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To: [Reed, Katie](#)
Cc: [Miriti, Maria](#)
Subject: Forwarding Informational Item: Master of Social Work
Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:03:44 AM
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Dear Katie,

Please find attached an informational item from the College of Social Work for a revision to the Master of Social Work. Please be aware that there are emails at the back of the packet that I received today that add additional information. It is supported for presentation at CAA. Please let me know if any questions or concerns arise.

Best,
Lisa



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January 13, 2026

Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Council on Academic Affairs
Office of Academic Affairs
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Dear Vice Provost and Members of the Council on Academic Affairs,

On behalf of the College of Social Work, I am submitting this informational item to notify the Council of minor curricular revisions to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program effective Summer 2026. The proposed changes result in less than a 10% modification to the overall curriculum and therefore meet the criteria for submission as an informational item in accordance with Office of Academic Affairs guidelines.

The revisions include removing the requirement for students to complete SWK 7400 (Evidence in Social Work Practice) and modifying SWK 7500 (Social Work Professional Development). As part of this revision, SWK 7500 will increase from 2 credit hours to 3 credit hours and will be updated to more intentionally integrate professional development content, preparation for advanced field education, and readiness for advanced practice coursework. These changes are intended to streamline the curriculum, reduce redundancy, and strengthen alignment between professional development instruction and program expectations, while maintaining the program's learning outcomes and total degree requirements.

The specific curricular changes are summarized below:

Course	Current Structure	Proposed Revision (Effective SU26)	Rationale
SWK 7400: Evidence in Social Work Practice	Required, 2 credit hours	Requirement removed	Content is addressed elsewhere in the curriculum, allowing for improved sequencing and reduced redundancy
SWK 7500: Social Work Professional Development	Required, 2 credit hours	Required, increased to 3 credit hours with revised	Expands professional development

		content	preparation and supports readiness for advanced field and practice coursework
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No formal action is requested by the Council beyond acknowledgment of this informational item. All required internal review and approval processes within the College of Social Work have been completed.

Please feel free to contact me should additional information or clarification be needed.

Sincerely,



Sharvari Karandikar, Ph.D.
Professor & Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Kowalsky, Lisa

From: Miriti, Maria
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2026 9:27 AM
To: Kowalsky, Lisa
Subject: Fw: Minor curricular revisions to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Hi Lisa,

Please attach this email to the document. With this, the item is ready for review.

Thanks,
Maria

From: Karandikar, Sharvari <karandikar.7@osu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 12:19 PM
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Subject: Re: Minor curricular revisions to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Dear Maria,

Thank you for your email.

We can assure you that with this informational item, our students taking these courses will be aligned with the major revision occurring within the MSW program.

This is the only curricular change taking place this summer; we thought it would be helpful to share this with you as an informational item.

Thank you, and please let us know if you have further questions or need any clarification.

Sharvari



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Subject: Re: Minor curricular revisions to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Good morning all,

It is unusual to ask for an informational item for a program that is under review for a major revision. This current informational item does not acknowledge the programmatic changes currently under review and how those will impact students who will take the referenced courses this summer.

In conversation with CAA, we see two options:

- Hold the informational item until the proposal is ready to move to CAA and have both reviewed at the same time
- If there is urgency for the informational item, please include a statement to assure that students under the revised courses will be in alignment with the major revision that is occurring for the MSW

Thanks,

Maria



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Subject: Minor curricular revisions to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program

Dear Dr. Miriti,

Please see the attached letter from the College of Social Work to notify the Council on Academic Affairs of minor curricular revisions to the Master of Social Work (MSW) Program, effective Summer 2026.

Please let us know if you have additional questions or need clarification.

Thank you
Sharvari

