

SOCIAL WORK: LEADERSHIP & SOCIAL CHANGE, MSW

for the degree of Master of Social Work, Leadership & Social Change 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 (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/socw/social-work-msw/advanced-clinical/>) Leadership & Social Change (p. 1)

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.

MSW students choose from one of these two concentrations:

- In the **Advanced Clinical Practice concentration**, students prepare for clinical practice with individuals, families and groups, and in one of the focus areas. These students’ Methods coursework has a clinical focus.
- Students in the **Leadership & Social Change (LSC) concentration** prepare for advanced macro practice which focuses on work with communities and organizations rather than work with individuals and families. In the LSC concentration students are prepared to work in either leadership/administration or advocacy/policy. Methods coursework for this concentration has a Macro focus.

Admission

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 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 Leadership & Social Change Concentration

This program is available on campus, online, and blended (online/face-to-face)

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Handbook (<http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/>) and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Advanced Standing (Entering With a BSW)

Code	Title	Hours
Methods		12
SOCW 521	Leadership and Social Change	
SOCW 520	Social Welfare Planning	
SOCW 526	Managing Human Service Orgs	
Policy		4
SOCW 589	Social Work and the Law	
Research		4
SOCW 542	Program Evaluation	
HBSE		4
SOCW 554	Inequalities In A Diverse Society	
Field Education		12-24
SOCW 531	Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar I	

SOCW 532 Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar II

Electives	8
Total Hours:	44-56

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
A concentration is required.	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	36
Overall:	
Minimum GPA:	3.0

Entering Without a BSW

Code	Title	Hours
Methods		16
SOCW 400	Generalist SW Practice Methods	
SOCW 521	Leadership and Social Change	
SOCW 520	Social Welfare Planning	
SOCW 526	Managing Human Service Orgs	
Policy		8
SOCW 410	Social Welfare Pol and Svcs	
SOCW 589	Social Work and the Law	
Research		8
SOCW 427	Social Work Research Methods	
SOCW 542	Program Evaluation	
HBSE		8
SOCW 451	HBSE I: Human Development	
SOCW 554	Inequalities In A Diverse Society	
Field Education		24
SOCW 531	Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar I	
SOCW 532	Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar II	
Electives/Focus Area		4-8
Total Hours		64-72

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
A concentration is required.	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	48
Overall:	
Minimum GPA:	3.0