

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

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2026 MSW APPLICATION PROCESS & INFORMATION

Master of Social Work

Autumn Quarter Admissions Only

Our three-year Master of Social Work (MSW) Program offers students a part-time path to earn a graduate degree in social work. It's a popular option for working adults who cannot carry a full-time course load. Classes are held in the evening, typically one to two times per week. The MSW degree is earned in 10 to 11 consecutive quarters, including summers.

MSW Advanced Standing

Winter Quarter Admissions Only

The 15 to 18-month, part-time MSW Advanced Standing Program is for applicants who have an undergraduate degree in social work or social welfare. This program allows students to complete their degree requirements more quickly and to focus on advanced social work practice. Evening classes meet one to two times per week.

Field Education

In both the three-year MSW and the Advanced Standing MSW Programs, students complete a hands-on learning experience in the field referred to as a practicum, putting the classroom learning into practice

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Four-year baccalaureate degree (*regionally accredited institution*)
 - Any major for three-year Part-Time MSW
 - Must have a social work/welfare major for Adv. standing MSW
- 3.00 GPA (cumulative) (*some exceptions apply*)
- Demonstrated English proficiency (*foreign degree holders only*)

MSW CURRICULUM

Generalist Curriculum

The MSW generalist curriculum provides a generalist year educational experience that builds on an undergraduate degree and prepares students to enter into a concentrated area of social work practice.

Integrative Practice Specialization

The Integrative Practice Specialization prepares MSW students for leadership across micro, mezzo, and macro levels of social work practice. The curriculum emphasizes research-informed interventions, program design, service delivery, and evaluation, all grounded in a commitment to social and economic justice.

Students tailor their advanced coursework to a specific area of interest—such as clinical mental health, criminal justice, public child welfare, health care, or work with children, families, veterans, or older adults—while integrating policy, research, and community context to address complex social issues in depth.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following must be received by 11:59 p.m. PT on the deadline date*:

- **Essay**
 - Part 1: Autobiographical Statement (2-3 pages)
 - Part 2: Social Issue Analysis (2-3 pages)
- **Resume**
- **Social Service Experience**
- **Three (3) recommendations**
 - Advanced Standing applicants are required to have a recommendation from a field instructor or social service employer
- **Transcripts (unofficial)**

All items must be uploaded by applicant to UW graduate application.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Apply for financial aid (FAFSA/WASFA)
- Learn more about our traineeships, including the Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAP), the Simon Family Endowment Autism MSW Fellowship, and the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative (WDI).

CONTACT STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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e-mail to uwtf@uw.edu

Please note that financial aid funding for part-time graduate students is typically limited to student loans and scholarships.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES*

Feb. 15, 2026: Three-year Part-Time application deadline

Feb. 28, 2026: Priority deadline to submit the FAFSA/WASFA

June 30, 2026: Part-time Adv. Standing MSW final application deadline

START YOUR APPLICATION



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