



School of Social Work

ONLINE PROGRAM

REGISTRATION GUIDE

Registration for Fall 2023 opened April 1st.

Please register early as online courses fill up quickly! A few important points:

- Please note online students have priority registration for online courses.
- All online students will be accommodated with a course that meets their program requirements.
- If you are placed on the waitlist, it does not guarantee that you will get a spot in your first-choice request.
- All students will be offered an option that will allow them to progress in the program.

The following information will assist you in preparing for the next semester in the program.

Which courses should I register for?

All students follow a standard program plan to ensure completion of the requirements for the MSW degree. Program plans will vary depending on your major (Clinical or Macro), your track (HSE, TT, or AS), and your semester of entrance.

Standard program plans can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) to access course descriptions. If you are following a revised program plan and need a copy, please contact sswolp@bu.edu.

Any adjustments to your program plans must receive written pre-approval to ensure that you meet the requirements for graduation. To request a revised program plan, please use the [Revised Program Plan Request Form](#).

How do I register?

The [Student Link](#) is your portal to register for classes, review your transcript, update addresses, and pay tuition bills. It is advised to register for courses as early as possible to have the opportunity to enroll in your preferred live classroom section.

Example

1. Log into the Student Link: www.bu.edu/studentlink
2. Click on 'Academics.'
3. Next click on 'Registration.'
4. Login using BU user name and Kerberos password.
5. Go to the semester (**Fall, 2023**)
6. Click on 'Reg Options'
7. Click on 'Register for Classes'
8. Enter the course information: (college) SSW; (department) WP; (course # 701); (section) O1
9. Click 'Add Class to Schedule'

You can also watch the registration tutorial on [Information Central](#) under the Registration and Student Accounting tab.

For registration assistance please contact the **SSW Registrar** at swreg@bu.edu or call 617-353-2221.

PLEASE NOTE: when you register for a course you choose a specific section time for the Live Classroom session you want. In the example below, when you select CP809 O1 you will be enrolled in the CP809 course on Sunday 7-8 pm EST Live Classroom session time.

Boston University Student Link

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UNIVERSITY CLASS SCHEDULE - REPORT

Semester: Fall 2015 Search by: Class Number

Class	Title /Instructor	Cr Hrs	Type	Open Seats	Bld Room	Day	Start	Stop	Notes
Sections 01-04 are Fall 1 Courses. Run from 09/01/15- 10/19/15.									
SSW CP809 O1	Alc& Drug Abuse Amodeo	3.0	Independent	13		Arranged Sep 1 - Oct 19			Live Classroom mts Sundays 07:00-08:00 PM EST. OLP Only. Permission Required On-line course
SSW CP809 O2	Alc& Drug Abuse Amodeo	3.0	Independent	13		Arranged Sep 1 - Oct 19			Live Classroom mts Sundays 08:00-09:00 P EST. OLP Only. Permission Required On-line course

How do I pay for my courses?

After registering you will receive a tuition bill from [Student Accounts](#). Please contact the **Student Accounting Office** at 617-353-2264 if you have questions regarding your bill. You can check the status of your account and pay your bill via the BU [Student Link](#). You may also review your bill, learn about payment options, and monitor the payment deadlines and late fees on the [Student Accounts](#) webpage.

Financial Aid questions should be directed to sswfa@bu.edu. Please visit the [SSW Financial Aid page](#) for information on the financial aid process, forms, and deadlines.

Reminders

- There is a **\$60 part time graduate student service fee**.
- Please remember that in order to be eligible for financial aid students must be registered for at least six credits per semester.
- Federal loans will **not** be finalized until **after** you are registered for courses. You will receive more information about your financial aid status after you register.

What do I do if I have to change my schedule?

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DROPPING OR WITHDRAWING FROM COURSES

Dropping or withdrawing may impact your status in the program and your eligibility for financial aid.

Before dropping course(s)

1. Pay close attention to the [Add/Drop deadlines](#) to avoid fees and tuition obligations.
2. Registration and other fees are non-refundable as of the first day of the semester.
3. Students can drop a course by the drop deadlines for possible reversal of charges.
4. After the drop course deadline, students can withdraw from a course. Withdrawing from a course means the course will remain on the student's transcript as a "W". Withdrawn students will not be eligible for a refund and will be required to pay for courses.
5. Click [here](#) to view important deadlines including the **last day for 100% Tuition reimbursement** and **last day for withdrawing**.

How to drop or withdraw from a course

1. Prior to dropping a course, contact our **Financial Aid Office** at sswfa@bu.edu to discuss Federal Stafford Loan obligations and any implications that may occur when dropping a course.
2. Notify the Online Program Team at sswolp@bu.edu to discuss intentions in the Online MSW program and revising a program plan.

3. Inform the instructor, facilitator, and your Student Services Administrator about plans to drop the course.
4. Log onto Student Link to drop or withdraw from the course(s).
 - a) Go to www.bu.edu/studentlink
 - b) Sign in using your BU login name & Kerberos Password
 - c) Select the tab titled "Academics"
 - d) Click on "Registration"
 - e) Click on "Reg Options"
 - f) Click on "Drop Class"
 - g) Using the checkboxes, mark each class you wish to drop and then click on "Drop Marked Classes"

NOTE: Students taking a leave of absence or withdrawing from the program must submit an official [Withdrawal/Leave of Absence Form to their Student Services Administrator](#).

Students who do not submit the appropriate paperwork by the withdraw deadline, will not be officially withdrawn and will be required to pay the course/semester's tuition, and be graded in any active courses.

PLEASE NOTE: Click [here](#) to view important deadlines including the **last day for 100% Tuition reimbursement** and **last day for withdrawing**.

ADDING COURSES TO YOUR SCHEDULE

If you need to add a course to your schedule due to a program plan adjustment or registration error, you should follow the process outlined below. **Remember**, students may not add courses outside the prescripts of their program plans. Students interested in taking a course not listed on their program plan for the current semester must have written permission from the **Online Program Team**.

Before adding course(s)

1. Consult with our **Financial Aid Office**, sswfa@bu.edu to discuss any financial implications that may occur when adding a course.
2. Add course by logging onto the Student Link: www.bu.edu/studentlink. Follow the same steps outlined in the *How to Register* section.
3. If it is past the deadline to register via the Student Link, contact the **SSW Registrar** at swreg@bu.edu and include the following information:
 - a. Full Name
 - b. BU ID
 - c. Program: Online MSW
 - d. Courses (and section number) needed to add (i.e. HB720 OL)

Any requests to change sections once the course has started must be discussed with the Instructor of Record and [Assistant Director for Online Program](#).

When is the registration deadline?

The registration deadline for the Fall 2023 semester is August 29th

September 5	First day of Fall 1 classes
*October 9	Indigenous Peoples' Day: classes follow course schedule
October 23	Last day of Fall 1 classes
October 31	First day of Fall 2 classes
November 23	Thanksgiving: classes follow course schedule
December 18	Last day of Fall 2 classes

Spring 2024 Semester

January 15	Martin Luther King Day: classes follow course schedule
January 16	First day of Spring 1 classes
*February 19	Presidents' Day: classes follow course schedule
March 4	Last day of Spring 1 classes
March 12	First day of Spring 2 classes
*April 15	Patriot's Day: classes follow course schedule
April 29	Last day of Spring 2 classes
May 16-19	Commencement Weekend

** Live classrooms sessions are held Sundays and Mondays from 6:00 – 10:00 PM EST. When there is a Monday holiday the live classroom sessions will be held on Tuesday.*

The University, in scheduling classes on religious holidays and observances, intends that students observing those traditions be given ample opportunity to make up work. Faculty members who wish to observe religious holidays will arrange for another faculty member to meet their classes or reschedule canceled classes.

Important Contacts

MSW Online Program (OLP)

Please be sure to keep sswolp@bu.edu as a contact, as many communications will be sent from this address. Registration guides, program information, news, and events will be sent via email. Please contact Nisa Thompson for general inquiries or to inform her of any changes including change of name or address.

Nisa Thompson, Senior Staff Coordinator, School of Social Work

Email: sswolp@bu.edu

School of Social Work Registrar

Please contact the SSW Registrar for assistance with adding, dropping, or withdrawing from classes.

Email: swreg@bu.edu

BU Virtual

David are available to support you with navigating the Online Campus and with technical issues within your courses; connect you to BU resources; provide textbook information and Live Classroom technology

David Field, Lead Faculty & Student Support Administrator

Email: dfield2@bu.edu

School of Social Work Financial Aid Office

For question about the financial aid process, sources of aid and eligibility please contact the Financial Aid Office

Email: sswfa@bu.edu

OLP Field Education

Please contact Field Education for assistance related to field education (including general inquiries and document submission), field liaison, seminars, or E-Portfolio.

Jenna Landsman OLP Field Education Administrative Coordinator

Email: sswolpFE@bu.edu

Student Accounting Office

For assistance with billing, payment deadlines, and account inquiries please contact Student Accounting.

Email: studenta@bu.edu

Technology Support

For desktop support, including issues with the Online Campus (Blackboard Learning Management System) and Zoom, please contact Information Services and Technology. Please be sure to identify yourself as a distance education student.

Email: ithelp@bu.edu Phone: 617-353-HELP (4357)

Disability and Access Services

To request a disability accommodation please contact the Office of Disability & Access and review the Policies and Procedures for requesting academic accommodations.

Email: access@bu.edu

Veteran Services

Support for Veterans can be found through the BU Office of the Registrar (**OUR**). Students should contact **OUR** for more information regarding educational benefits and programs.

Email: veterans@bu.edu