



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program at California State University, Los Angeles educates students to assume leadership roles in professional practice. Our advanced urban generalist graduates analyze, intervene, evaluate, and advocate with diverse, underserved, and oppressed clients and communities. Our urban generalist focus prepares students to provide service across the spectrum of practice.

The program capitalizes on Cal State LA's location just outside of downtown Los Angeles, by giving students effective and responsive strategies for working in urban environments at the micro (individual/family), mezzo (group/community) and macro (policy/societal) levels. Our master's program also allows students to empower the multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Alhambra, downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Glendale, Lincoln Heights, Monterey Park, Pasadena, and other nearby communities).

Advantages of Attending Cal State LA

- Excellent education at an affordable price. Ranked top 3 for schools of social work (UCLA, CSULB and CSULA) in Southern California by US News and World report 2024.
- Ranked # 60 among top social work schools by 2024 US News and World Report https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-health-schools/social-work-rankings?_sort=rank-asc
- Individual attention to students by faculty and staff
- Opportunity to contribute to social work research through the completion of thesis.

PROGRAM:

The MSW degree requires the completion of 60 semester units over the course of a 2-year program or 3-year program plan. We also offer a 1-year Advanced Standing Program (ASP) option (33 semester units) for those applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program in the last 5 years.

CLASS SCHEDULES:

Students attend classes in accordance with their program plan as follows:

- 1 YEAR - Advanced Standing Program (ASP) classes: Mondays and Tuesdays during the daytime at the Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) campus.
- 2-YEAR program classes: Tuesday and Thursday during the daytime
- 3-YEAR program classes: one evening per week & Saturdays during the daytime.

Applicant Criteria for the program:

Advance Standing Requirements:	MSW Program 2- or 3-year Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's degree in social work completed within the last 5 years from an accredited school • 3.0 cumulative GPA • Successful ASP candidates will demonstrate readiness to be placed in a second-year field placement if admitted. For example, the candidate has work experience in social or human services post BASW. <p><i>Please check the web site for additional requirements</i> http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree • 2.75 GPA in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester units • Completion of 3 prerequisites: <i>Research Methods and Statistics (introductory or elementary Statistics)</i> <i>2 - upper-division social science courses</i> <p><u><i>A "C" grade or better is required in all prerequisites.</i></u></p>

PRACTICUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to on-campus courses, the MSW curriculum includes two 9-month practicum sequences. Students must complete over 1000 hours of practicum placement between the months of September and May over the course of two academic years.

In the 1-year ASP *Note: Advanced Standing students complete only one practicum sequence (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday for a total of 24 hours per week).

In the 2-year program: Students complete one practicum placement in their 1st year for 16 hours per week and one in their 2nd year for 20. hours per week.

In the 3-year program: practicum hours are the same as the 2- year program; however, practicum placement is done in the 2nd and 3rd year. **For more information regarding the MSW program at Cal State LA prospective applicants should review information at this link www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/2024%20Must%20Read%20Information%20.pdf**

"Please note the following information is subject to change. Please refer to the website for complete and updated information.

FALL 2025 MSW ADMISSION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

To apply to the university and the MSW program you will be submitting only one online application.

You must apply to the University by completing the graduate online Cal State Apply application at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> The MSW application is located in Quadrant 4 (Q4) of the university application. Please note you will also need to upload your personal statement, resume, and unofficial transcripts from all schools attended in this section. You will also need to provide the names and email addresses of the individuals who will be writing your reference, and the university will send them the reference form to complete. ***At this time, your reference will not be able to upload a separate letter of recommendation on your behalf.*** For questions, please contact the University Admissions Office admission@calstatela.edu

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend an MSW Information Meeting prior to applying to the program. The dates and locations of the meetings listed below and posted on the School of Social Work website.

RSVP to a meeting <https://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-information-meeting-rsvp>

Information Meeting Schedule

MSW Information Meetings will be offered virtually via zoom or in person on Cal State Los Angeles main campus on the following dates and times.

Saturday, October 5, 2024,	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.	Virtual
Tuesday, October 15, 2024,	6:00 to 7:30 P.M.	Virtual
Saturday, October 26, 2024,	9:00 to 10:30 A.M.	Virtual
Saturday, October 26, 2024,	11:30 to 1:30 P.M.	Virtual (ASP Option Only)
Saturday, November 2, 2024,	9:00 to 10:30 A.M.	In-person on the main campus in SH 343
Saturday, November 2, 2024,	11:00 to 12:30 A.M.	In-person on the main campus for DCFS employees only in Salazar Hall (SH) room 343
Tuesday, November 12, 2024,	6:00 to 7:30 P.M.	In-person on the main campus in SH 343
Saturday, November 23, 2024,	9:00 to 10:30 A.M.	Virtual
Saturday, November 23, 2024,	11:30-1:30 A.M.	ASP Open House DTLA Campus in- person
Monday, December 2, 2024,	12:00- 1:30 P.M.	Virtual
Saturday, January 25, 2025,	10:00 -11:30 A.M.	Virtual (ASP Option Only)

Application Deadlines

Application Acceptance Begins:	October 15, 2024
Priority Deadline:	November 15, 2024
**International Deadline:	December 1, 2024
Traditional 2 & 3-year Admissions Deadline:	January 15, 2025
Advance Standing Deadline:	February 28, 2025

You are considered international if you have international transcripts. Please note: the TOEFL is a university requirement for international applicants. **The MSW program does not waive the TOEFL. Cal State LA requires a foreign credential evaluation report for advisory purposes. To satisfy this requirement, international graduate applicants must submit their non-US academic records/transcripts to the International Education Research Foundation (IERF) or World Education Services (WES) for international credential evaluation. (Be aware, beginning with the Fall 2024 admission term, we will also accept reports from NACES member agencies when accompanied by official transcripts.) <https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/international-graduate-application-and-admission>.

If you have, any questions please feel free to contact the School of Social Work at mightburn@cslanet.calstatela.edu