

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)

Social Work Research ASSIGNMENT

Course Code: MSW-006

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. Define the role of theory in research. Explain the conceptual foundations of scientific research. 20

Or

Explain the meaning of social work research and explain the scope of research in social work. 20
2. Describe the need for international perspectives of research review in social work research. 20

Or

Discuss the various tools used in social work research and its uses. 20
3. Answer any two of the following questions in about **300** words each:
 - a) Describe briefly the significant changes in the trend of social work research after 90's at the national level. 10
 - b) Explain with your own examples the three forms of hypothesis. 10
 - c) Discuss the importance of Experimental Research Design in social work. 10
 - d) Explain the purpose of a research design in research project. 10
- 4) Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **150** words each:
 - a) Write a short note on importance of quantitative research in policy making. 5
 - b) Describe briefly the meaning of descriptive research studies. 5
 - c) What is Evaluation Research? 5
 - d) Briefly describe the nature and objectives of action research. 5
 - e) Explain the uniqueness of Qualitative Research. 5
 - f) Enlist the characteristics of Case Study Method. 5
- 5) Write short notes on any **five** of the following questions in about **100** words each:
 - a) Participatory Research 4
 - b) Define Sampling 4
 - c) The Characteristics of a Good Questionnaire 4
 - d) List the Types of Rating Scale 4
 - e) Techniques of Interviewing 4
 - f) Types of Observation and the Steps Involved 4
 - g) Methods of Data Collection 4
 - h) Using an Interview Schedule 4