University of Missouri—St. Louis

Reaching Out to You

You can earn a high quality, fully accredited, low-cost college degree that is close to home from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. In cooperation with Jefferson College, Mineral Area College, and St. Louis Community College at Wildwood, UMSL offers degree credit courses which lead to a smooth transition for transfer students interested in completing a Bachelor’s degree. A Master’s degree is also available for those who have completed a Bachelor’s degree. The faculty and staff of the community colleges and UMSL are committed to helping you achieve your academic goals. Courses are offered in a variety of formats through the Off-Campus Degree Completion program, including on site and Internet-based classes. All courses are taught by UMSL faculty.

UMSL School of Social Work

The School of Social Work engages students and faculty in professional education, research and service to advance knowledge and competence to promote human and societal well-being. Within a collaborative learning environment, students are prepared as culturally competent, critically thinking leaders committed to social and economic justice as well as professional values and ethics.

In the first year of graduate study, students take courses that provide a common base of knowledge across all practice settings and populations. They gain basic knowledge and skills for generalist practice in order to effectively interact with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. The MSW program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Social work education at the Master’s level is built upon a liberal arts perspective. It includes required professional foundation content and one or more concentrations designed to teach students advanced analytical and practice skills sufficient for self-critical, accountable and ultimately autonomous practice in relevant professional areas.

About the Profession

MSW social workers are employed in a variety of fields, including aging, child welfare, community organization, developmental disabilities, employment/occupational social work, health care, international social work, justice/corrections, management/administration of social agencies, mental health/clinical social work, policy planning and advocacy, politics, research, public welfare, school social work and substance misuse/addictions.

Please visit our website for more details:

https://www.umsl.edu/off-campus-degree-completion/social-work-bachelors-and-masters.html

Admission Requirements

Admission to the M.S.W. Program requires admission to the University of Missouri—St. Louis School of Social Work and acceptance by the School of Social Work. Applicants to the program must meet the following requirements to be considered for admission:

- Completion of a Bachelor’s degree from a college or university accredited by a recognized regional accrediting organization.
- Completion of a liberal arts education including courses in the humanities, the social and behavioral sciences and the physical sciences. These courses must include one class in human biology and one class in statistics.
- Attainment of a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate course work and a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the major field.

Submission of the following documents by the application deadline:

1. A completed application to the UMSL Graduate School and a completed M.S.W. supplemental application.
2. Three written essays.
3. Three letters of reference, including one letter from a professor in your major field of study, and one letter from a work or volunteer supervisor or other professional reference. Letters from employees/supervisees, friends and family may not be submitted.
4. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended.
5. Applicable fees.

Applicants with a B.S.W., B.A.S.W., or B.S.S.W. from an accredited social work program may be given up to 24 credit hours of advanced standing for foundation social work courses. Admission to the advanced standing program is available to applicants who meet the general admission requirements in addition to the following criteria:

- Earned a Bachelor’s degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education within five years of applying to the M.S.W. Program, and
- Earned a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the social work foundation curriculum with no less than a B in all applicable courses.

Application Deadline

The deadline for application to the M.S.W. program is February 15 for admission in the following fall semester.

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# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
## Specialization in Family Practice
At Mineral Area College

### SPRING 2017
- **SW 5200** Social Policy & Social Services* 3
- **SW 5700** Diversity & Social Justice for Social Work* 3
  - Approved Elective 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 9

### SUMMER 2017
- **SW 5100** Generalist Social Work Practice* 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 3

### FALL 2017
- **SW 5300** Community Practice & Social Change* 3
- **SW 5410** Social Work Research Methods & Analysis I 3
- **SW 5500** Foundations of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*
  - Approved Elective 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 12

### SPRING 2018
- **SW 5450** Social Work Research Methods & Analysis II 3
- **SW 5350** Social Work & Human Service Organizations 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 6

### SUMMER 2018
- **SW 5800** Graduate Field Practicum I 4
- **SW 5801** Foundation Field Practicum Seminar 2
  - **Credit Hours:** 6

### FALL 2018
- **SW 6160** Advanced Social Work Practice Across the Life Span 3
- **SW 6200** Family Policy 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 6

### SPRING 2019
- **SW 6150** Theory & Practice with Families 3
  - Approved Elective 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 6

### FALL 2019
- **SW 6400** Practice & Program Evaluation 3
- **SW 6800** Graduate Field Practicum II 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 6

### SPRING 2020
- **SW 6850** Graduate Field Practicum III 3
  - Approved Elective 3
  - **Credit Hours:** 6

* Courses for students who are not eligible for advance-standing admission.

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