

**Q: How is registration done and where can I register?**

Each registration period students will receive a registration guide by email to assist them with the registration process. Students register for courses each semester through an online registration system found on the Student Link: [www.bu.edu/studentlink](http://www.bu.edu/studentlink)

**Q: For which class section should I register for?**

Students should register for Online MSW courses only. These courses are designated by having a section of OL or O with a number (i.e. O1, O2). Courses with multiple sections with numbers (O1, O2, O3) mean that this course has a live classroom component and students should sign up for a section in which they can commit to the weekly live classroom times. The live classroom times will be listed in the “Notes” section on course listings on the link.

**Q: Do I need to follow the Standard Program Plan?**

Students need to follow the Standard Program Plan unless they have an individual revised program plan which has been approved by the Assistant Dean of Off Campus and Online Programs. Should you have questions regarding what courses to register for on the standard or your individualized plan, please contact the OLP Administrator.

**Q: Do I have to register for Field Education every semester?**

Students are required to register for Field Education credits during the second and third year in the program. Students should register for the appropriate field education credits outlined in their program plan each semester they are in the field. Students with questions regarding their field education credits should consult with their advisors and the field education administration.

**Q: Do some states have specific course requirements for social work licensure?**

State licensure differs from state to state. Please be sure to research the licensing requirements for your state. Contact the Association of Social Work Boards <http://www.aswb.org/> or 866-527-2384.

**Q: I'd like to take more than 11 credits (the maximum for part-time status). Is this allowed and how much would I pay for the extra credit(s) overload?**

Due to the nature of the Online Program, students are not encouraged to take more than 11 credits. Students who enroll in more than 11 credits will be required to pay the full time tuition rate.

**Q: Can I audit a course?**

At Boston University you can audit a course by registering for it as you do other courses. You will need to apply to audit the course by getting permission from the instructor on the Course Adjustment Form (available from the BUSSW Registrar, [sswreg@bu.edu](mailto:sswreg@bu.edu) ). Normal tuition charges apply, and the course will appear on your transcript with an “AU” grade. You do not receive credit nor will the course count towards your GPA.

**Q: Is there a minimum number of credits I have to take in order to be eligible for financial aid?**

To be eligible for financial aid students must take a minimum of 6 credits per semester including the summer semesters.