

2026 Fall Semester

Field/Classes held: Monday, August 24, 2026 – Friday, December 11, 2026

Tuesday, August 4 OR Wednesday, August 14	New Field Instructor Training: "Introduction & Overview of Field Instruction & SDSU Field Program." Required for NEW Field Instructors. Session A: Tues., Aug. 4th @ 8:30AM–11:30AM OR Session B: Fri., Aug. 14th @ 8:30AM–11:30AM via Zoom . Register for one of the sessions via IPT. (No CEUs offered.) (Prof. Amanda Lee)
Friday, August 21	Annual Field Instructor Meeting – Required for all Field Instructors assigned students for Fall 2026. Program is from 9AM–11:30AM Location: In person @ Templo Mayor, Conrad Prebys Aztec Student Union on SDSU campus. MSW Program Orientation @ Extended Studies (ES) Room 206 - General Orientation - 8:00AM-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 2026 Undergraduate Social Work Practicum Orientation @ Ellen Ochoa Pavilion (OP) 220. Required for all BASW students taking SW 489 in Fall 2026. Orientation is from 1PM-4PM
Monday, August 24	FIRST day of field & classes for Fall 2026 semester
Week of Monday, August 24	New Field Instructors and Task Supervisors begin online training modules in IPT. Online training modules MUST be completed by December 11, 2026.
Monday, September 7	Labor Day (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Week of Monday, September 7	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 14–October 2	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.
Tuesday, Sept. 22 OR Wednesday, Sept. 23	New Field Instructor Training: "Learning, Assessment, Evaluation & Effective Supervision in Field Instruction" Session A: Tues., Sept. 22nd @ 9:00AM–12:00PM OR Session B: Wed., Sept. 23rd @ 1:00PM–4:00PM via Zoom . Register for one of the sessions via IPT. (No CEUs offered.) (Prof. Carmen Robles & Prof. Shelly Paule)
Wednesday, Sept. 30	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom .
October 5 –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.
Monday, October 12	Indigenous Peoples' Day – Campus Open. Field and Classes held.
Monday, October 12	Orientation Checklist and Learning Agreement is due in IPT.
Friday, October 30th	All School Day (Honoring World HIV and Aging Day) - Mandatory for all BASW, MSW, dual MSW-MPH/MSW-JD and JDP students. 8:00AM-2:00PM. Location: Montezuma Hall
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans Day Observed (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Friday, November 13	New Field Instructor Training: "Diversity & Difference in Practice – Cultural Humility in Field Instruction" Session: A: Fri., Nov. 13th @ 8:30AM–11:30AM via Zoom . Register for session via IPT. (CEUs offered.)(Prof. Haile Wright)
Wednesday, November 18	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom .
Thur.–Fri., November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Monday, November 30	Comprehensive Skills Evaluation & Self-Evaluation Narrative Assignment due in IPT.

Friday, December 11	LAST day of field & classes for Fall 2026 semester
Friday, December 11	All new Field Instructors & Task Supervisors should have completed online training modules and quizzes in IPT by this date.
Sat.–Fri., December 12–18	Finals week – <u>no</u> field or classes (unless specific arrangements made with field faculty and field instructor)
Tues.–Fri., December 22–25	Winter Break (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Thursday, December 31	Last Day of Fall 2026 Semester, Grades Due by 11PM
Friday, January 1, 2027	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 22–25, 2026, New Year's Day, observed on January 1, 2027, and MLK Jr. Day, January 18, 2027. Campus will also be closed on Cesar Chavez Day (or "Farmworkers Day"), March 31, 2027) during Spring Break and therefore students cannot be at their practicum.**

3. Spring Break 2027

Monday, March 29, 2027 – Friday, April 2, 2027

2027 Spring Semester

Field/Classes held: Thursday, January 21, 2027 – Wednesday, May 5, 2027

Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Thursday, January 21	FIRST day of field & classes for Spring 2027 semester
Friday, January 22	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 2027 – 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 29	AGENCY FAIR - For future Advanced Year MSW students & future Undergraduate BASW seniors. Time: 9AM-12PM Location: SDSU Aztec Student Union - Montezuma Hall & Templo Mayor
Thursday, February 4	Placement Planning Meeting for 3-year and 4-year part-time students for first year field placements in Fall 2027. Field policies, application process and due dates will be reviewed. Time: 2PM-4PM. Location: TBD
Wednesday, February 10	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom.
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 2027.
Mon.–Fri., March 29–April 2	Spring Break
Wednesday, March 31	Cesar Chavez Day “Farmworkers Day” (CAMPUS CLOSED – No field or classes.)
Monday, April 5	Comprehensive Exam for Final Year MSW Students
Wednesday, April 7	Field Advisory Board Meeting at 3PM-4:30PM via Zoom.
Sun.–Mon., April 18–19	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.
Monday, April 26	Comprehensive Skills Evaluation & Self-Evaluation Narrative Assignment due in IPT. (The Self-Evaluation Narrative Assignment will be loaded onto students’ IPT accounts approximately two weeks prior to the end of the semester.)
TBD (Typically in April)	BASW & GERO Life After Graduation Event – For graduating GERO & BASW students. Location: TBD
TBD (Typically in April)	MSW Life After Graduation Event – For graduating MSW students. Location: TBD
Wednesday, May 5	LAST day of field & classes for Spring 2027 semester
Thur.–Wed., May 6–12	Final Examinations
Thursday, May 13	Imperial Valley Campus Commencement
Thur.–Sun., May 13–16	Commencement Days – San Diego Campus
Friday, May 14	Appreciation Event – For Agency Partners, Field Instructors and Task Supervisors from 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Location: TBD
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