Promoting social change

The School of Social Welfare at the University at Albany opens doors to meaningful and exciting career opportunities. The Master of Social Work program prepares students to become social change agents who assess and address social needs of individuals, families and groups, and who work with communities to dismantle oppressive systems.

Our Master of Social Work students can take advantage of full-time, part-time, online and blended course options, an advanced standing track and five dual degree programs. All students complete a generalist curriculum that provides foundation knowledge and skills for social work practice with diverse populations across a range of settings. Then students select a concentration in clinical or macro practice. Along with their classes, students complete internships at agencies with missions to address social and economic problems.

With our Master of Social Work degree, graduates can work in a variety of roles and settings.

**ROLES**

- COUNSELOR
- CASE MANAGER
- POLICY ADVOCATE
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZER
- PROGRAM MANAGER

**SETTINGS**

- NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- HOMELESS SHELTERS
- SCHOOLS
- HOSPITALS

**AND MANY MORE!**

“The coursework was engaging, challenging, and practical, the professors and staff were knowledgeable and supportive, and the field placements exposed me to multiple populations while giving me invaluable hands-on experience. I could not have asked for a more meaningful graduate experience.”

NATALIE TURNER, MSW GRADUATE
WHY MSW @UALBANY?

- **COST:** Earn your master’s degree from an exceptional program with tuition rates lower than those at most private universities.

- **FACULTY:** Learn from a diverse group of renowned scholars and leaders in cutting edge research, in small classes.

- **LOCATION:** Live in New York’s Capital-home to state government, the legislature, policy-makers, and advocacy organizations.

- **NETWORK:** Join a supportive network of alumni working in — and leading — the social work field.

- **INTERNSHIPS:** Work with experienced social workers in community-based agencies. Learning at field sites is tied to classroom learning, with students applying skills in real world settings.

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“*The UAlbany School of Social Welfare is a vibrant exciting place with a passionate, committed and diverse group of students, faculty and staff. I am constantly inspired by my colleagues and the students who make up our social welfare family. We are joining together to address social challenges and to be the change agents of the future!*”

ERIC HARDIMAN, MSW PROGRAM CHAIR

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STUDENTS CHOOSE A PRACTICE METHOD CONCENTRATION

- **CLINICAL**
  Focuses on methods of change through social work practice interventions with individuals, families, and groups.

- **MACRO**
  Focuses on methods of change through community organizing, policy advocacy and non-profit organization leadership.

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For more information on the Master of Social Work, visit https://www.albany.edu/ssw/msw.php or contact the Graduate School at graduate@albany.edu or (518) 442-3980.