

Course progression map for 2026 commencing students

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M6012 Master of Social Work Semester 1 intake (Full-time)

Year 1 Semester 1 (extended)	SWM5100 Orientation to practice 6 credit points	SWM5004 Foundations for social work practice 12 credit points		
Year 1 Semester 2 (extended)	SWM5005 Supervised professional practice 1 18 credit points Prerequisites: SWM5004 and SWM5100			SWM5112 Research for social work practice 12 credit points
Year 2 Semester 1 (extended)	Elective unit* 6 credit points	SWM5006 Assessment and intervention: Working with groups and communities 6 credit points	SWM5119 Social work practice in health and mental health 6 credit points	SWM5133 The Australian welfare state and social policy 6 credit points
Year 2 Semester 2 (extended)	SWM5007 Supervised professional practice 2 18 credit points Prerequisites: SWM5119 and SWM5005			SWM5131 Social work capstone: Contemporary issues in social work practice 6 credit points

Part A	Discipline studies
Part B	Applied studies

Part B: You must complete EITHER the coursework pathway (as shown on the coursemap above), OR the research pathway outlined below.

Coursework pathway:

You must complete SWM5005, SWM5007 and SWM5131.

AND you must complete one elective unit* from the following list:

- SWM5122 The child in society: Promoting children's well-being and responding to abuse and neglect
- SWM5125 Social work practice in a hospital context
- SWM5127 Family violence and social work practice
- SWM5132 AOD (drug and alcohol) and social work

OR

Research pathway:

You must complete the following units:

- SWM5005 Supervised professional practice 1 (18 points)
- SWM5007 Supervised professional practice 2 (18 points)
- SWM5171 Advanced research and policy practice capstone project (12cp). (SWM5171 is a full year unit commencing year 2, semester 1. This unit is by invitation only, after acceptance of an expression of interest.)

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Year 1 Semester 2 (extended)	SWM5112 Research for social work practice 12 credit points			
Year 2 Semester 1 (extended)	SWM5004 Foundations for social work practice 12 credit points			
Year 2 Semester 2 (extended)	SWM5005 Supervised professional practice 1 18 credit points Prerequisites: Prerequisites: SWM5004 and SWM5100			
Year 3 Semester 1 (extended)	SWM5119 Social work practice in health and mental health 6 credit points	SWM5133 The Australian welfare state and social policy 6 credit points		
Year 3 Semester 2 (extended)	SWM5007 Supervised professional practice 2 18 credit points Prerequisites: SWM5119 and SWM5005			
Year 4 Semester 1 (extended)	Elective unit* 6 credit points	SWM5006 Assessment and intervention: Working with groups and communities 6 credit points		
Year 4 Semester 2 (extended)	SWM5131* Social work capstone: Contemporary issues in social work practice 6 credit points			

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