

2025 Fall Semester

Field/Classes held: Monday, August 25, 2025 - Thursday, December 11, 2025

Tuesday, August 5 OR Thursday, August 14	New Field Instructor Training: "Introduction & Overview of Field Instruction & SDSU Field Program." Required for NEW Field Instructors. Session #1: Aug. 5 @ 8:30AM–11:30AM OR Session #2: Aug. 14 @ 8:30AM–11:30AM via Zoom . Register for one of the sessions via IPT. (No CEUs offered.) (Prof. Amanda Lee)
Thursday, August 21	Mandatory MSW Orientation @ Bernstein Theatre General Orientation - 8:30AM-12PM *Required for all incoming 2-Yr, 3-Yr, 4-Yr and ASP students MSW Practicum Orientation - 1-4:30PM *Required for all students enrolled in SW 650 in fall 2025
Friday, August 22	Annual Field Meeting – Required for all Field Instructors assigned students for Fall 2025. Program is from 9AM–11:30AM Location: In person @ Templo Mayor, SDSU Student Union Undergraduate Social Work Field Orientation @ HH-214. Required for all BASW students taking SW 489 in fall 2025. Orientation is from 12PM- 4PM
Monday, August 25	FIRST day of field & classes for Fall 2025 semester
Week of Monday, August 25	New Field Instructors and Task Supervisors begin online training modules in IPT . Online training modules MUST be completed by December 11, 2025.
Wednesday, Aug. 27	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom .
Monday, September 1	Labor Day (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Week of Monday, September 8	SW 650 Students begin 16 hours per week in field practicum. (For the first 2 weeks of the fall semester, SW 650 students are in the field for only 10 hours per week.)
September 15–September 30	All students will begin receiving their initial caseload and/or project assignments within the first 2-4 weeks of fall semester, following orientation and training at internship.
October 1 –December 11	Agency Site Visits: Meeting is scheduled between Field Faculty, Field Instructor/Task Supervisor and student to discuss the student's progress and learning experience.
Wednesday, October 8 OR Wednesday, October 15	New Field Instructor Training: "Learning, Assessment, Evaluation & Effective Supervision in Field Instruction" Session #1: Oct. 8th 9:00AM–12:00PM OR Session #2: October 15th 1:00PM–4:00PM via Zoom . Register for one of the sessions via IPT. (No CEUs offered.) (Prof. Carmen Robles & Prof. Shelly Paule)
Monday, October 13	Indigenous Peoples' Day – Campus Open . Field and Classes held.
Monday, October 13	Orientation Checklist and Learning Agreement should be completed via IPT.
Friday, November 7	New Field Instructor Training: "Trauma-Informed Field Instruction" Session: #1: Friday, Nov. 7, 2025, 9:00AM–12:00PM via Zoom . Register for session via IPT. (Prof. Kayla Whaley)
Wednesday, November 19	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom .
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day Observed (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Friday, November 14th	New Field Instructor Training: "Diversity and Difference in Practice-Cultural Humility and Field Instruction" Session: #1: Nov. 8th 8:30AM–11:30AM. Register for this session via IPT. (Prof. Haile Wright)

Thur.- Fri., November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Monday, December 1	Comprehensive Skills Evaluation & Self-Evaluation Narrative Assignment due in IPT.
Thursday, December 11	LAST day of field and classes for Fall semester
Thursday, December 11	All new Field Instructors & Task Supervisors should have completed online training modules and quizzes in IPT by this date.
December 12–18	Finals week – no field or classes (unless specific arrangements made with field faculty and field instructor)
Tues. - Fri., December 23–26	Winter Break (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Wednesday, Dec. 31	Last Day of Fall Semester, Grades Due by 11PM
Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026	New Year's Day Observed (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)

*Please check back frequently. The SDSU Field Education Calendar will be updated as dates are revised and/or added. Refer to respective Practicum Course Syllabus for other specific assignment due dates.

1. SDSU Campus Open

When an agency is closed for a holiday and SDSU Campus is open for this holiday, e.g. Indigenous Peoples' Day, President's Day, etc. and the student has scheduled internship hours on the day the agency is closed, the **student is responsible for making-up those hours** some time during the semester to meet the required curriculum hours in the practicum course.

2. SDSU Campus Closed

When the SDSU campus is closed, the student **cannot** conduct internship hours on that day even if the agency is open, such as on Veteran's Day or the Friday after the Thanksgiving Holiday. If the student has scheduled internship hours on that day, the **student is responsible for making up those hours** to meet the required curriculum hours in the practicum course.

Students who are at their practicum during the Winter Break do so on a **voluntary basis**. A student's hours volunteered during this time frame **cannot** be applied towards required practicum course hours. We request that students be given a **minimum of two consecutive weeks off** during the Winter Break. If students do volunteer their time for continuity of client care during the academic break, a modified schedule is usually worked out with their Agency/Field Instructor, for example, instead of the student attending for the full 16 or 20 hours, they may reduce their hours to only 10 hours per week.

Students are covered by the University's liability insurance during academic breaks, but **cannot be at their practicum when campus is closed during Winter Break, December 23 – 26, 2025, New Year's Day, observed on Jan. 1, 2026, and MLK Jr. Day, Jan. 19, 2026. Campus will also be closed on Cesar Chavez Day (March 31, 2026) during Spring Break and therefore students cannot be at their practicum.**

3. Spring Break 2023

Monday, March 30, 2026 - Friday, April 3, 2026

2026 Spring Semester

Field/Classes held: Tuesday, January 20, 2026–Thursday, May 7, 2026

Monday, January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Tuesday, January 20	FIRST day of field & classes for Spring 2026 semester
Friday, January 23	Advanced Year MSW Practicum Planning Meeting – All current SW 650 Students & 4-Year Program Students going into their Advanced Practicum (SW 750/SW 755) in Fall Semester 2025 – Information meeting about Advanced Year practicum process from 9AM-12PM. Location: Via ZOOM Undergraduate BASW Practicum Planning Meeting – For future SW 489 from 12PM-3PM. Location: TBD
Friday, January 30	AGENCY FAIR - For future Advanced Year MSW students & future Undergraduate BASW seniors. Time: TBD Location: TBD
Thursday, February 5	Placement Planning Meeting for 3-year and 4-year part-time students for first year field placements in Fall 2025. Field policies, application process and due dates will be reviewed. Time: 2PM-4PM. Location: TBD
Wednesday, February 18	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom.
Monday, February 23	New Field Instructor Training: “Diversity & Difference in Practice-Cultural Humility in Field Instruction” Session: #2: Monday, Feb. 23, 2026, 8:30AM–11:30AM via Zoom. Register for session via IPT. (Prof. Luis Contreras)
Friday, March 20	New Field Instructor Training: “Trauma-Informed Field Instruction” Session: #2: Friday, Mar. 20, 2026, 9:00AM–12:00PM via Zoom. Register for session via IPT. (Prof. Katherine Morrill)
February – May	Advanced Year MSW and BASW student internship referrals, interviews, acceptances for Fall 2026. 3- and 4-year part-time MSW student internship referrals, interviews, acceptances for first year field placements Fall 2026.
TBD (Typically in March)	All School Day - Mandatory for all BASW, MSW, dual MSW-MPH/MSW-JD and JDP students.
Mon.-Fri., Mar. 30 – April 3	Spring Break
Monday, March 30	Cesar Chavez Day (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Monday, April 6	Comprehensive Exam for Final Year Students
TBD	NASW Legislative Lobby Days – Participants may be allowed to count their time in participating toward required field hours, but must discuss with their Field Instructor and Field Faculty Liaison ahead of time. Approval should be documented in writing.
TBD (Typically in April)	Life After Graduation Event – For graduating GERO, BASW and MSW students. Location: TBD
Friday, May 15	Appreciation Event – For Agency Partners, Field Instructors and Task Supervisors from 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Location: TBD
Monday, May 4	Comprehensive Skills Evaluation & Self-Evaluation Narrative Assignment due in IPT.
Thursday, May 7	LAST day of field and classes for Spring 2026 semester
Fri.-Thur., May 8 – 14	Final Examinations
Thursday, May 14	Imperial Valley Campus Commencement
Fri.–Sun., May 15–17	Commencement Days – San Diego Campus

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