SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W.

Saint Louis University's Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree prepares social work professionals for work with vulnerable populations facing health, social, and economic challenges.

Social workers are educationally prepared to provide services including therapy, policy advocacy, case management, group work, crisis intervention, and children and family practice, and leadership for nonprofit organizations. M.S.W. level social workers work are employed in a wide variety of human service organizations including family and community centers, mental health and treatment centers, hospitals, schools, nonprofit agencies, residential children's or adult centers, justice centers, and many more organizations.

SLU's M.S.W. program offers multiple course delivery formats to assist students who are working full- or part-time and for students who want to progress faster by taking additional credits per semester. Formats include the traditional 15-week format (two-and-a-half-hour classes, fall and spring semesters) and a ten-week format (three-and-a-half-hour classes, summer semester). Electives may also be offered in the following formats: two intersession periods of week-long classes, online blended classes or five consecutive Saturday sessions (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Curriculum Overview
SLU's M.S.W. curriculum includes generalist foundation courses, advanced practice courses in an area of concentration, and field practicum. The generalist foundation courses provide the basic social work theory and methods for working with individuals, families, and groups, organizations, and communities.

Students then select an advanced practice area of concentration and proceed with taking these courses. Saint Louis University's School of Social Work offers three concentrations:

- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Clinical
- Community and Organization

SLU's M.S.W. degree is 57 credits, with full-time and part-time options available. Students with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program may earn up to 18 credits of advanced standing toward the M.S.W. degree.

Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration
The applied behavior analysis concentration focuses on evidenced-based methods to assist children, adults, and organizations in changing behavior. Curriculum prepares students to be eligible to become a board-certified behavior analyst.

Clinical Concentration
The clinical concentration focuses on assessment, intervention, and outcomes in clinical work with individuals, families, groups, or larger systems. Courses focus on working with diverse families and family systems across a developmental life span using core clinical approaches to engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation of outcomes in a variety of clinical practice settings.

Community and Organization Concentration
This community and organization concentration focuses on mezzo and macro level community work, such as community organizing and advocacy, nonprofit administration and local, state and national policy advocacy and implementation.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities
During the coursework, students will also be mentored by a M.S.W. field instructor while working in a social work capacity in the community.

Students can further specialize their studies through coursework or practicum experiences in the following areas:

- Community Mental Health Practice
- Criminal Justice
- Gerontology
- Global Social Work
- Health Practice
- Nonprofit Administration
- Practice with Children and Youth
- School Social Work
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Therapy with Individuals and Families
- Trauma-Informed Practice
- Veteran Services

Careers
SLU's M.S.W. program is ranked in the top 20 percent of social work programs nationally. Possible careers include work in the fields of health care, mental health, school, child welfare, family services, criminal justice, gerontology, policy, advocacy, administrative and community development.

Admission Requirements
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00
- 24 credits in the liberal arts

Application Requirements
- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three confidential professional and/or academic letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Interview
- Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students
TOEFL of 92 or higher or PTE Academic score

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:
• Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency)
• Proof of financial support must include:
  • A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the time at Saint Louis University
  • A letter from the sponsor’s bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of study at the University
• Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the courses taken and/or lectures attended, practical laboratory work, the maximum and minimum grades attainable, the grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations, and any honors or degrees received. WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadlines
Fall Semester: Priority - March 1, Final deadline - July 15
Spring Semester: Priority - Oct. 1, Final deadline - Dec. 1

Review Process
The admissions committee considers several factors to determine eligibility: academic achievement, strength of the undergraduate program, application information, personal statement, work experience, any graduate degrees earned, motivation, leadership and service. The undergraduate GPA is weighted with other criteria in the admissions process.

Advanced Standing
Students who have completed a bachelor’s degree in social work from an eligible, CSWE accredited program, can receive up to 18 credits of “advanced standing” toward a Master of Social Work at Saint Louis University; approved advanced standing students will need to complete only 39 credits of master’s coursework.

To be eligible, students must have:
• Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0
• Earned grades of ‘B’ or better in undergraduate social work courses
• Have completed his/her bachelor’s at a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education
• No additional transfer credits will be accepted.

Fellowships
Newly accepted students and students in the first year of a program are eligible to apply for the Diversity, Dissertation and Presidential university-funded fellowships. Students must apply to be nominated by the School of Social Work by January 15.

Other university scholarships that do not require nomination by a department/school are also available.

Graduate Assistantships
Students can apply for a full or partial graduate assistantship with the School of Social Work. Applications are accepted Oct. 1-March 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
The College for Public Health and Social Justice offers several ways to help finance graduate education. Opportunities include a limited number of merit-based scholarships and graduate research assistantships. Awards are made to applicants with the highest combinations of GPAs and test scores who complete their applications by the priority deadlines.

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Accreditation
The baccalaureate social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1974.

The master’s social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1930.

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
1701 Duke Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314-3457
Phone:+1.703.683.8080

Learning Outcomes
1. Graduates will be able to identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.
2. Graduates will be able to apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice.
3. Graduates will be able to apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.
4. Graduates will be able to engage diversity and difference in practice.
5. Graduates will be able to advance human rights and social and economic justice.
6. Graduates will be able to engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research.
7. Graduates will be able to apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment.
8. Graduates will be able to engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services.
9. Graduates will be able to respond to contexts that shape practice.
10. Graduates will be able to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate.
11. Graduates will be able to engage with individuals, families, groups, organizations & communities.

Requirements

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Hallmark Courses
PUBH 5010 Mission and Practice of Global Public Health 3
SWRK 5707  Policy Practice for Social Justice  3

Research Methods Courses
SWRK 5787  Research Methods I  3

Concentrations
Select one of the following:
Applied Behavior Analysis (p. 3)
Clinical (p. 3)
Community and Organization (p. 3)

Total Credits  57

Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration

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SWRK 5820  Concentration Integrative Practice Seminar  1
SWRK 5832  Community & Organization 1st Concentration Practicum  2
SWRK 5833  Community & Organization 2nd Concentration Practicum  3

Concentration Electives
Select 15 credits  15

Total Credits  33

†  Up to 6 credits may be taken outside of Social Work (SWRK) courses.

Community and Organization Concentration

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SWRK 5832  Community & Organization 1st Concentration Practicum  2
SWRK 5833  Community & Organization 2nd Concentration Practicum  3

Concentration Electives
Select 15 credits  15

Total Credits  33

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Continuation Standards
Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap
Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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### Summer
- **SWRK 5930** | Special Topics | 3
- **SWRK 5787** | Research Methods I | 3

#### Year Two
**Fall**
- **SWRK 5822** | Concentration Practicum I | 2
- **SWRK 5820** | Concentration Integrative Practice Seminar | 1
- **SWRK 5746** | Principles & Concepts in Applied Behavior Analysis | 3
- **SWRK 5774** | Measurement & Experimental Design in Applied Behavior Analysis | 3

#### Credits
6

#### Spring
- **SWRK 5747** | Assessment & Selecting Interventions in Applied Behavior Analysis | 3
- **SWRK 5748** | Behavior Change & Processes in Applied Behavior Analysis | 3
- **SWRK 5823** | Concentration Practicum II | 3
- **SWRK 5830** | ABA Integrative Practice Seminar II | 0

#### Credits
9

#### Summer
- **SWRK 5749** | Behavior Change & Ethics in Applied Behavior Analysis | 3
- **SWRK 5824** | Concentration Practicum III | 3
- **SWRK 5840** | ABA Integrative Practice Seminar III | 0

#### Elective
3

#### Credits
9

#### Total Credits
57

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1. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 5819 Foundation Integrative Practice Seminar (1 cr)
2. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 5820 Concentration Integrative Practice Seminar (1 cr)
3. Sub for SWRK 5788 Research Methods II (3 cr)
4. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 5830 ABA Integrative Practice Seminar II (0 cr)
5. Sub for SWRK 5700 Values & Ethics in Social Work (3 cr)
6. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 5840 ABA Integrative Practice Seminar III (0 cr)

### Clinical Concentration (Full Time)

#### Year One
**Fall**
- **PUBH 5010** | Mission and Practice of Global Public Health | 3
- **SWRK 5750** | Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, & Groups | 3
- **SWRK 5751** | Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations | 3
- **SWRK 5702** | Social Policy | 3
- **SWRK 5725** | Human Behavior & the Social Environment | 3

#### Credits
15

#### Spring
- **SWRK 5841** | Master of Social Work Foundation Practicum | 2
- **SWRK 5819** | Foundation Integrative Practice Seminar | 1
- **SWRK 5820** | Concentration Integrative Practice Seminar | 1
- **SWRK 5707** | Policy Practice for Social Justice | 3

#### Year Two
**Fall**
- **SWRK 5842** | Clinical 1st Concentration Practicum | 2
- **SWRK 5800** | Values & Ethics in Social Work | 3
- **SWRK 5787** | Research Methods I | 3
- **SWRK 5733** | Advanced Social Work Practice (or Elective) | 3

#### Elective
3

#### Credits
15

#### Spring
- **SWRK 5843** | Clinical 2nd Concentration Practicum | 3
- **SWRK 5788** | Research Methods II | 3

#### Elective
3

#### Credits
12

#### Total Credits
57

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2. Must take concurrently with SWRK 5820 Concentration Integrative Practice Seminar (1 cr)
3. SWRK 5733 Advanced Social Work Practice (3 cr) must be taken either concurrently or after SWRK 5842 Clinical 1st Concentration Practicum (2 cr).
4. Must be taken in the semester immediately following SWRK 5787 Research Methods I (3 cr)

### Clinical Concentration (Part Time)

#### Year One
**Fall**
- **SWRK 5725** | Human Behavior & the Social Environment | 3
- **SWRK 5750** | Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, & Groups | 3

#### Credits
6

#### Spring
- **SWRK 5702** | Social Policy | 3
- **SWRK 5751** | Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations | 3

#### Credits
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#### Year Two
**Fall**
- **PUBH 5010** | Mission and Practice of Global Public Health | 3
### Community and Organization Concentration (Full Time)

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3. Must be taken in the semester immediately following SWRK 5787 Research Methods I (3 cr)
4. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 5820 Concentration Integrative Practice Seminar (1 cr)
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**Contact Us**

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