MSW Information Session

Learn more about the MSW program designed to fit your life!
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EVERYWHERE THERE ARE PEOPLE IN NEED, THERE ARE SOCIAL WORKERS!

Schools
Hospitals
Courts
Correctional facilities
Mental health and addiction centers
Foster care and adoption agencies
International aid organizations
Military bases
Private practice
Community centers
Child welfare agencies
Nursing homes and adult day centers
And many more

Social work is for compassionate people wanting to help others who are struggling. Every day, social workers help thousands of people learn new ways to overcome some of life’s most challenging obstacles. If you want a career that’s diverse, meaningful, and rewarding, social work is for you.
MSW Program Overview

- Two years full-time
- Three or four years part-time
- Preferred GPA: 3.0
- Last year 800 students applied, over 500 were admitted

NO GRE REQUIRED!
Advanced Standing Alternative Program (ASAP)

Options:
- One year full-time
- Two years part-time

Minimum Requirements:
- BSSW earned within the last five years from an accredited institution
- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- B or better in all required social work courses
Admissions Timeline

Applications will open October 1!

NEEDED ITEMS:

- A preferred grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for most recent, highest degree earned. Applicants who do not meet the 3.0 GPA will be reviewed for admission on a case-by-case basis.

- 10 credit hours or 15 quarter hours of social sciences (i.e., psychology, sociology, political science, anthropology and economics).

- Transcripts from each college/university attended. Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the online application only. To be admitted, official transcripts must be requested from your institution’s registrar office and mailed directly to The Ohio State University, PO Box 182004, Columbus, OH 43218-2004 or emailed to gpadocs@osu.edu.

- Résumé or curriculum vitae (CV).

- Three letters of recommendation: one from an academic professor (recommended) and two from professionals (non-relatives). Recommenders will automatically be sent a link to upload their letters AFTER you submit your application.

- Personal statement; a prompt will be available on online application.

ASAP applicants must also submit field evaluation/learning agreement.
For students who have below a 3.0 cumulative for their last degree earned (excluding associate’s degree), the MSW Program has to petition students they feel would be successful in the MSW Program and request a conditional admission. Here are some tips for strengthening your application as these candidates will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Strong academic reference(s) as part of your required 3 letters of recommendation
Thorough response in your statement of purpose describing your academic challenges and how you plan to be successful in the MSW Program
Taking the GRE could be beneficial if you feel your performance would provide academic support for your graduate program readiness
Enrolling in Graduate Non-Degree courses and using your instructor as a reference will help showcase your graduate program readiness

For students who have a 2.7 cumulative GPA or below:
The Graduate Bridge Program (GBP) is a graduate-admission designation, for up to one full consecutive academic year (SU-AU-SP, in any order) allowing under-prepared students, and others in special circumstances, to have graduate standing before entering a program and a full load of prerequisite and/or degree-applicable coursework. Please note, you will not be able to utilize financial aid but you will be able to apply credits earned to the degree. You can learn more about the process and requirements here: https://gradsch.osu.edu/handbook/g-5-graduate-bridge-program-under-prepared-studentsadministered-gra-graduate-bridge-program
Transfer students must complete the same MSW application process. If admitted, you may transfer up to 12 semester credits from another college/university toward your MSW degree. The coursework must be taken within the past six years to count for transfer credit.
Application Fee Waivers

**Big Ten Academic Alliance**
Students who have a 3.0 or higher are eligible for the [Big Ten Academic Alliance Free Application](http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/apply/waiver.html).

**Alumni Online Program Applicants**
The Ohio State University Alumni Association is piloting a new benefit: application fee waivers for OSU alumni who are applying to online programs at Ohio State. For fee waiver eligibility and requirements, visit [http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/apply/waiver.html](http://gpadmissions.osu.edu/apply/waiver.html).
Interested in starting sooner?

Students admitted to the Advanced Standing Alternative Plan (ASAP) begin in June.
Students admitted to the Traditional MSW program will begin in August.

Graduate non-degree is an option for students who wish to familiarize themselves with our MSW program prior to being admitted.

As a graduate non-degree student, you can take up to 10 credit hours of graduate level electives that can be transferred into the program.

You can apply as a graduate non-degree student any semester.

Our graduate level elective courses in the College of Social Work are 5000 level courses and can be found here.

For additional information on how to apply as a graduate non-degree student visit: http://go.osu.edu/graduatenondegree
What does the online program look like?

If you are admitted to one of the online programs (ASAP or Traditional) you will complete your coursework 100% online and your field practicum in person at an agency in your local area.
Licensure/State Authorization Disclosure:
Ohio State academic programs are designed to prepare students to sit for applicable licensure or certification in Ohio. If you plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than Ohio, please review state educational requirements for licensure and certification and state licensing board contact information at go.osu.edu/disclosures for online programs and go.osu.edu/onground for on-campus programs.

If you are planning to seek a professional license in a state other than Ohio, it is highly recommended that you contact the appropriate state licensing agency to seek information and guidance before beginning the program. In addition, online program availability may vary by state. For more information on state authorization requirements and disclosures related to online programs and state licensing board contact information, please visit online.osu.edu/state-authorization/disclosures.
Tuition and Fees

Ohio residents and online students, even those outside of Ohio, pay in-state tuition, which is $6,500 per semester for a full-time student (8–18 credit hours). On campus, out-of-state students pay out-of-state tuition rates. There is an additional $1,795 tuition fee per semester for online students outside of Ohio.

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Please note this is only an estimate for tuition and fees, which are subject to change.
Financing Your Education

Fellowships – A fellowship is funding provided from the University which includes tuition and a monthly stipend for one year. In order to compete for a fellowship, it is necessary that the application process is completed by December 1. Fellowships are only available for full-time on campus students.

https://gradsch.osu.edu/pursuing-your-degree/graduate-fellows

Assistantships – The College of Social Work typically does not award these to students. Master’s students are eligible for assistantships and are encouraged to contact other departments at the University should they be interested in an assistantship.

Scholarships – The College of Social Work Scholarship Application will open in November with a deadline of March 1.

Loans – The FAFSA is available on October 1 each year. Ohio State’s priority date for filing the FAFSA is February 1.

Contact the Office of Financial Aid for additional funding opportunities
https://www.sfa.osu.edu/
MSW Curriculum

Helps students to learn best practices about their chosen area of emphasis.

Areas of Emphasis

- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Children & Youth
- Aging & Health
- Community & Social Justice
MSW Curriculum

ASAP students complete **43 credit hours** and the traditional program completes **63 credit hours** for the MSW degree.

A program designed to fit your life!

- Student friendly
- Maximum flexibility
- Individualized plan of study
- Coordination between courses and field
- 100% online option
- School Social Work
- MSW/PHD program
- Dual Degree Options
  - City and Regional Planning
  - Public Health
  - Public Administration

Click below to view curriculum guides!
https://csw.osu.edu/degrees-programs/msw/current-students/
Two-Year Traditional MSW Full-time Option

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Three-Year Traditional MSW Part-time Option

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Total: 63 credit hours
## Advanced Standing (ASAP) Full-time Program

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Students may enroll in a minimum of 8 to 12 credit hours in the Summer and may take between 4 and 7 credit hours of electives to accompany the two required courses during the Summer Term. *Some areas of emphasis allow students to take both 76__ classes concurrently.*

Students are required to take at least one micro and one macro level (75__) advanced practice methods course.

Courses listed as 76__ and 75__ may also be counted as elective credit once required hours are completed.

Students must complete a total of 12 credit hours of advanced practice methods courses. The following courses are 1.5 credits each: SWK 7518 (micro), SWK 7519 (micro), SWK 7520 (micro), and SWK 7534 (macro).
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*Students are required to take at least one micro and one macro level (75__) advanced practice methods course.

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FIELD EDUCATION OVERVIEW

2 Year Traditional Full-Time Students

• In the first year of the MSW field placement, students are placed in human service agencies oriented toward a generalist social work practice.
• In the second year of the MSW field placement, students are completing an advanced placement and it is designed to permit students to achieve greater autonomy and to maximize skill development in the integration of theory and practice.

*Student may elect to begin their 2nd year field hours in the Summer semester following their 1st year in the program. This will decrease weekly field hours for the remainder of the 2nd year to approximately 16-20/hours week.

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Field Placement

**ASAP: Full-Time Students**
- ASAP students have obtained their generalist social work practice experience during their undergraduate education. ASAP placements permit students to maximize advanced skill development in their practice areas of interest.
- Begins second semester

**Part-time Students (ASAP and Traditional)**
- Part-time students begin field during their 2nd year in the program. Depending on the student’s individual course plan, the student will spend approximately 16-20 hours/week in field for multiple semesters to meet field hour requirements. Please speak to an advisor for specific course plan options.
Field Placement

Availability for Field Placement:
Field placements are completed during two to three workdays during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). To complete field education, employed students must arrange their work schedules to accommodate weekday time in field placement. Additional field education hours may be approved for weekends and after business hours, with appropriate supervision available by the agency.

Employment-Based Placement:
During the placement process, students may request to complete their field placement at their current place of employment by completing an Employment Based Placement (EBP) Application. All EBP’s require final approval from field office staff. If interested, please review the EBP policy here.
Field Placement

Out of State Students:
There are a few additional steps in securing a field placement for out of state students:

Contact potential agencies in your area and inquire about their capacity for an MSW student. Remember to share details regarding required field hours and your timeline for placement.
    Ensure that the agency has an MSW with 2 years post-graduate experience on staff to provide supervision to you (approximately 1 hour/week).
    Gather contact information for the agency: contact person, email, phone number & agency website.
    Be prepared to provide this information for up to 3 agencies to the field office when requested.

Once requested, the field office will reach out to the agencies regarding the affiliation process and accepting you as a student. The affiliation process involves a legal agreement between the agency and The Ohio State University. This can be a timely process as the agreement goes through the legal teams of both entities. Please note that you cannot begin your placement until this is entire process is completed and the agency is approved as an affiliate.
Field Placement

Placement Process:
Students will be contacted by the field office regarding beginning the placement process. Students are not permitted to arrange their own field placements (exceptions for out of state students).

Helpful Links:

Field Overview and Requirements
Field Database and Forms
FAQS

For additional questions, please contact cswfield@osu.edu
VISIONARIES

The newly established MSW Student Leadership Group

Visionaries is composed of three groups: CSW Champions, the MSW Student Experience Committee, and Peer Mentorship.

As a CSW Champion, you will promote the College of Social Work by meeting with prospective students, providing mentorship, attending our open house and new student orientations, and representing the college at various events to showcase your positive experience within the MSW program.

As a MSW Student Experience committee member, you will organize a variety of social events for MSW students, represent the MSW student body at meetings with faculty and staff, and develop and implement ideas to enhance the MSW student experience.

As a Peer Mentor, you will provide personal, professional, and academic support to your MSW classmates.

Apply Today! Email Rahbi Anderson at anderson.3633@osu.edu to get involved!
CSW Visionaries

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Thank you for attending!

Questions?

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