Master of Social Work

The MSW Program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Students considered for admission to the Master of Social Work program must meet the following criteria:

- An earned Bachelor’s degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized regional or international accrediting body
- A minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0
- An undergraduate course in statistics (within the past 5 years from point of admission with a grade of C or better)
- An undergraduate course in general biology, anatomy or physiology (grade of C or better)
- International students where English is not their primary language must submit their TOEFL scores with a minimum of 550 (paper-based) or 80 (Internet-based)

For advanced Standing (see description below), the following additional criteria must be met to be considered for admission to the Advanced Standing degree plan:

- A BSW from a college or university that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) obtained within 5 years for admission to the Advanced Standing Program
- In addition to an overall GPA of 3.0, students must have a 3.5 GPA in social work courses
- Satisfactory assessment of the core social work competencies as measured by the Competency Assessment Form for Advanced Standing

The following explanation is provided to describe how additional requirements are used to make an admission determination:

- A grade of C or better in undergraduate biology or anatomy and physiology is necessary to demonstrate exposure to and understanding of human biology fundamentals used in a biopsychosocial assessment (i.e., primary assessment tool used in social work practice).
- A grade of C or better in Statistics is necessary to demonstrate an understanding of numerical data analysis necessary to conduct evidence-based research, as well as to evaluate evidence-based research in the literature to guide social work practice.

The Advanced Standing degree plan is only available to students who hold a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree. The two years of the BSW Program are considered by the Council on Social Work Education to be equivalent to the first year (Foundation coursework) of the MSW Program. Therefore, students admitted to Advanced Standing enter in the second year (Concentration coursework) of the MSW Program and are only required to take the 30 credits associated with the Concentration coursework rather than the 60 credits required for the Full-time and Part-time degree plans.

- The requirement of a BSW degree from an accredited college is a regulation set forth by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- The requirement of a BSW within 5 years of admission is necessary because of the rate at which new knowledge is generated within the profession
- A GPA of 3.5 in his/her BSW major is necessary to demonstrate that student excelled in the Foundation content associated with the first year of the MSW program. By entering the MSW program in the Concentration year (i.e, the second year of the program), students will be expected to perform at the same level as MSW students who have completed the first year of the curriculum
- CSWE requires all MSW Programs to evaluate student success according to ten competencies. These assessments are conduct for both the Foundation and Concentration content. The Competency Assessment Form for Advanced Standing must be completed by the applicant's clinical social work supervisor (if the applicant is working within a social service agency as a practitioner) or his/her MSW field education supervisor while in the BSW program to assess the student's competencies. This form is similar to the one used in the evaluation of competencies within the field education settings while enrolled in the MSW program.

The following curriculum is required for completion of the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree:

### Degree Plan

**Required Credits: 60**

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SOWK 5357  Social Policy I  3
SOWK 5360  Social Policy II  3
SOWK 5370  Social Work Research  3
SOWK 5380  Social Work in the Bdr Regn  3
SOWK 5382  Multicultural Macro Practice II  3
SOWK 5383  SOWK Th & Pract-Hum Srv Org  3
Practicums:
SOWK 5335  Foundation Practicum I  3
  or SOWK 5337  Foundation Intensive Pract I
SOWK 5336  Foundation Practicum II  3
  or SOWK 5338  Foundation Intensive Pract II
SOWK 5345  Advanced Practicum I  3
  or SOWK 5347  Advanced Intensive Pract I
SOWK 5346  Advanced Practicum II  3
  or SOWK 5348  Advanced Intensive Pract II
Electives:
Select six hours of the following:  6
SOWK 5178  Independent Study
SOWK 5278  Independent Study
SOWK 5320  Assessment & Interv in Spanish
SOWK 5337  Foundation Intensive Pract I
SOWK 5338  Foundation Intensive Pract II
SOWK 5347  Advanced Intensive Pract I
SOWK 5348  Advanced Intensive Pract II
SOWK 5358  Risk & Resilience in Families
SOWK 5365  Social Work in Healthcare
SOWK 5367  Social Wk w LGBTQI
SOWK 5375  Social Work & the Aging
SOWK 5378  Independent Study
SOWK 5379  Soc Wk with Military Families
SOWK 5385  Administration & Supervision
SOWK 5393  Special Issues in Social Work
SOWK 5395  International Social Work
Total Hours  60