

## Master of Social Work (MSW)

### Degree Program

- The MSW program is designed to prepare students to be competent professional social work practitioners. Graduates will have the knowledge, skills and values for direct social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, or the knowledge, skills and values to effectively manage and lead non-profit and public human service agencies.
- The MSW program requires 60 hours of graduate coursework. However, applicants with a BSW from an accredited social work program or with equivalent graduate level coursework may be given up to 24 hours of advanced standing for foundation social work courses.
- The MSW program can be completed in four years. Full-time students should be able to complete the program in two years, while part-time students can complete the program within four years.

### Program Website

<http://umsl.edu/go/MSW>

### Application Requirements:

1. Application
  - <http://umsl.edu/go/Apply-Now>
2. Social Work Application and Admissions Information
  - <http://www.umsl.edu/~socialwk/Apply/apply-MSW.html>
3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
4. Arrange for three (3) [Recommendation Forms](#) to be submitted as outlined in the [Recommendation Form Instructions](#). *Letters of recommendation accompanying the forms are strongly encouraged. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure these recommendations are received by the School of Social Work **prior to the application deadline**.*
5. Grade Point Average
  - An undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on 4.0 scale and minimum 3.0 in the major field of student.
  - Applicants with a GPA under 3.0 may be considered under certain circumstances.
6. Entrance examinations
  - GRE is NOT required.
  - International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

### Application Deadline

The application deadline is March 1 for all students (full or part-time) seeking admission for the Fall semester. The application deadline is October 15 for all students (full or part-time) seeking admission for the Spring Semester.

### Application Fee

\$50 for domestic applicants; \$40 for international students

### Graduate Program Director

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