



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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**Admissions Information for CASC, UM
Sociology, & U-M Dearborn Prospective Students**

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MSW Program

MSW Pathway Options

- **Community Change**
- **Global Social Work Practice**
- **Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse**
- **Management and Leadership**
- **Policy and Political Social Work**
- **Program Evaluation and Applied Research**
- **Social Work Practice with Older Adults and Families from a Lifespan Perspective**
- **Welfare of Children and Families**

Program Options

- **On-Campus**

- **Full Time**

- 12 mos. (3 semesters) – UM Sociology & UM Dearborn
- 16/20 mos. (4 semesters) – CASC
- All pathways available
- Special programs available

- **Part Time**

- **Day Program**

- 2 years, 4 mos. (7 semesters) – UM Sociology & UM Dearborn
- 3 years, 2 mos. (9 semesters) – CASC
- All Pathways Available

- **Evening and Weekends**

- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
- 2 years, 4 mos. (7 semesters) - UM Sociology & UM Dearborn
- 3 years, 2 most (9 semesters) – CASC

Program Options Cont.

Online

- Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
- MasterTrack Certificate required for CASC
- Full time: 12 mos.
- Part Time: 2 years, 4 mos. (7 semesters) – UM Sociology & UM Dearborn
- Asynchronous with 2 hour live courses each week

Field Placement

- Over 550 field sites in southeastern Michigan, nationally, and internationally (On-campus program)
- Students participate in field placement selection
- Specialized field placements

MSW Application Process

When to Apply:

- **Junior Year**
 - **February 1, 2023**
 - **Start MSW program
Fall 2024**



Verification Form

- Form located at:
 - <https://ssw.umich.edu/r/verificationform>
- Email form to advising office
- U-M Sociology & Social Work
 - socadvisor@umich.edu
- UM Dearborn Human Services & SW
 - cehhs-oss@umich.edu
- Completed form should be uploaded into application

Criteria for Admission

- **Personal Characteristics**
- **Recommendations**
- **Supplementary Statement**
- **Human Services/SW Experience**
- **Academics**

Personal Characteristics

- **Bi-lingual skills in relevant language**
- **Commitment to social action/advocacy**
- **Geographic location**
- **Success in another field**
- **Strong commitment to social work values**
- **Work as an undergraduate**

Personal Characteristics (part 2)

- **Personal Qualifications**
 - **Sensitivity**
 - **Responsiveness in relationships**
 - **Concern for the needs of others**
 - **Adaptability**
 - **Good Judgment**
 - **Integrity**

Personal Characteristics (part 3)

- Life experiences which are good preparation for social work practice
- Interest in an area with a shortage in social work (macro, aging, child welfare, work with developmentally disabled populations, etc.)
- Strong interest in multicultural social work practice/issues

Recommendations

- Overall recommendation
- Individual category evaluations
- Relationship of recommender to applicant
- Length of time of the relationship
- Content of the narrative
- Forms in online application

Recommendations

- 2 recommendations
 - Professor/GSI/Advisor
 - Human service experience supervisor
- Be sure to ask for a positive recommendation.
- Ask your recommenders ahead of time to ensure that they have enough time to write you a letter.

Statement

- Grammatical quality of the statement
- Quality of the content
- Success in addressing all three questions
- Critical thinking skills
- Connection to the SSW Mission

Statement Questions

- 1. Discuss a social justice issue that you would like to address in your career. What skills and knowledge would you like to obtain in the MSW program to support your career objectives?**
- 2. Describe how your personal and intellectual qualifications and past human service experience have prepared you to serve individuals, communities, and/or organizations in your field placement as an MSW student.**
- 3. The School of Social Work's commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics are intended to serve as a guide and expectation to promote ethical and anti-racist social work practice. As you uphold the profession's core values and School of Social Work's mission and vision, describe your commitment, readiness, and the specific steps you will take to contribute to anti-racism as a student and professional social worker.**

Experience

- Paid or unpaid volunteer experiences/internships in social work/community contexts
 - Agencies with a social justice oriented mission
- Experience in clubs or student organizations that are engaged in community or social justice work
- Courses that have a service learning component (Ex: Project Outreach, Project Community, Detroit Initiative, or PCAP)
- Research focused on social justice issues or related to servicing socially and economically disadvantaged populations

Resume

- **Review Resume Guide:**
 - <https://ssw.umich.edu/admissions/msw/apply/resumes>
- Your resume can be two pages
- Make sure to highlight all of your Human Service related experience.
 - You also want to include any campus involvement (student org work, service learning courses, Resident Advisor, etc.)
 - Under each position, include 4-5 bullets to
- It is helpful to have a Human Service Experience header
- Be sure to include any relevant research experience
- Clearly list experiences as volunteer, paid, or internship

Education

- Undergrad GPA
 - Average over last 60-75 credit hours: 3.5
- Course content/major/institution attended
- Research experience
- Quality of academic recommendations
- Undergraduate performance in first 2 years
- Trainings/ workshops, professional enrichment activities

Financial Aid

Financial Aid for MSW Program

Apply during Fall of senior year

- Approximately **75%** of MSW students receive some form of grant and/or scholarship assistance from the School of Social Work
- SSW Financial Aid Form
 - Need & merit-based grants & scholarships
 - Grant for part time students
- Special Program Applications (due Dec. 1, Feb. 1., Mar. 1)
 - Child Welfare Scholarship, Community-Based Initiative, Geriatric Scholarship, Global Activities Scholarship Program, Integrated Health with Medically Underserved Populations Scholarship Program, Jewish Communal Leadership Program, National Community Scholars, New Leaders in African-Centered Social Work Program
- FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Graduate Student Instructor/Graduate Student Staff Assistant (careers.umich.edu)

Questions?

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**Thank you for
joining us.**

**We to connect
with you
soon!**

