**SOCIAL WORK**

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Major: Social Work

Degrees Offered: M.S.W., Ph.D.

Graduate Concentrations: Advocacy, Leadership, and Social Change (M.S.W. only), Children, Youth and Family Services (M.S.W. only), Health Care (M.S.W. only), Mental Health (M.S.W. only), School Social Work (M.S.W. only)

Off-Campus Program: Social Work

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Joint Degree Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work and Master of Public Health (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/community-health/master-pub-health)

Degrees Offered: Ph.D. and M.P.H.

Joint Degree Program: Master of Social Work and Ph.D. in Social Work

Degrees Offered: M.S.W. and Ph.D.

**Graduate Degree Programs**

The School of Social Work offers programs leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees. The MSW program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The MSW program offers courses on the Urbana campus and off-campus through its MSW Outreach program.

**Admission**

For the MSW program, applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the United States or from a recognized institution of higher learning abroad;
2. a grade point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) or greater for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work;
3. 20 hours of completed coursework in a liberal arts core consisting of social and behavioral sciences, the humanities, and biological sciences
4. evidence of personal attributes that are suitable for the profession of social work;
5. a score of 580 or above on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (237 or above on the computer-based test) for any applicant whose native language is not English; and
6. provision of a written supplementary statement.

For the Advanced Standing MSW program applicants must meet all the requirements above, and in addition have earned a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from a CSWE accredited program in the past 7 years.

The Ph.D. program is open to students who demonstrate a potential for research and other scholarly work, who have aptitude for leadership in the field of social work and allied professions, and who have had education in social work or in related professions or disciplines.

Admission requirements for the M.S.W. also apply.

**MSW Outreach Program**

Designed for the working professional who cannot attend a graduate program on the University of Illinois campus, the MSW Outreach Program allows students to remain in their home community while pursuing a graduate degree. The School offers a three-year part-time program of study through its MSW Outreach Program. This program is offered across the state and for students in adjoining states. Classes are offered in on-line and hybrid/blended learning formats. Face to face class sessions are offered on weekends. In their third year students complete complete two concentration courses on campus. After completing their coursework students do an internship/field placement back in their home communities. Students complete the same course requirements as students in the on-campus MSW program (see above). Outreach students who qualify for the Advanced Standing program may complete a shorter two-year course of study (see above).

**Post-MSW Certification Program**

The School offers a post-MSW certification program in School Social Work. Individuals with an MSW from an accredited School of Social Work are eligible to apply for the certification program. Individuals enrolled in the post-MSW certification program take two School Social Work courses and complete a one semester internship in a public school. Students whose MSW did not have sufficient clinical coursework may be required to complete additional coursework to meet ISBE criteria. Upon completion of the program students are eligible for the School Social Worker on an Illinois Professional Educator License from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

**Centers, Programs, and Institutes**

The school operates the Children and Family Research Center (CFRC) which has offices on the Urbana campus and in Chicago. The CFRC is dedicated to supporting and conducting research that contributes to keeping children safe, assuring permanent homes for children, and supporting child and family well-being. The CFRC is an independent research center created in 1996 at the School of Social Work by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The Center’s mission is to:

1. Study the needs of children and families in their social contexts
2. Monitor the achievement of child welfare outcomes
3. Evaluate service demonstrations and system reforms
4. Audit programs to ensure service quality and efficiency
5. Provide training and consultation to advance best practice
6. Disseminate knowledge on research-based practice

**Master of Social Work in Social Work**

The master’s degree provides specialized study for advanced social work practice. Students take foundation and advanced courses in social work practice methods with individuals, families and organization, in policy and

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services, in research, and in human behavior and the social environment. A two-semester field placement/internship (minimum 900 hours) in a social service agency is required. A total of 64-72 hours of graduate coursework is required for the M.S.W. degree. The determination of the number of hours needed within the range is determined on a case-by-case basis after considering each student's prior coursework and experience. The curriculum may be completed in 16 to 24 months of full-time study.

Students choose from one of the five concentrations listed below. Students in the ALSC concentration prepare for advanced macro practice, which focuses on work with communities and organizations rather than work with individuals and families. In the ALSC concentration students are prepared to work in either leadership/administration or advocacy/policy. Students in the other four concentrations prepare for clinical practice with individuals, families and groups, and the focus of their clinical practice is in one of the specialized fields of practice (concentrations) below.

1. Master of Social Work, Leadership & Social Change (LSC) Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/ms-social-work-msw-advocacy-leadership-social-change)
   • The LSC concentration is focused exclusively on macro practice and is not for students interested in direct service.


3. Master of Social Work, Health Care Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/ms-social-work-msw-health-care)

4. Master of Social Work, Mental Health Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/ms-social-work-msw-mental-health)

5. Master of Social Work, School (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/ms-social-work-msw-social-school-work) Social Work Concentration
   • The school social work concentration only has a direct practice option and is not approved for macro practice. Students specializing in school social work must also satisfy Type 73 certification requirements of the Council on Teacher Education and the Illinois State Board of Education.

**Advanced Standing MSW**

Students with a Bachelors degree in Social Work (BSW) within the past seven years from a social work program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and a GPA of 3.0 (A = 4.0) or greater for the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work are eligible for the advanced standing program. This is a three semester/44 hour program that may be completed in 12 months by most students. Students with a concentration in school social work participate in a one semester internship during their second Fall semester for a 3 semester/44 hour program completed in 16 months.

- Advanced Standing MSW, Leadership & Social Change Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/advanced-standing-msw-advocacy-leadership-social-change)
- Advanced Standing MSW, Children, Youth and Family Services Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/advanced-standing-msw-children-youth-family-services)
- Advanced Standing MSW, Mental Health Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/advanced-standing-msw-mental-health)
- Advanced Standing MSW, Health Care Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/advanced-standing-msw-health-care)

**Course of Study - LSC, CYFS, Health Care, Mental Health**

- Fall: 4 advanced social work classes
- Spring: 2 concentration classes, 2 advanced social work classes
- Summer: field internship 5 days/week (35-36 hours/week), field seminar

**Course of Study - School Social Work**

- Fall: 4 advanced social work classes
- Spring: 2 concentration classes, 2 advanced social work classes
- Fall: field internship 4 days/week (30-32 hours/week), field seminar

**Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work**

The Ph.D. program is typically a 64 graduate hour program for students who enter with an MSW or other master’s degree. The program is interdisciplinary and has a strong research emphasis. The Ph.D. program is organized around five curricular components: (1) seminars in social welfare policy, social work practice theories, and teaching; (2) research methodology and statistics; (3) an interdisciplinary area of study; (4) a qualifying exam; and (5) the dissertation. While the curriculum focuses on issues of relevance to social work and social welfare policy, students select courses not just in the School of Social Work but also from the full range of graduate courses offered, for example: educational psychology, human and community development, sociology, labor and industrial relations, psychology and anthropology. Candidates prepare for teaching, research, policy analysis, and leadership in social services.

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**Other Requirements**

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Minimum GPA: 3.0

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Handbook (http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/doctoral-program-ph-d/degree-and-course-requirements) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Master of Social Work and Ph.D. in Social Work

Admission to the Joint MSW – Ph.D. program is restricted to students who have a master’s degree in a related field and who intend to complete a Ph.D. in the School of Social Work. Both degrees (MSW, Ph.D.) will be awarded upon completion of the program.

- Advocacy, Leadership & Social Change Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/advocacy-leadership-social-change)
- Children, Youth and Family Services Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/children-youth-family-services)
- Health Care Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/health-care)
- Mental Health Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/mental-health)
- School Social Work Concentration (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/school-social-work)

Master of Public Health and Ph.D. in Social Work

- M.P.H./Ph.D. (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/graduate-majors/social-work/mph-phd)