



The **Master of** **Social Work**

Take your commitment to helping others to a higher level and make a difference in the world.

People become social workers for many reasons, but ultimately their goal is to make the world a better place for those in need. Earning a Master of Social Work at the University of Missouri–St. Louis positions students to apply the emotional intelligence and understanding that social workers possess while gaining the knowledge, skills and values needed to enter the workforce as a direct service provider; a clinician in a healthcare, clinical or therapeutic setting; a director of a human service organization; an entrepreneur of social innovation or an advocate for systemic change.

Master of Social Work

The Master of Social Work at the University of Missouri–St. Louis is a two-year full-time or up to six-year part-time program that prepares graduates for professional social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities.

In the first half of graduate study, students take courses that provide a common base of knowledge across all practice settings and populations. Upon completion of 30 foundation credit hours, students proceed to one of two areas of concentration:

- **Family Practice**, which prepares students to work primarily with individuals and families in settings such as child welfare agencies, family service agencies, mental health clinics, schools, healthcare organizations, family violence service agencies, substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, or correctional organizations.
- **Leadership and Social Change**, which provides students with the knowledge and practical training to assume leadership and management positions in a wide variety of local, state and national public, private and nonprofit organizations.

Field education is also an integral part of UMSL's MSW curriculum, and provides valuable experience with the functions, responsibilities and challenges of real-world social workers in our communities. Students may choose from 400+ practicum locations in and around the St. Louis area, allowing for a broad range of training opportunities. Field sites outside of the St. Louis metropolitan area may be approved upon request.

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Fully accredited and top-ranked.

The School of Social Work at UMSL is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. We adhere to the CSWE's Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards which establish program structure and curriculum so that every student graduating from a social work program has the same basic skills and knowledge. The School of Social Work is a U.S. News and World Report and TFE Times top-ranked school of social work, and provides a quality, cost-effective and accessible professional social work education to traditional and non-traditional students.

Social work students may join the Student Social Work Association which provides opportunities to develop leadership and teamwork skills and to get involved through volunteering. MSW students who are ranked in the top 35% academically may join the UMSL Chapter of Phi Alpha, the international honor society in social work.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Master of Social Work is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in-person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri—St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, and as such, UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Career Opportunities

Case Manager
Community Outreach Manager
Clinical Social Worker/Therapist
Criminal Justice Social Worker
Crisis Intervention Specialist
Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
Employment Specialist
Family Services Worker
Foster Care Specialist
Health Services Manager
Hospice Care Worker
Housing Specialist
Medical Social Worker
Mental Wellness Navigator
Probation/Parole Supervisor
Residential Care Manager
School Social Worker
Social Service Manager
Substance Abuse Counselor
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The University of Missouri—St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. More than 75% of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce, and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri—St. Louis for social work.



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