

## 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, groups, families or older adults, 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 must be completed in four years. Full-time students should be able to complete the program in two years, while part-time students must complete the program within four years.

Program Website: <http://www.umsl.edu/%7esocialwk/MSW%20Graduate%20Studies/index.html>

### Application Requirements:

1. Application
  - a. <http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html>
2. Social Work Application and Admissions Information
  - a. <http://www.umsl.edu/~socialwk/Apply/apply-MSW.html>
3. Personal statement (included in application packet)
4. Official transcripts from all universities attended
  - a. Applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master's program.
5. Three letters of recommendation (included in application packet)
6. Grade Point Average
  - a. An undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75 on 4.0 scale and minimum 2.75 in the major field of student.
  - b. Students with a GPA of 2.5-2.74 may be admitted under certain circumstances.
7. Entrance examinations
  - a. GRE is NOT required.
  - b. 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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