# Drupal - Advanced: Themes and Theme Switcher

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### Themes and the Theme Switcher

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# **Themes**

There are now a few themes for the different sites within Bryn Mawr's website:

- GSSWSR https://www.brynmawr.edu/socialwork □
- GSAS https://www.brynmawr.edu/gsas []
- Postbac https://www.brynmawr.edu/postbac [
- Marketing https://www.brynmawr.edu
- Inside Bryn Mawr https://www.brynmawr.edu/inside
- Alumnae Bulletin https://www.brynmawr.edu/bulletin

Themes have two different settings:

- Main Theme, which is where the piece of content "lives"
- Display Theme(s), which are places the piece of content can "visit"

Let's dive into what that means.

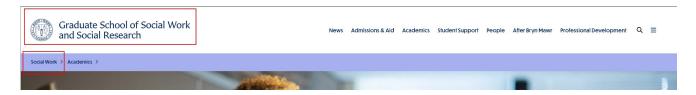
## **Theme Switcher**

The first thing you may notice when you visit brynmawr.edu is the top navigation bars have changed.

Depending where you are, you will see a different branded color band under the main navigation and logo to help you know where you are.

Here, since we are in the GSSWSR site you can see the GSSWSR logo on the left and you can see the

Wisteria color band across the top . Depending on the page you are on, you may see the words *Social Work* in the breadcrumb link inside that Wisteria color band. The Main Menu (*News*, *Admissions & Aid*, *Academics*, etc) is unique for GSSWSR site.



If we clicked on the "Bryn Mawr Home", it would take us to the Marketing site.

Here is an example of a page within the Marketing site so you can see a few things have changed with the theme.

In addition to the color band switching from Wisteria to Lantern, you can see that the logo has changed. The Main Menu for that particular site has also changed slightly.



#### **Traversing the Navigation**

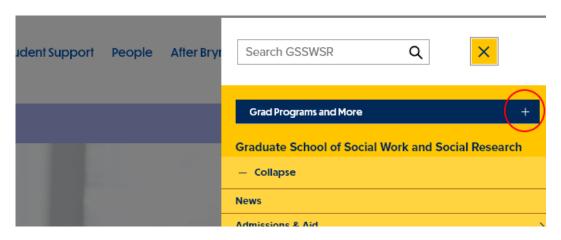
If you opened the main menu while on the page in the example above, you would see it tell you where you are. Here you can see that the expanded menu says you are in the *Bryn Mawr Home* site, and you are on the *Major, Minor and Concentrations* page because that menu item is lighter in color and has a bronze vertical left-border to it.



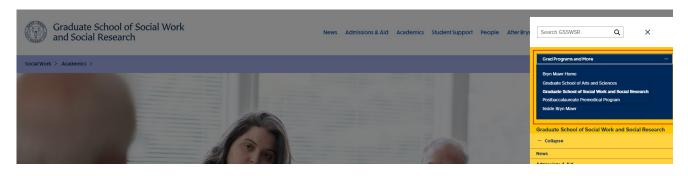
If you want to visit any of the Bryn Mawr sites, like the Grad Schools or the Inside site, you can expand the "hamburger" menu in the upper right of the page



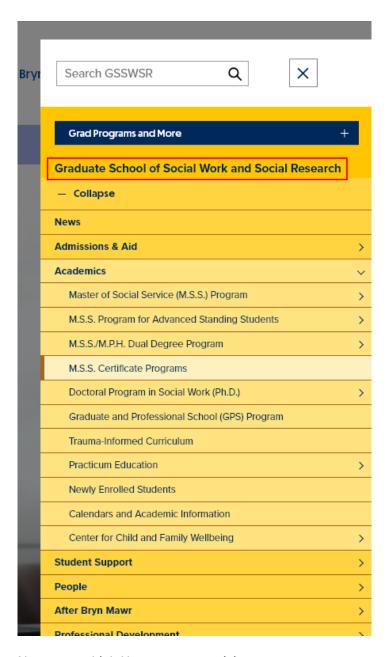
Once the menu opens, you can expand the Grad Programs and More menu option



From there, you can select another area of the site to visit.



By changing to a different area, you will see that the choices in the yellow menu change to match the navigation of that part of the site. The area whose menu you are viewing is shown just below the *Grad Programs and More* area. Here you can see we are in the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research area of the site. Further, you can see that we are on the *M.S.S. Certificate Programs* page because the menu item is highlighted with a lighter color and a bronze left-border.



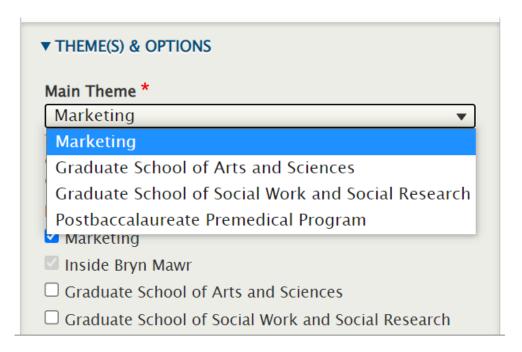
No matter which Homepage you visit

- GSSWSR https://www.brynmawr.edu/socialwork
- GSAS https://www.brynmawr.edu/gsas []
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You will see engaging content that belongs (or "lives") in that (Main) theme. There will also be links or teasers of content (like news or events lists) that belong (or "live") in another (Main) theme but are getting referenced (or "visiting") in that current (Display) theme.

## **Main Theme**

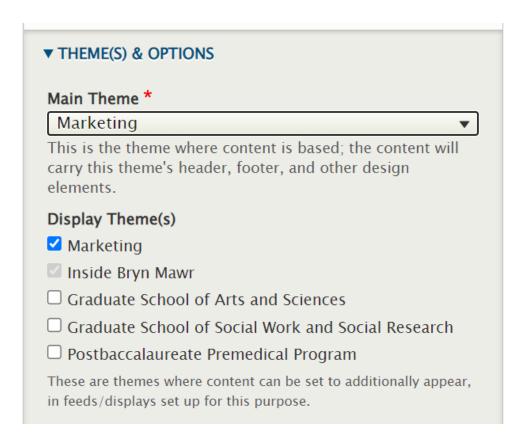
The **Main theme** is a setting that is default set for all content, but may be adjusted on Announcements, Basic Page, Event, Homepage, News and Story, if your permissions level permits. This **Main theme** tells the website that this piece of content "lives in" the *Main theme* or, in other words, should have the *Main theme* used when you visit the direct link to this content.



# Display Theme(s)

The Display theme is a setting that is set for Announcements, Events, News and Story.

The **Display theme** tells the website that this piece of content is "visiting" or, in other words, is allowed to be displayed in all the themes that are selected in this field, whether as a direct piece of content (like a Basic Page or News) or via a Flexible Content Item that has one of these Display themes set.



Each piece of content that has these fields, should at the very least have the same Main and Display theme checked so that it can appear in that theme.

## **Tags**

The **Tags field** is a setting for Announcements, Events, News and Story that helps the website categorize the content for display.



The Display Theme and Tags work together to pull the desired content into a display on a page.

# **Themes and Permissions in Drupal**

#### **Web Steward**

As a Web Steward, you would only be able to create or edit a News and Basic Page.

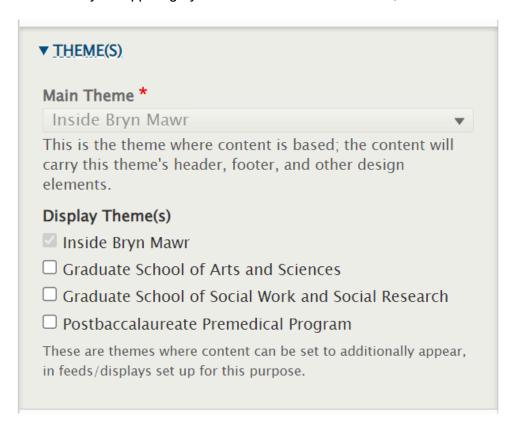
You would be able to submit an Event or Announcement for review by Communications.

You would not be able to set the Main Theme.

Therefore, the piece of content that you create would retain the default Main theme of Inside Bryn Mawr or Marketing.

If you needed a piece of content to "live" in a different theme (like Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research), you would need to contact Communications communications@brynmawr.edu to have them set a different Main theme for that content.

Note how they will appear greyed out and unable to be selected/deselected.



## **Theme Editor**

Certain Web Stewards can be assigned a supplemental role of **Theme Editor** if they are working to create and edit content for any of the Graduate Schools or Postbac.

If you find you need this supplemental role, please reach out to either Communications communications@brynmawr.edu or Web Services help@brynmawr.edu to have your request granted.

What can this supplemental role do? This role of Theme Editor will allow you as a Web Steward to additionally set the Main Theme field for content you are able to create and edit.

## **Setting and editing theme settings**

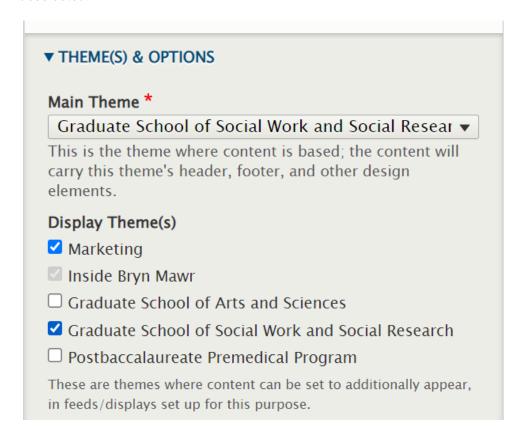
When editing a page, on the right side of the *Edit Screen* you will see something that says *Themes* or *Themes and Options*. You can open it and set the *Main Theme* field to be something other than the default setting.

The example below is a News page.

As such, we will need to set the *Display Theme* to include the new *Main Theme* we have chosen, so the content will always show up in it's "home" theme.

There are two other Display Themes selected in our example, Marketing and Inside Bryn Mawr.

Because it is a News page, it has a default Display Theme of *Inside Bryn Mawr* and therefore this can not be deselected.



By setting these Theme fields on a News page, you are helping the website know which ones to display on a News listing page. This example, below, is the **GSSWSR** News listing page.

As you can see, the two articles (Deb Plotnick and Book by GSSWSR Alum) has no label on it, because it is

• Main Theme=GSSWSR

• Display Theme=GSSWSR

The other article show in the listing with the label "Alumnae Bulletin" because they have

- Main Theme=Alumnae Bulletin
- with an additional **Display Theme=GSSWSR**.



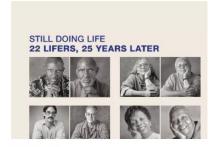
Oct 22, 2024
GSSWSR: An Opportunity of a Lifetime >



Aug 12, 2024

Debbie Plotnick '02, M.S.S. &

M.L.S.P. '04, Featured for Mental
Health Work



Jun 21, 2022

Book by GSSWSR Alum Barb

Toews Explores Life Without

Parole >

The Main Theme can be considered your News articles' home base.

This is where your News article will live and it also dictates what theme your News article will have.

Display Theme(s) dictate what other themes your News article can be displayed in – this includes being displayed in other Listing Pages as well as News 3-Up and News & Contact Flexible Content Items that may exist on Basic Pages.

Whenever a News article is published, it automatically gets added to the All College News hub on Inside Bryn Mawr . This listing page contains all News articles regardless of their Main Theme or Display Theme settings.

For more information, please see the documentation on News Content Type

## **Syndication**

By using the *News 3-Up* or *News & Contact* Flexible Content Items in a *Basic Page*, you can bring your News article into a Basic Page by either *referencing a tag* you associated with the News article *or via manual selection*.

If the **Display Theme** isn't set in the News page for where you want it to display (like Postbaccalaureate Premedical Program), it may not display on a Postbac page that has a *News 3-up*, even though it has the correct tag (like *STEM*).

For more information, please see the documentation on News 3-Up and/or News & Contact

# **Session Video**

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