Christopher
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Hello Chris,

Thank you for the email. This is to inform you that the Office of Social Work Accreditation at CSWE has approved the block field education model at the new satellite program at Fort Sam Houston.

If you need anything else, please reach out and I will respond as soon as possible.

Happy Holidays,
Dana

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Hi Dana,

Janet and I are moving the proposal for the new satellite at Ft. Sam through our senate process. Due to the non-standard meeting pattern, we need approval from our Admissions and Academic Standards Committee.

The committee chair asked if CSWE would send an email stating that the block field education model has been approved. Could you send a simple note, stating this? I know you all a awaiting revisions from the Ft. Sam folks. But, I don't think there were any sticking points around the field schedule. It's the same one Ft. Sam used during the previous university affiliation agreement.

Thank you. I hope you have a happy holiday break.

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