

SOCIAL WORK, MSW

The curriculum of the MSW Program is designed to prepare students for advanced level professional practice in social work. The program provides a rigorous intellectual base, an opportunity for effective skill development, and an educational perspective that views human diversity as desirable and enriching to society.

The MSW Program offers:

- Preparation for the advanced practice of social work
- A degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
- Full-time & Part-time
- online and in-class tracks
- Regional field placements
- Advanced standing program for qualifying students with a BSW

The degree program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Admission Requirements

An applicant for admission as a degree candidate in social work (either full-time, part-time, or advanced standing) must fulfill the general admission requirements of both the Graduate School and the MSW Program prior to admission. The applicant must therefore complete application forms for both the Graduate School and the MSW Program. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure that all required application materials have been received. Applications for Advanced Standing must be received by March 31. Full-time and part-time applications will be reviewed throughout the year as students may start the program in the fall or spring semesters.

The applicant must submit the following to the Graduate School:

- Graduate application form accompanied by the application fee.
- An official transcript from each college or university attended (must include content in liberal arts coursework) sent directly to the Graduate School.

The applicant must submit the following to the School of Social Work:

- An essay of 3-5 typed pages explaining:
 - why he/she wants to be a social worker;
 - why a graduate degree is felt to be necessary to fulfill his/her personal or professional objectives;
 - his/her views regarding diversity in society;
 - a situation in which he/she was the recipient/provider of help, emotionally, socially, or economically, and if/how this situation impacted the desire to pursue an advanced degree in social work.
- A recent resume which highlights social work or human service experience.
- Three letters of reference/recommendation forms (including one from immediate supervisor, if employed).
- A completed Application Checklist.
- Preferred Program Format Form.

In addition, applicants to MSW program must have:

- Undergraduate degree in social work or a related field.
- Minimum GPA of 3.00 in all coursework taken prior to application for admission to the MSW full-time or part-time program.
- Well-balanced liberal arts curriculum.
- Interview with a member of the faculty may also be required.

Admission to the master's degree program is on a selective basis and is determined by the academic preparation and personal qualifications of the applicant. Intellectual maturity, emotional stability, motivation, and the capacity to work with people are essential qualifications.

Openings for admission are limited, and competition is considerable. Individuals who have the strongest qualifications in terms of the MSW program's admission criteria are selected for admission. Students admitted to the MSW program must register for courses the same calendar year they are accepted. Students must indicate their intention to enroll by the deadline indicated in the letter of acceptance.

The Advanced Standing option is an accelerated track of the MSW program that is completed in 11 months. Enrollment for the Advanced Standing is highly competitive, and limited to applicants who have excelled in all elements of an undergraduate social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Students should indicate their preference for Advanced Standing in their application to the MSW program. The requirements for Advanced Standing include:

- A baccalaureate degree in social work completed within the last five years from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.2 and a minimum GPA in social work courses of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale;
- Demonstration of superior performance in field practicum as evidenced by submission of undergraduate field evaluations;
- For students graduating in May, acceptance will be contingent upon receipt of a final transcript and proof of BSW degree.

Applicants not accepted into Advanced Standing placement will be notified in writing of their option to enter the pool for admission into the full-time or part-time programs.

Applicants should be aware that having a prior felony conviction or prior sanctions for unprofessional conduct may impact future potential for obtaining licensure as well as field placements and social work employment. All individuals applying for a social work license in the state of Ohio are required to submit a criminal records check.

Students are expected to adhere to the program format under which they were admitted. Any changes in this initial admission status will be based on the program's ability to accommodate the change. Changes must be requested in writing at the beginning of the previous academic year. The Admissions Committee may require an in-person interview at its discretion.

For the in-person cohort, the days and times courses are offered may vary from year to year. Students enrolled in either full-time, part-time, or advanced standing programs must be prepared to be flexible when the schedule of classes changes. Online courses are offered in an asynchronous format, and are not subject to a set schedule.

Transfer Students

An applicant who wishes to transfer from another MSW program must follow the same admission process and meet the same admission requirements as other degree candidates. A formal written request for transfer must be made at the time of application for admission. A maximum of 20 graduate credit hours may be transferred from another program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education. The credits must fall within the six-year time limit for degree completion. A grade of "B" or better is required for transfer credit. The Admissions Committee will determine acceptance of transfer credit. Credit will not be given for work or life experience. Transfer students must submit field work evaluations at the time of application for admission.

Program Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 60 graduate credits of approved courses in social work with an average grade of "B" or better on all classroom courses and satisfactory grades in all field courses. Students must register only for 600-level courses.
- Complete an approved program of courses which include the following required courses:

Code	Title	Hours
Required First Year Courses		
SOWK 601	Generalist Field Practicum I	3
SOWK 602	Generalist Field Practicum II	3
SOWK 605	Social Work Practice with Small Systems	3
SOWK 606	Social Work Practice with Large Systems	3
SOWK 611	Dynamics of Racism & Discrimination	3
SOWK 620	MSW Field Seminar I	1
SOWK 624	Ethics and Professional Behavior	2
SOWK 626	Advancing Human Rights and Social Policy	3
SOWK 627	Science of Social Work	3
SOWK 628	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
	Social Work 600 Elective	3
Direct Practice Required Courses		
SOWK 603	Advanced Field Practicum	3
SOWK 604	Advanced Field Practicum	3
SOWK 607	Advanced Practice with Small Systems I	3
SOWK 608	Advanced Practice with Small Systems II	3
SOWK 621	MSW Field Seminar II	1
SOWK 663	Psychopathology & Social Work	3
SOWK 675	Program Evaluation	3
	Social Work 600 Elective	11
Macro Practice Required Courses		
SOWK 603	Advanced Field Practicum	3
SOWK 604	Advanced Field Practicum	3
SOWK 621	MSW Field Seminar II	1
SOWK 665	Supervision & Staff Development	3
SOWK 671	Social Work Administration	3
SOWK 675	Program Evaluation	3
SOWK 676	Fiscal Management of Social Agencies	3
	Social Work 600 Elective	11