Master of Social Work

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Why Study Social Work?
“The primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human well-being and help meet basic needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs of those who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty.”

-National Association of Social Workers (2012)

Council on Social Work Education
The Master of Social Work program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Five Study Options
Full-Time Program
(4 semesters, 60 credit hours)
Extended Study
(6-8 semesters of evening classes, 60 credit hours)
Distance Education
(6-8 semesters of online and Saturday classes, 60 credit hours)
Advanced Standing*
(3 semesters, 37 credit hours)
Advanced Standing Part Time*
(6 semesters, 37 credit hours)

*Advanced standing is available to students who have a BA/BSW in social work from an accredited program, 3.0 overall GPA, 3.3 in undergraduate social work courses, and 3.0 or higher on the GRE writing exam.

How to Apply
Submit to UofM Graduate School Admissions:
• A complete Graduate School Application (may be completed online at memphis.edu/gradschool/admproc.php)
• Non-refundable fee ($35 domestic, $60 international)
• Official transcripts from ALL universities you have attended
• Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score (TOEFL if applicable)

Submit to UofM Department of Social Work:
• Completed Master of Social Work Application (must be completed online via the “Apply Now” button at memphis.edu/socialwork)
• Three letters of reference on the online social work form (1 from a faculty member, 2 from supervisors or from volunteer work)
• Completed professional goal statement (submitted as part of the online MSW application)

Deadlines:
Scholarship/Assistantship Deadline: March 1st
Regular Admission Deadline: April 15th

The MSW program accepts new full time, extended study, and distance education students for the fall semester. New advanced standing students are accepted for the summer semester.

Concentrations
Two concentrations are available:
Advanced Practice with Children, Youth, & Families
Advanced Practice with Adults & Families

Field Internships
MSW students have the opportunity to complete 960 hours of field across two placement settings.

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"UofM consistently prepares their MSW students for successful field placements. This includes preparation not only in core Social Work skills and knowledge, but also in professionalism. We have had the privilege of hiring several students after placement...We work with students from several universities and disciplines, and University of Memphis MSW students definitely stand out."

- Jeremy Pitzer, CEO, Compass Intervention Center

The study of social work prepares you for a career in a strong growth area. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of social workers is projected to grow 19 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. The median annual salary for social workers was $44,200 in 2012 with the top ten percent earning more than $72,980.

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