



Welcome!

Dear Incoming Students,

Welcome to the University of Michigan School Social Work, where we strive to deliver the very best MSW education.

You have chosen the profession of social work at a time when our world has changed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Social work is needed now more than ever; to maintain social connections at this time of social distancing; to work for health equity; to assure financial help for those who are hardest hit economically; and to help people, including other health professionals, to manage the demands and the emotions of this crisis. We promise to deliver, as we always have, a top-notch MSW education that will position you to be a leader in the new future of social work practice.

You will choose your courses from a rich curriculum that allows for a diverse set of specializations in micro and macro practice. I am proud of the School's deep and genuine commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, which will infuse your courses and your field placement. Another of the School's distinctive strengths is the talented and diverse student body; fellow students will be an important part of your learning experience. Our dedicated faculty and staff go the extra mile to support students to realize the utmost success in their studies.

Congratulations on your acceptance to the School. I wish you a transformative educational experience at the U of M, and I look forward to getting to meet you at orientation.

With a hearty welcome, and Go Blue,

Lynn Videka
Dean and Carol T. Mowbray Collegiate Professor



CHECK YOUR UMICH EMAIL

Please be sure to check your UMich email frequently! All official School communication is sent to the UMich email account. If you have not yet [set up your unickname](#), please do so as soon as possible. Once you create a unickname, then you will have a University of Michigan email account accessible at email.umich.edu. Your UMich email address will be **your unickname + @umich.edu**.

Please expect to receive a weekly email from the School throughout the spring and summer with information on important topics for incoming MSW students.

LEARN ABOUT THE FIELD APPLICATION PROCESS

Your field placement (or "field") is the hands-on, real-world training portion of the MSW program and is 25% of the curriculum. Depending on your curriculum schedule, you will apply for your field placement in either June or October.

To learn more about the field education and the field application process, all students are encouraged to [register for the Introduction to Field Education webinar](#) (April 29, 2020 at 5PM EDT). You will have the opportunity to ask questions during this webinar. If you cannot watch live, you can view the recording afterward.

ORIENTATION TOOLKIT

An Orientation Toolkit will be available in late spring / early summer with valuable resources and tools for incoming MSW students. You are expected to review all information in the Toolkit to prepare you for your U-M SSW journey.

Please read through the admitted student webpages at ssw.umich.edu/programs/msw/admitted-students for important information.

Course planning and registration information will be available in June and course registration will occur online in July and August.

More information to come!

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