

Social Work (MSSW)

This program prepares students for advanced social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, as well as for policy-related and administrative positions. Two areas of concentration are available: clinical social work or administration and policy practice.

Experiential learning is provided through internships in selected government, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies. Course content and practicum experiences are organized and integrated using a systems/developmental framework and a biopsychosocial perspective.

Most students enroll in the regular full-time program, which can be completed in two academic years. Extended and part-time programs of work can be completed in two and one-half to three and one-half years. The third option is a modified program of study which is completed in 12 to 16 months. Each option provides students with opportunities to study independently with individual faculty members and to take elective courses in other University departments.

The school offers required courses during evening hours but cannot guarantee that the degree program can be completed by taking courses only at night.

Graduate Handbook

Graduate handbook information is updated and maintained by each program. Graduate handbooks are available within each program's office and [online](#). Please contact the program with concerns or questions.

Admission

Applicants for admission to this degree program should have a general liberal arts education with a broad range of studies in the behavioral sciences. All applicants must have completed at least one college-level statistics course that includes inferential applications.

Modified Program

Applicants with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education may be admitted into a modified program of study.

Of the 60 semester hours required for graduation, a maximum of 24 may be accepted by waiver from an accredited Bachelor of Social Work or Master of Social Work program. Waivers are awarded only after careful evaluation by the faculty of a student's training and experience in the areas in which waivers are sought.

Total Hours Required: 60

Modified program: 48

Requirements

Approval of the graduate advisor and course instructor is required for registration in any social work courses.

Code	Title	Hours
All students in this program must also follow these requirements and policies:		
Graduate Social Work Requirements		
Graduate University Requirements		

Additional Requirements and Policy

Professional Liability Insurance

Professional liability insurance is required and a criminal background check may be required of all students enrolled in practicum placement or internship courses. The insurance policy must cover the duration of the course, beginning on or before the first regular class period.