

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

**Available on the Jackson and
Germantown Campuses and Online**

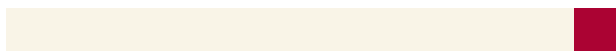
Graduate Program Admission

Program Delivery

The MSW Program accepts students beginning in the fall semester. Students entering with a degree other than the BSW must complete 60 credit hours 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. Qualifications include graduation with the BSW from a CSWE-accredited program, a GPA of at least 3.0, completed application, and references that meet the standards of the MSW Admissions Committee. (More information appears below.) Most courses have online components, and some courses are totally online. For more information, visit www.uu.edu/msw/. The MSW program also offers an Online option.

Accreditation

The M.S.W. program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).



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extenuating circumstances are presented such as to require special faculty approval otherwise.

No course with a grade less than B may be transferred. Courses taken more than five years before beginning the MSW program will be considered on an individual basis.

Financial Information

The registration of a student signifies an agreement by the student to fulfill the related financial obligations.

Tuition \$610/semester hour for the 2021-2022 MSW program.

Non-degree seeking post-baccalaureate students	\$610/semester hour
Application Fee (non-refundable, one time only)	\$25
General Student Fee	\$24/hour
Course Drop Fee.....	\$10
Insurance fee.....	\$25
Field Instruction Fee (SW 590, 591, 690)	\$ 100 per Field Seminar enrollment
Field Instruction Fee (SW 691)	\$ 300 (includes licensing prep)
Cap and Gown Purchase.....	approx. \$40-50
Advanced Standing Student Fee (SW 599).....	\$25

There are two methods for the payment of expenses.

1. Full payment for a term (winter, fall, spring, summer, or other non-regular term) is due prior to or on the day of registration for classes.
2. Payment may be made in two equal payments, with one-half due at the time of registration and the balance due halfway through the term. A 1.5% service charge will be added to the unpaid balance following the initial payment.

For students who have a definite commitment of financial aid from the Student Financial Planning Office, the total cost for the term and the financial aid allocation is the amount payable by the student to the university.

Any combination of the following payment is available.

1. Check, cash, or credit card (MasterCard, Discover, American Express)- a 2 ½ % service charge will be applied when payment is by credit card.
2. Federal Stafford loan
3. Employer reimbursement
4. FACTS (an electronic monthly draft from a savings or checking account)

All financial information is subject to change without notice.

Financial Assistance

Financial aid information for graduate students is available on our website at www.uu.edu/financialaid/graduate/. Generally, graduate students may be eligible for Federal Direct student loans or private alternative student loans, depending on the program of study and the eligibility of the borrower. Union University is also approved by the Department for Veterans Affairs to offer educational benefits to veterans, reservists, and

dependents of veterans who qualify for Veterans Benefits. Any person who qualifies for VA Benefits should check with the Office of Student Financial Planning as soon as possible after acceptance into a graduate program.

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.

Estimated Costs during the M.S.W. Regular Standing Program

Semester 1—Fall

Tuition	\$610 per credit hour
Textbooks.....	approximately \$400
General Student Fee	\$24/hour
Field Practicum Fee	\$100
Insurance Fee	\$25

Semester 2—Spring

Tuition	\$610 per credit hour
Textbooks.....	approximately \$400
Field Practicum Fee	\$100
General Student Fee	\$24/hour

Semester 3—Fall

Tuition	estimated \$610 per credit hour
Textbooks.....	approximately \$400
Field Practicum Fee	\$100
General Student Fee	\$24/hour
Insurance Fee	\$25

Semester 4—Spring

Tuition	estimated \$610 per credit hour
Textbooks.....	approximately \$400
Field Practicum Fee	\$100
General Student Fee	\$24/hour

These are approximate costs only and are subject to change.

Acceptance Deposits

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

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 online. Application deadlines are March 1 for May graduation, October 1 for December graduation, and May 1 for August graduation.

528. Social and Cultural Diversity (3) As Needed

This course is designed to prepare social work students to be knowledgeable of people's biases based on race, ethnicity, culture, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, social and economic status, political ideology, disability and how these contribute to discrimination and oppression. Students will examine the role, function, and effects of oppression in society as it relates to social and economic justice.

550. Grant Writing and Grant Management (3)

Prepares students with resources to successfully submit competitive proposals and state and federal applications for funding. Includes writing purpose statements, background and justification, personnel, timelines, methods, budget, evaluation process, and effective management of funds upon approval.

551. Spirituality and Religion in Social Work Practice (3)

An overview of the ways spirituality and religion participate in SW practice, with particular emphasis on their inclusion as necessary components of assessment, planning, treatment, and evaluation in culturally-competent social work practice. Students examine influences in a diverse range of religious traditions and spiritual practices.

552. Addictions Counseling (3)

Introduction to addictions counseling with intensive understanding of the etiology, progress and counseling strategies for addictive disorders. Emphasis is on acquiring a comprehensive definition of addiction behaviors and review of the impact of addiction on individual and family systems.

553. Social Work Services in Schools (3)

Knowledge and skills for effective social work practice in a school setting, as the professional provides a link between school, student, home and community, primarily using case management and advocacy skills. Requires a 590-690 hours in a school Field Placement.

554. Clinical Social Work in Health Care (3)

Exploration of professional, clinical and ethical issues within a complex and rapidly changing system. Utilizing a biopsychosocial model and systems perspective, students are introduced to various practice settings across continuum of health care delivery including inpatient, outpatient, and community-based services. Skill development is focused on interdisciplinary team work, assessment, care planning, intervention and documentation.

555. Gender and Sexuality (3)

An analysis of gender and sexuality in American society and cross-culturally. Gender roles and human sexuality are examined across the life span with an emphasis on physiological, psychological, familial, and other societal factors that influence gender and sexuality. Also investigated are ways in which sexuality and gender intersect with and help shape social institutions.

556. Social Work and the Law (3)

The legal framework for social work practice including basic legal terminology, awareness of legal system, laws commonly affecting practice, understanding the role in court proceedings, and an exposure to diverse areas of law. Additionally, consideration of how law is a valuable tool for promoting social justice.

557. Faith-Based Social Services (3)

Introduction to the nature of faith-based social services, both in church and community contexts while exploring their biblical bases as well as faith-based advocacy for social justice, various models, and related government policies.

558. Play Therapy: Theory and Practice (3)

An introduction and overview of the evidence-based practice standards of play therapy for children and adolescents by explicating its theoretical basis and other essential elements including history, modalities, technique, applications, and skills.

611. Supervision in Social Work Practice (1-3)

This elective course encompasses the work of accountability and continued training of professional social workers within and across a variety of social work practice contexts. This course may be repeated for additional credit in differing areas of practice.

612. Crisis Intervention (1-3)

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

579, 679. External Domestic Study Programs (1-4)

All courses and application to the program must be defined prior to travel.

579/679PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

580, 680. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)

All courses and application to the program must be defined prior to travel.

580/680PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

585, 586, 587. Special Studies in Social Work (1-6)

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

655. Independent Study in Social Work (1-3)

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