

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Program Delivery

The MSW Program accepts students as full-time or part-time students to begin in fall or spring semesters. Students entering with a degree other than the BSW must complete 60 credit hours in two, three, or four years to complete the program. Qualified applicants with the BSW may be eligible for the Advanced Standing program, which requires 33 hours to complete the MSW in one year full-time or two years part-time. S

The M.S.W. program is a candidate for accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Admission to the program will be based on competitive selection from the pool of applicants who meet the following admission requirements:

1. Completion of a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
2. Official transcript(s) from all undergraduate and graduate coursework attempted
3. Three letters of professional/academic reference specifying the applicant's capabilities for graduate study.
4. Completed application, including writing sample and personal statement, with application fee of \$25.00
5. Cumulative GPA of at least 2.65 for the baccalaureate degree.
6. A completed immunization form
7. An interview with the Social Work Admissions Committee may be requested.
8. The following personal qualities: Self-awareness, empathy, objectivity, appreciation of diversity, professional commitment, critical thinking ability, effective oral and written communication skills, and

both in the first and second years and 18 credit hours in the third year.

Advanced Standing Program:

1. After being approved for admission to the MSW program, the student will enroll in the courses according to the prescribed sequence.
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Part-time Program (Four years):

This option has classes in the fall and spring terms only. The student completes 6 credit hours each term in the first and third years and 9 credit hours each term in the second and fourth years. The second and fourth years include the field practicum experiences.



3. For more information, contact the Student Financial Planning Office at 731-661-5015 or go to www.union.edu/financial

If a Federal Stafford Loan is not approved and available at the time of registration, the student must assume the cost by paying in full by check, cash, credit card, or FACTS.

Veterans

Union University is approved to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and dependents who qualify for veterans benefits. Any person who qualifies for the above should check with the Student Financial Planning Office as soon as possible upon registration.

Employer Tuition Reimbursement

1. Students are responsible for providing information to the university regarding their employer's policies for tuition reimbursement.
2. If an employer reimburses a student directly, the student must pay the university in full at the time of registration.
3. If an employer provides partial reimbursement directly to the university, the student must pay his/her portion of tuition at the time of registration.
4. The university will provide required information to an employer when requested by the student.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of all course work.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 for the required course of study.
3. An application for graduation to be submitted to the Graduate Social Work Office. Application deadlines are March 1 for May graduation, October 1 for December graduation, and May 1 for August graduation.
4. Full payment of the student's account in the Business Office
5. Discharge of all other obligations (fines, fees, etc.) to the University.

Student Organizations

M.S.W. Student Organization

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Estimated Costs during the M.S.W. Program- Full-time Program

Semester 1—Fall

Tuition.....	\$6255 (\$415 per credit hour)
Textbooks.....	\$600 approximately
Field Practicum fee:	\$70
Insurance Fee:	\$25
Background Check:	\$70

Semester 2—Spring

Tuition	\$6255
Textbooks.....	\$600
Field Practicum fee:	\$50

Semester 3—Fall

Tuition	\$6255 (estimated \$415 per credit hour)
Textbooks.....	\$600
Field Practicum fee:	\$70
Insurance fee:	\$25

Semester 4—Spring

Tuition	\$6255
Textbooks.....	\$600
Field Practicum fee:	\$70

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Acceptance Deposits

A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$100 is required to reserve a place in the MSW program after an applicant is accepted.

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Designed to equip students to rapidly assess and intervene in crisis situations and maximize safety and stability for those involved, this course will explore models of crisis development and empirically-based crisis interventions. This course may be repeated for additional credit on different topics.

Other Variable Credit and Variable Content Courses

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Group studies which do not appear in the School course offerings. Content will be determined by need.

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 Individual research and study under the guidance of a social work professor.