

# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK | UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA

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*NOTE: Admission and program requirements are subject to change without notice.*

## STATISTICS COURSE REQUIREMENT

Familiarity with the basic techniques of social work research will be important for entering students, as graduate coursework includes significant attention to research findings and models, and the vital connection between research and practice. Social workers utilize research in at least two ways: 1) as consumers of research who apply findings of research studies to improve the delivery of services to client systems, and 2) as practitioners of research, primarily in the areas of practice and program evaluation.

Therefore, students admitted to the UW Tacoma MSW Program are required to successfully complete a basic statistics course (in any discipline) prior to matriculation in the program. This requirement is satisfied with the successful completion of a college-level statistics course including content on descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing, and basic inferential statistical analysis with a C or 2.0 or better. A minimum of four (4) quarter credit hours is required. Statistics credits may not be applied to the MSW degree.

NOTE: Advanced Placement (AP) credit earned in high school will not satisfy this requirement.

## LIBERAL ARTS POLICY

The UW Tacoma MSW Program requires that an applicant to the program has a liberal arts background. For purposes of admission to the UW Tacoma MSW Program, a liberal arts background is defined in the following way:

A liberal arts background shall consist of a minimum of five (5) quarter credits or three (3) semester credits in each of the general distribution areas: humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. In addition, 60 quarter credits or 40 semester credits total coursework from the combined humanities, social science, and natural science areas are necessary to qualify as completing a liberal arts background for admission. Applicants who are admitted without having a liberal arts background are encouraged to correct this deficiency before enrolling in the program. In any event, such deficiencies must be corrected by the end of the first quarter of the graduate program.

The following general list of liberal arts distribution areas will be used to determine where a course belongs: humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The MSW Program will review the applicant's transcript to determine whether or not the liberal arts requirements are satisfied.

**Humanities.** Architecture, Art, Art History, Classics, Comparative Literature, Dance, Drama, English, Landscape Architecture, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Speech Communication, all foreign languages and literature.

**Social Sciences.** Anthropology, Biomedical History, Communications, Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, History, International Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Urban Planning, Women's Studies, all Ethnic Studies courses.

**Natural Sciences.** Astronomy, Atmospheric Sciences, Biological Structure, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Engineering, Fisheries, Forest Resources, Genetics, Geology, Mathematics, Microbiology, Nutritional Sciences, Oceanography, Physics, Speech and Hearing Sciences, Statistics, Zoology.