

MSW Sync

FAQ

What is MSW Sync?

MSW Sync is a fully synchronous MSW program that allows students to attend regularly scheduled classes in real time while learning from anywhere. All classes are offered virtually where students can engage in live lectures alongside their classmates attending via Zoom.

Will I need to come to campus for classes?

All classes will be offered virtually meaning students can complete the program from anywhere. While students can use any of the campus resources, students do not need to come to campus for their classes.

What about the internship, is that remote?

The MSW Sync program requires 960 hours of in-person internship experience. This allows students to apply what they have learned in the classroom through hands on experience in a social service setting. Because students will be integrating coursework with practice, they would need to complete their internship hours in-person at agencies in their area. For more information about the internship requirements, you can review the [Field Education Manual](#).

What concentrations and specializations are offered?

MSW Sync is offered with the Advanced Direct Practice Concentration. The Advanced Direct Practice concentration consists of four specializations that prepare students for professional practice with diverse populations in a wide variety of settings. This includes:

- Children, Youth and Families
- Health and Behavioral Health with Adults
- Health Behavioral Health-Medical Placements
- Public Child Welfare

Who is eligible for this program?

This program will be open to students with various undergraduate degrees who meet all admission [eligibility requirements](#) for our Standard MSW, including 240 hours of volunteer/work experience. The MSW Sync program is open to students from anywhere in the United States as students do not need to live in Arizona to participate. International students are not eligible at this time.



What type of technology is required for this program?

In order to be successful in the MSW Sync program, students will need access to appropriate technology to access course materials and participate in live discussions with their instructors and peers. Students will need access to the following:

- Computer (mobile devices are not recommended)
- Working microphone and webcam
- Speakers or headphones
- High-speed internet connection

The MSW Sync program will follow Mountain Standard Time (MST) and all class times will be listed in MST.

Can I complete this program part-time?

Currently, MSW Sync is only offered as a full-time program that can be completed in two years. Students will be required to follow their Plan of Study which will outline when courses must be taken.

What happens if I deviate from my Plan of Study?

Students admitted to the MSW Sync program will be guaranteed a spot in an evening synchronous class. However, if students drop, withdraw or fail a class, we will no longer be able to guarantee a fully synchronous program during the evening. We will only be able to guarantee a spot in the synchronous classes according to the Plan of Study. If a student falls out of sequence with their plan of study, the student will need to meet with Academic Services to draft an alternative plan of study.

What does the course schedule look like?

All classes are 15 weeks long and are completed during the fall and spring semesters. The MSW Sync program offers full-time evening based courses with the exception of the internship component.

When will MSW Sync classes be offered?

All MSW Sync students will be guaranteed a seat in an evening sync class. If there is availability in other sync courses offered during the day, MSW Sync students may register for those courses. However, only the evening classes will be reserved for MSW Sync students.

Can I change my program or campus at any time?

Depending on where a student is in their program, they may be able to request a campus or program change. For example, students admitted to the MSW Sync program could change to our in-person program at any time. Alternatively, if a student wanted to complete their degree in our MSW Online program they would be able to make that change during their first year. However, due to different prerequisites, requesting a campus change may result in a delay in graduation. Different programs also offer different concentrations so making a change may impact the courses students can take.

When does the program start?

The Fall MSW Sync program starts every year in August. This year, the program will begin on August 17th, 2023. Visit the [ASU Academic Calendar](#) for more information about important dates.

Will I be able to attend graduation in-person?

Yes! Students are more than welcome to attend graduation in-person.

Does the MSW Sync program prepare me for licensure?

The MSW Sync program is accredited by the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE) and does lead to licensure in the state of Arizona and may allow graduates to be eligible for licensure in other states. Students are strongly encouraged to contact the state's licensure entity where they intend to practice for more information.

How do I apply for the MSW Sync program?

All required admission materials are submitted directly to the Graduate Education Office at <https://www.asu.edu/gradapp>. After creating an account for your application you would select the Social Work (MSW) degree and chose ASU Sync. For more information about the application and requirements visit our application [FAQ](#) page

When is the application deadline?

The Fall MSW Sync program application deadline is June 1st. All supplemental application materials (transcripts and letters of recommendation) must be received by the ASU School of Social Work by June 15th.

What is the cost of the program?

For information about the cost to attend students can use the [Tuition Calculator](#) to estimate their tuition and mandatory fees based on where they're from and the program they select.

Are there scholarships available?

For a detailed list of scholarships and financial aid information please visit the list of resources below or email mwadmissions@asu.edu or publicservice.gradrecruitment@asu.edu for assistance.

- <https://publicservice.asu.edu/msw-financial-resources>
- <https://publicservice.asu.edu/admission/affording-college>
- <https://graduate.asu.edu/future-students/explore-graduate-college/western-regional-graduate-program-wrgp>

What resources are available to students in this program?

All MSW Sync students will have access to University resources including the library, ASU HelpDesk, Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services and the Writing Center. Visit the [Sync Learning Support](#) page for a detailed list of all available resources for students.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

If you would like to learn more about the program, the Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions offers MSW Info sessions. You can register [here](#). If you have any questions about the program, application, or admission requirements, please reach out to:

mswadmissions@asu.edu or
publicservice.gradrecruitment@asu.edu