



The **Bachelor of**

Social Work

Inspire hope. Change lives.

Social workers help people cope and solve everyday problems while promoting human and societal well-being. They're self-aware, culturally informed, critically thinking leaders committed to social and economic justice, professional values and ethics. They enhance the well-being of clients, assist in organization and community development and influence policy. They inspire hope and change lives by the very nature of what they do.

The demand for social workers will increase 13 percent from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, making social work an in-demand career with meaning.

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The BSW program stresses the critical, empirical, and applied aspects of social work while incorporating a liberal arts perspective throughout the curriculum. Students are required to complete 43-credit hours of human behavior, practice, research and policy courses in social work, 30-credit hours of related area coursework and 570-clock hours of fieldwork in a social services agency, providing a strong focus on community and agency field work in a social work setting. The practicum provides students the opportunity to practice what they learn in the classroom in generalist social work practice activities. Professional social work education enables students to integrate the knowledge, values and skills of the profession into competent practice.

The Bachelor of Social Work program prepares students for entry-level employment in social welfare agencies, schools, hospitals, correctional institutions, social action and community organizations, and day care, geriatric, rehabilitation and residential centers.

Graduates will be prepared to meet diverse needs; understand diversity and social welfare issues; promote human, organizational and community development; and advance social justice and positive social change. Students gain understanding and expertise about social work in both the non-profit and public sectors and prepare for lifelong learning.

Fully accredited and top-ranked.

Degrees from The School of Social Work at UMSL are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). We adhere to the CSWE's Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards which establish social work programs' structure and curriculum so every student graduating from a social work program should have the same basic skills and knowledge. The School of Social Work is a 2019 U.S. News and World Report 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. BSW 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 Bachelor of Social Work is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and practitioners 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. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. 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.

Learn more at socialwork.umsl.edu

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. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The metropolitan region needs a workforce well-equipped with the knowledge and skills to help the region's population and UMSL is prepared to help you meet that need. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for social work.

Career Opportunities

Case Manager
Community Outreach Specialist
Crisis Intervention Specialist
Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
Employment Specialist
Family Services Worker
Foster Care Specialist
Hospice Social Worker
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Residential Care Worker
Social Service Coordinator
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