

University of Missouri-St Louis

Graduate Program Profile

Master of Social Work (MSW)

Degree Program

A minimum of 60 semester hours of course work is required. Applicants with a B.S.W. or equivalent from an accredited social work program may be given up to 24 credit hours of advanced standing for foundation social work courses. After completing 30 hours of foundation courses, all students take another 30 credit hours in their specialization: *Family Practice, Leadership and Management, or Gerontology*. All students must complete the MSW in four years.

Program Website

<http://www.umsl.edu/~socialwk/MSW/programoverviewA.html>

Application Requirements

1. Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/applying.html>

2. Social Work Application

<http://www.umsl.edu/~socialwk/docs/MSWfullapplicationpacket.pdf>

3. Three essays

Please see the Social Work Application for requirements.

4. Official transcripts from all universities attended

Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.

5. Three letters of recommendation

Letters of reference should come from a) at least one professor from the major field of undergraduate study and b) at least one from work or volunteer supervisors or other professional reference.

6. Grade Point Average

Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale. Applicants whose overall GPA is 2.75 to 2.99 may be admitted under some circumstances.

7. Entrance examinations

International students are required to document English proficiency (<http://www.umsl.edu/divisions/graduate/prospective/international.html>).

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of all admission materials is February 15 for the Fall semester.

Application Fee

\$35 (\$40 for international students)

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