Specialization in Global Social Work

This specialization is designed to prepare MSW students with a working foundation for social work practice in a global context. The specialization exposes students to international practice situations and current social issues that affect many developing countries, including poverty, civil conflict, and communicable diseases. A variety of conceptual frameworks and theories are applied to current and new strategy options to provide students with the beginning skills to assess the needs of poor communities and the outcome effectiveness of programs using a global perspective. Special attention is paid to cultural diversity and social justice expectations in these environments.

The specialization consists of 15 hours, which includes 6 hours of practicum and 9 hours of courses taken as part of the 57 hours of classroom and practicum courses required for graduation from the MSW Program, outlined as follows:

**9 credits of Coursework:**

- SWRK 705 Practice in Global Issues (3 credit hours, offered in Spring)
- Choose two additional 3-credit courses from the menu below:
  - SWRK 703 Global Social Work: CUBA (3 credit hours, offered in odd-year Summers)
  - SWRK 703 Global Social Work: GHANA (3 credit hours, offered in even-year Summers)
  - SWRK 703 Global Social Work: INDIA (3 credit hours, offered odd-year Christmas break)
  - SWRK 716 Diversity and Anti-Oppression Practice (3 credit hours, offered in Fall)
  - SWRK 717 Foundations of Peacemaking (3 credit hours, offered irregularly)
- Other graduate course pre-approved by Global Social Work Chair

**6 credits of Practica:**

A two semester, one-site, field placement at a site that provides services locally, nationally or globally to a population that is culturally different from the student and with whom the student has not worked with in the past.

**Portfolio:**

Students will maintain a portfolio of papers and projects written in the courses listed above which will be reviewed and approved by the Global Social Work Chairperson.

**Application and Verification Process:**

Students should register in the Specialization as soon as possible upon beginning the MSW degree to make sure the Chair of the Specialization is assigned as their Faculty Mentor. Students interested in the Global Social Work Specialization should notify the Chairperson prior to taking the required coursework. Students must also earn a “B” or better in the designated courses and successfully pass the 2 semester practica. Students will be acknowledged upon completion of Specialization requirements. For more information contact: Dr. Jami Curley, curleyjc@slu.edu, 314-977-2738.
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**STUDENT AND SPECIALIZATION CHAIR MEET AND SIGN BELOW TO VERIFY COMPLETION OF MSW SPECIALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, THEN SEND TO MSW PROGRAM OFFICE FOR FURTHER REVIEW**

Signature of MSW Student attesting to completion of specialization requirements:

MSW Student signature  
Date

Signature of Global Social Work Chair approving portfolio:

Global Social Work Specialization Chair signature  
Date

Signature of Director of Field Education:

Director of Field Education signature  
Date

Signature of Director of MSW Degree Program:

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Date