We are excited to announce the launch of a new online Master of Social Work Program!
This program is designed to provide students with a flexible and accessible way to pursue an MSW degree.

1. When will the online program option be available?
   • The fully online option will start in Fall of 2024.

2. Will SRU continue to offer the in-person/hybrid option?
   • Yes – we will continue to offer our traditional in-person/hybrid option. Students will be able to take courses that offer face-to-face classes.
   • Students who choose the in-person option complete at least 51% of their courses in an in-person format. This includes courses that have at least one required in-person component (a weekend residency, in-person meeting one day each week, etc.)

3. What is a “fully online” program option?
   • Students choose the online program option complete at least 51% of their courses in an online format.
   • Students in the SRU MSW program will be able to complete the degree fully online. All required courses will be offered in an online format.
   • A limited number of courses will require synchronous online class sessions. Students will be provided options of day/time for participation in these sessions.

4. Can students who do not have advanced standing (a BSW degree) choose the online option?
   • Yes. Students can earn the MSW online in one year for those with advanced standing or in two years for those who don’t have an undergraduate social work degree.

5. Is the curriculum the same for in-person and online students?
   • Yes. The curriculum requirements are identical for in-person and online students.

6. Can online students complete the field experience requirements in a virtual format?
   • No. Field placement requirements are identical for in-person and online students.
   • Online students can choose a field placement site that fits the requirements of our MSW program, and is approved by the MSW Field Director.

7. Can MSW students who choose the online option earn the available graduate certificates?
   • Online students will earn the Cognitive Behavioral Certificate, which is embedded in the required curriculum.
   • The Animal Assisted Social Work Certificate can be earned by online students, but these classes do have some minimal in-person experiential requirements.

8. Are admission requirements different for the online program?
   • No. Admission requirements are the same for the in-person and online options.

9. How can I get more information?
   • We will be holding a virtual information session on March 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. You can register here: https://www.sru.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-events

10. When can potential students apply for the online program?
    • Apply today! Applications are being reviewed now.
    • You can find application information here: https://www.sru.edu/admissions/graduate-admissions/apply-now

The SRU website and documents will be updated soon. In the meantime, if you have questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me.

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