

MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK (MSWOL)

(MSWOL First Year)

Assignment: 2026-2027

Course Titles

MSW-001 : Origin and Development of Social Work

MSW-002 : Professional Social Work: Indian Perspectives

MSW-003 : Basic Social Science Concepts

MSW-004 : Social Work and Social Development

MSW-005 : Social Work Practicum and Supervision

MSW-006 : Social Work Research

MSWE-010 : Social Work in African Context

MSW-032 : Social Work and Criminal Justice

Last Date to upload the Assignment on the LMS July, 2026 Session – March 31, 2027 January, 2027 Session – September 30, 2027

Note : Kindly prepare the assignments for the courses you have opted.

Dear Learner,

Welcome to the **Master of Social Work [MSWOL]** Programme at IGNOU.

Your decision to pursue this programme reflects your commitment to contributing to social development and improving the lives of others.

To ensure a smooth and successful learning experience, please follow these key guidelines:

- Read the Programme Guide carefully before beginning your studies. It will clarify most of your academic and administrative queries.
- Upload your assignments for the opted courses on time on the LMS portal. Remember, assignments carry 30% weightage towards your final grade.
- In case of any query related to the programme, please write to mswolinfo@ignou.ac.in.
- Be in contact with your allotted Field Work Supervisor (FWS) for fieldwork supervision.
- Fill and submit the examination form within the due dates.

Important Notes on Assignments:

- Assignments are open-book exams and must be handwritten and signed before upload.
- Read the relevant study units carefully before attempting each question.
- Discuss with peers and academic counsellors, prepare a draft, revise it, and then write the final version.
- Start each answer on a new page, and structure your responses with a clear introduction, sub-headings, body, and conclusion.
- Leave a line between paragraphs for clarity.
- Write all the details like Name of programme, Name of course, Enrolment No., Academic Year, Regional Centre etc. on the front page of assignment.
- Write in your own words and avoid copying from books or external sources. Use IGNOU study materials as your primary reference.

Remember, assignment preparation is a crucial step towards your term-end examination. Take it seriously and approach it as an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the subject.

We wish you a rewarding and enriching learning journey.

Prof. Saumya & Dr. Binod
Programme Coordinators (MSWOL)

Origin and Development of Social Work

ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-001

Total marks: 100

Note: (i) Answer all the **five** questions.

(ii) **All** questions carry **equal** marks.

(iii) Answers to question no. **1** and **2** should not exceed **600** words each.

1. Discuss the historical development of social work across different continents. 20

Or

Critically examine nature, characteristics, philosophy and scope of social work as a professional discipline. 20

2. Explain three primary methods of social work and highlight their objectives, principles and scope of professional practice. 20

OR

Describe the scope, functions and significance of Social Welfare Administration in social work practice. 20

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **300** words each:

- a) Discuss the major characteristics of social work as a profession. How does it differ from charity and voluntary action? 10
- b) Differentiate between charity, voluntary action, shramdan, and professional social work with suitable examples. 10
- c) Write the history of social work education in USA. 10
- d) Explain the concept of Social Work Research and discuss its contribution to social work practice. 10

4. Write short notes on any **four** of the following in about **150** words each:

- a) Write the contributions of Charity Organization Society (COS) in the development of social work. 5
- b) Briefly discuss emergence of global standards in social work education. 5
- c) What is social security? Describe its scope and importance. 5
- d) Differentiate between Social Research and Social Work Research. 5
- e) Explain the major strategies used in Social Action. 5
- f) Explain salient features of social movements and their relevance to social work. 5

5. Write short notes on any **five** of the following in about **100** words each:

- a) Beveridge Report 4
- b) IFSW 4
- c) Social Network 4
- d) Social Defense 4
- e) social Reform 4
- f) Social Welfare 4
- g) Ecological Perspective 4
- h) Public Interest Litigation 4