

The mission of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program is to educate advanced professional social workers for practice with at-risk populations, particularly children and families.

— Division of Social Work
School of Urban Affairs
and Public Policy

About the MSW Program

The Division of Social Work offers a program of study leading to the **Master of Social Work (MSW) degree**. The Division of Social Work is dedicated to:

- Educating social workers with knowledge, values, and skills for evidence-based practice with children and families.
- Advancing the knowledge base of the social work profession.
- Providing regional leadership in the development and implementation of policies, programs, and services for at-risk populations, particularly children and families.



" I would not have missed the opportunity to pursue my MSW at the U of M for anything. My hands on experience has taught me how important social work is to the community and how I am a part of something greater than myself. I will be able to make a difference in someone else's life

because of my education on advocacy, policy, and the truth of social injustice and how it impacts others."

—Rachel Duerr
MSW Graduate Student

Why Study Social Work

- Social work is for committed individuals who are passionate about caring for other people.
- 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 expected to increase 16 percent by 2018. The median annual salary for social workers was \$46,220 in 2008, with the top 10 percent earning more than \$74,040.

Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- A grade point average of at least 3.0 or better (A=4.0) for the final 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of undergraduate study strongly preferred.
- Experience in a Social Work related field as a paid employee, volunteer, or researcher strongly preferred.

How to Apply

Submit to University of Memphis Graduate School Admissions:

- A complete Graduate School Application (may be completed online)
- Non-refundable fee (\$35 domestic, \$60 international)
- Official Transcripts from ALL universities you have attended
- Official Graduate Record (GRE) score (TOEFL if applicable)

Submit to University of Memphis, Division of Social Work:

- Completed Master of Social Work Application (must be completed online via the "Apply Now" button on the Division of Social Work website)
- Three letters of reference on letterhead or using the 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)
- A professional resume (submitted as part of the online MSW application)

References may be submitted online or through the US mail to the Division of Social Work office. **Using the online system is strongly recommended.**



Program Requirements

Students are required to complete a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours; thirty (30) hours are required in the foundation curriculum and thirty (30) hours are required in the concentration curriculum.

Students are also required to complete more than 900 clock hours in field internships with social service agencies.

Course Content Includes:

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- Social Policy
- Research
- Social Work Practice
- Cultural Competence

Two Study Options

- **Full-time study (4 semesters of study; 60 credit hours)**
- **Extended study (6 to 8 semesters of study; 60 credit hours)**

All MSW students complete the same courses regardless of program of study, follow the same learning expectations for field education, take the same comprehensive exam at the conclusion of the program, and meet the same requirements for graduation.

Get Involved

The **Student Social Work Organization (SSWO)** provides students with opportunities to get involved with important social issues. Check the website for more information.

NASW Student Membership

The National Association of Social Workers offers a discounted full membership to social work students. NASW is a great resource for students to develop their professional career and gain access to social work information and resources. For more information visit : www.socialworkers.org.

Deadlines

Scholarship/Assistantship

Deadline: February 15th

Regular Admission

Deadline: April 1st

The MSW Program accepts new students for the **Fall Semester only**.

The MSW degree is in the CSWE accreditation process. Check the website for progress.

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