Master of Social Work, M.S.W.

Admission

The School of Social Work seeks to maintain a heterogeneous student body by enrolling students who represent diverse backgrounds and cultural perspectives. Previous experience in human services and cross-cultural experiences is desirable. The school does not grant academic credit for life experience or previous work experience.

Admission to the M.S.W. 60 s.h. program requires a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, with a reasonable distribution of courses in the liberal arts and sciences (the humanities and the social, behavioral, and biological sciences).

Admission to the M.S.W. 48 s.h. program requires a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited college or university. Applicants must have an undergraduate g.p.a. of 3.00 or higher, or a g.p.a. of 3.00 or higher on 12 s.h. of letter-graded graduate coursework; consult the University’s Office of Admissions for assistance in calculating grade-point average. Competence on personal computers and spreadsheet applications is required.

Admission to the 41 s.h. program requires a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program, earned within the previous five years, with a cumulative g.p.a. of at least 3.20 and a major g.p.a. of at least 3.50.

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit official test scores to verify English proficiency. Applicants can verify English proficiency by submitting official test scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the Duolingo English Test (DET).

Applicants must submit three letters of recommendation, including one regarding academic abilities and one from the applicant’s most recent employer (if the employment was social work-related); and a personal statement addressing criteria specified by the School of Social Work. Applicants to the 41 s.h. program must provide additional materials.

Applications for the 48 s.h. and 60 s.h. programs are accepted beginning September 1 and must be completed by February 1 to be considered for the next academic year. Applications for the 41 s.h. program are due December 1.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College; see the Manual of Rules and Regulations on the Graduate College website.

For a complete list of graduate admission policies, contact the School of Social Work.