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### Admission

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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 103 or above on the TOEFL test;
6. provision of a written supplementary statement.

**Advanced Standing MSW** applicants who meet all above requirements who have earned a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree from a CSWE-accredited program in the past seven years are considered for admission into the Advanced Standing MSW 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.

**Ph.D. program** applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. a master degree in social work or in related disciplines;
2. a GRE score within the last 5 years;
3. demonstrating a potential for research and other scholarly work;
4. aptitude for leadership in the field of social work

**for the degree of Master of Social Work Major in Social Work, Advanced Clinical Practice Concentration**

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**Graduate Degree Programs in Social Work**

Social Work, MSW (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/socw/social-work-msw/) (on campus, online & blended (online/face-to-face))

**concentration required:**

- Advanced Clinical Practice (p. 1)
- Leadership & Social Change (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/socw/social-work-msw/leadership-social-change/)
- Social Work, PhD (http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/socw/social-work-phd/)

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.

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 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.

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SOCW 516 Child, Youth and Family Svcs
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Policy 8

SOCW 589 Social Work and the Law

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SOCW 514 Mental Health Pol and Svcs
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SOCW 519 Public School Policy/Services
SOCW 580 Advanced Child Welfare

Research 4

SOCW 541 Clinical Research Seminar
or SOCW Program Evaluation

HBSE 4

SOCW 552 HBSE II: Mental Disorders

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SOCW 531 Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar I
SOCW 532 Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar II

Electives/Focus Area 4

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SOCW 500 SW Practice with Indiv and Fam
SOCW 501 SW Practice with Groups
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SOCW 503 Trauma Informed Social Work with Children and Adolescents
SOCW 505 Behav and Cogn Methods for SW
SOCW 506 SW Practice with Child/Adol
SOCW 507 School Social Work Practice
SOCW 508 Family Therapy Seminar
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SOCW 451 HBSE I: Human Development
SOCW 552 HBSE II: Mental Disorders

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