

Program Delivery

The MSW Program accepts students as full-time or part-time students to begin in fall or spring semesters. Students entering with a degree other than the BSW must complete 60 credit hours in two, three, or four years to complete the program. Qualified applicants with the BSW may be eligible for the Advanced Standing program, which requires 33 hours to complete the MSW in one year full-time or two years part-time. Qualifications include

the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Graduate Program Admission

Requirements

Admission to the program will be based on competitive selection from the pool of applicants who meet the following admission requirements:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Official transcript(s) from all undergraduate and graduate coursework attempted
3. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicant's capabilities for graduate study.
4. Completed application, including writing sample and personal statement, with application fee of \$25.00
5. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.65 for the baccalaureate degree.
6. A completed immunization form.
7. An interview with the Social Work Admissions Committee may be requested.
8. The following personal qualities: Self-awareness, empathy, objectivity, appreciation of diversity, professional commitment, critical thinking ability, effective oral and written communication skills, and the ability to advocate for and empathize for and with others.
9. A signed statement indicating that he/she has read

Advanced Standing Program:

A student with a B.S.W. degree from a CSWE-accredited undergraduate program may apply for admission to the Advanced Standing Program. Requirements for admission to Advanced Standing include:

1. A minimum GPA of 3.0 in the undergraduate program.
2. References from faculty/field supervisors in the undergraduate program that suggest readiness for advanced graduate work.
3. At least a grade of "B" in the Advanced Standing Bridge Course (SW 599) offered in the summer term prior to taking required classes.
4. All other regular requirements for admission to the M.S.W. program.

of 8 weeks meet for three years. Each student will complete 21 credit hours both in the first and second years and 18 credit hours in the third year.

Part-time Program (Four years):

This option has classes in the fall and spring terms only with summer term electives optional. The student completes 6 credit hours each term in the first and third years and 9 credit hours each term in the second and fourth years. The second and fourth years include the field practicum experiences.

Progression in the program:

1. After being approved for admission to the MSW program, the student will enroll in the courses according to the prescribed sequence.
2. A cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale must be maintained, with no grade less than a B in any practice or field seminar course. Students are required to repeat

a course in which they earn lower than a C. Elective courses with a grade lower than a B need not be repeated,

2. Complete a Union Financial Aid Application and forward to the Union University Student Financial Planning Office.
3. For more information, contact the Student Financial Planning Office at 731-661-5015 or go to www.uu.edu/financialaid.

If a Federal Stafford Loan is not approved and available at the time of registration, the student must assume the cost by paying in full by check, cash, credit card, or FACTS.

Veterans

Union University is approved to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents who qualify for veterans benefits. Any person who qualifies for the above should check with the Student Financial Planning Office as soon as possible upon registration.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement

1. Students are responsible for providing information to the university regarding their employer's policies for tuition reimbursement.
2. If an employer reimburses a student directly, the student must pay the university in full at the time of registration.
3. If an employer provides partial reimbursement directly to the university, the student must pay his/her portion of tuition at the time of registration.
4. The university will provide required information to an employer when requested by the student.

Estimated Costs during the M.S.W. Program- Full-time Program

Semester 1—Fall	
Tuition.....	\$6255 (\$415 per credit hour)
Textbooks.....	\$600 approximately
Field Practicum fee:.....	\$70
Insurance Fee:.....	\$25
Background Check:.....	\$70
Semester 2—Spring	
Tuition.....	\$6255
Textbooks.....	\$600
Field Practicum fee:.....	\$50
Semester 3—Fall	
Tuition.....	\$6255 (estimated \$415 per credit hour)
Textbooks.....	\$600
Field Practicum fee:.....	\$70
Insurance fee:.....	\$25
Semester 4—Spring	
Tuition.....	\$6255
Textbooks.....	\$600
Field Practicum fee:.....	\$70

These are approximate costs only and are subject to change.

Acceptance Deposits

A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$100 is required to reserve a place in the MSW program after an applicant is accepted.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of all course work.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.
3. An application for graduation to be submitted to the Graduate Social Work Office. Application deadlines are March 1 for May graduation, October 1 for December graduation, and May 1 for August graduation.
4. Full payment of the student's account in the Business Office
5. Discharge of all other obligations (fines, fees, etc.) to the University.

Phi Alpha Honor Society

National Honor Society for Social Work Students, Eta Phi Chapter, fosters high standards of education for social work students and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement. Students with a GPA of at least a 3.8 are considered for membership. Other criteria for membership include experience in field practicum and leadership in the social work program. Students become eligible for membership after completion of 15 hours in the curriculum.

Program Calendar

Classes meet on Monday and Thursday evenings for full-time students. Part-time students have classes only on Monday nights. Classes may include both in-class and on-line instruction. Electives may be held any night of the week or on Saturday or be totally online.

Student Organizations

M.S.W. Student Organization

A professional organization is open to all M.S.W. students to assist in developing professional social work identity by regular meetings, educational events, and opportunities for students to lead in service to various social service agencies and the community.

See <http://www.uu.edu/academics/graduate> for additional information.

Course Descriptions: Social Work (SW)

500. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I: Theoretical Foundations (3)

A foundational course providing a framework for creating, organizing, and understanding theory, research, and practice issues of human behavior and the social environment.

501. Human Behavior and the Social Environment

II: Assessment through the Lifespan (3)

Prerequisite: SW 500.

This course uses a person-in-environment theoretical framework to provide the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for understanding human behavior as a function of biological, psychological, social, spiritual, and cultural systems across the lifespan.

510. Social Welfare and Social Justice (3)

An introductory background to the history, policy, programs, practice, and values of the social work profession.

520. Practice I: Communities and Organizations (3)

An examination of practice theories and methods for work with communities and organizations, including community organization and development, organizational theory and behavior, and advocacy.

521. Foundations for Research (3)

The conceptual foundations and methods of evidence-based research. Qualitative and quantitative research will be explored, as well as beginning practice research.

530. Practice II: Individuals and Families (3)

An examination of practice theories and methods for work with individuals and families. The course will emphasize client engagement, assessment, cultural competence, and problem-solving.

535. Policy Analysis and Advocacy (3)

Social policy focusing on major social welfare issues to equip students to analyze and evaluate policy and to

Social Work Electives

The School of Social Work offers a selection of elective classes each year. Nine hours of elective credit are required for the M.S.W. These elective classes give students an opportunity to specialize in particular fields of social work practice or to explore social problems in depth.

550. Grant Writing and Grant Management (3)

Prepares students with resources to successfully submit competitive proposals and state and federal applications for funding. Includes writing purpose statements, background and justification, personnel, timelines, methods, budget, evaluation process, and effective management of funds upon approval.

551. Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Practice (3)

An overview of the ways spirituality and religion participate in SW practice, with particular emphasis on their inclusion as necessary components of assessment, planning, treatment, and evaluation in culturally-competent social work practice. Students examine influences in a diverse range of religious traditions and spiritual practices.

552. Addictions Counseling (3)

Introduction to addictions counseling with intensive understanding of the etiology, progress and counseling strategies for addictive disorders. Emphasis is on acquiring a comprehensive definition of addiction behaviors and review of the impact of addiction on individual and family systems.

553. Social Work Services in Schools (3)

Knowledge and skills for effective social work practice in a school setting, as the professional provides a link between school, student, home and community, primarily using case management and advocacy skills. Requires a 590-690 hours in a school Field Placement.

554. Clinical Social Work in Health Care (3)

Exploration of professional, clinical and ethical issues within a complex and rapidly changing system. Utilizing a biopsychosocial model and systems perspective, students are introduced to various practice settings across continuum of health care delivery including inpatient, outpatient, and community-based services. Skill development is focused on interdisciplinary team work, assessment, care planning, intervention and documentation.

555. Gender and Sexuality (3)

An analysis of gender and sexuality in American society and cross-culturally. Gender roles and human sexuality are examined across the life span with an emphasis on physiological, psychological, familial, and other societal factors that influence gender and sexuality. Also investigated are ways in which sexuality and gender intersect with and help shape social institutions.

556. Social Work and the Law (3)

The legal framework for social work practice including basic legal terminology, awareness of legal system, laws commonly affecting practice, understanding the role in court proceedings, and an exposure to diverse areas of law. Additionally, consideration of how law is a valuable tool for promoting social justice.

557. Faith-Based Social Services (3)

Introduction to the nature of faith-based social services, both in church and community contexts while exploring their biblical bases as well as faith-based advocacy for social justice, various models, and related government policies.

558. Play Therapy: Theory and Practice (3)

An introduction and overview of the evidence-based practice standards of play therapy for children and adolescents by explicating its theoretical basis and other essential elements including history, modalities, technique, applications, and skills.

610. Social Work Practice with HIV-Positive Affected Groups (1-3)

Acquaints the student with the emotional, physical, economic, and sociopolitical aspects of the HIV Spectrum disease and its impact on African-American women. Issues of race, class, gender, and age will be a vital part of the course. This course may be repeated for additional credit on different topics.

611. Supervision in Social Work Practice (1-3)

This elective course encompasses the work of accountability and continued training of professional social workers within and across a variety of social work practice contexts. This course may be repeated for additional credit in differing areas of practice.

612. Crisis Intervention (1-3)

Designed to equip students to rapidly assess and intervene in crisis situations and maximize safety and stability for those involved, this course will explore models of crisis development and empirically-based crisis interventions. This course may be repeated for additional credit on different topics.

Other Variable Credit and Variable Content Courses

579, 679. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)
All courses and application to the program must be de ned prior to travel.

580, 680. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)
All courses and application to the program must be de ned prior to travel.

585, 586, 587. Special Studies in Social Work (1-6)
Group studies which do not appear in the School course offerings. Content will be determined by need.

655. Independent Study in Social Work (1-3)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a social work professor.