



MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

SOCIAL WORKERS CHANGE FUTURES



“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

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A GROWING INDUSTRY

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, **employment of social workers is projected to grow 7%** from 2022-2032, faster than the average for all occupations.

The **median annual salary** for social workers was **\$55,350** in 2022, with the **top 10% earning more than \$87,300**.





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WHY STUDY SOCIAL WORK?

The **Master of Social Work program** is fully accredited by the **Council on Social Work Education**.

“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 (2018)

“My experience in the MSW program has been truly rewarding. I have been challenged and supported. I am confident, once I have completed the MSW degree, I can pursue a career as a professional social worker.”

-Audry Cobbs, MSW '23

“The opportunities I have had during field placements and in the classroom have helped me understand what it means to provide service and social justice. The MSW program has given me confidence to advocate and be the change the world needs.”

-Hannah Conaway, MSW '22

“My MSW is my most powerful tool as a professional and person. The faculty and staff are passionate about their work and their contributions to the community and show such compassion in the classroom.”

-MK Webb, MSW '23

STUDY OPTIONS

Full-Time Program

(2 years, 60 credit hours, online or on ground)

Spring Start Program

(2.5 years, 60 credit hours, online)

Extended Study

(3-4 years, 60 credit hours, online or on ground)

Advanced Standing*

Full-time students (11 months, 37 credit hours, online or on ground)

Part-time students (2 years, 37 credit hours, online or on ground)

Concentrations

The MSW consists of the following specialization:

Advanced Practice Across Systems

Optional Certificates

Students may choose one of the four available social work certificates (within the 60 credit hours):

- Interprofessional Graduate Certificate in Substance Abuse
- Graduate Clinical Social Work Certificate
- School Social Work Graduate Certificate (may lead to school social work licensure)
- Play Therapy (the courses within this graduate certificate can aid in the pursuit of future credentialing)

Field Internships

MSW students complete 900 hours of field across two placement settings.

*To meet the minimum requirements for advancing standing, a student must have a BA/BSW in social work from an accredited program, 3.0 overall GPA, 3.3 in undergraduate social work courses and strong writing test scores. Advanced Standing students complete 500 hours of field in one placement setting.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

memphis.edu/socialwork/graduate/deadlines.php

- A completed application to the Graduate School
- Non-refundable fee (\$35 domestic | \$60 international)
- Official transcripts from ALL universities you have attended
- Writing sample **OR** standardized test result (Official Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score or Praxis Core Writing Score) and TOEFL if applicable
- Three professional references on the online application
- Completed personal statement (submitted as part of the online application)

DEADLINES

Priority Regular Fall and Summer Advanced Standing Admission Deadline | March 1

Regular Summer Advanced Standing Deadline | April 1

Regular Fall Start Deadline | April 15

Regular Spring Start Deadline | November 15

Graduate Assistantships | March 1

▲ We accept applications past our deadlines until all slots are full, however, early application is highly encouraged!