

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

MSW DEGREE • DUAL DEGREES

The Master's in Social Work (MSW) degree offers advanced practice training in clinical, school, and community settings. Graduates of this program are well positioned for impactful roles in clinical, human services, outreach, and development settings.

Students in the Master's in Social Work program can undertake their studies in **one of two specializations**:

- **Micro Practice**, which includes **tracks** in **Advanced Clinical Practice, School Social Work, CADC or Migration Studies**
- **Mezzo-Macro Practice**, which includes the **Leadership & Development in Social Services track**, with the aim to train students in critical thinking, reflective attention to affective factors, and informed decision-making for action in order to apply them to the development of theoretical knowledge of community change, organizations, leadership and supervision, and policy advocacy

Only select tracks will be offered for the Online MSW program.

Dual degree programs are also available, giving you an opportunity to pair your MSW with another advanced degree.

- MSW and MA in Social Justice
- MSW and MA in Women's Studies
- MSW and MJ in Child and Family Law
- MSW and JD (Law)
- MSW and MDiv (Master of Divinity)
- MSW and MPH (Master of Public Health)

## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- 49 credit hours (26 credits Generalist 1st year; 23 credits specialized 2nd year)
- Average time to completion: Full-time: 2 years; Part-time: 3-4 years
- Courses can be completed in a combination of on-campus; online; hybrid
- Evening classes are offered
- An Advanced Standing MSW program is available for students who have completed their BA or BS with a major in Social Work, or BSW degree from a CSWE accredited program. If the BSW was conferred longer than 5 years before application to the MSW, the applicant must prove an active involvement in the social work profession during this period of time.

## INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You will complete two required internships during the program, totaling 1000 hours. If Advanced Standing, you will complete one internship totaling 600 hours. We have more than 500 field sites in the Chicago area.

Graduate assistant positions are available; these positions are part-time/hourly paid work with a faculty or staff member.

The School of Social Work offers a variety of hands-on service opportunities such as Advocacy Day and poverty awareness workshops.

## EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Once you earn your MSW, you'll be ready to work in a wide range of settings, including:

- Public and private mental health settings
- Philanthropic organizations
- Government entities
- Community-based organizations
- Schools (Non-PEL)
- Hospitals and other health care settings

MSW alumni are currently serving as clinical social workers, policy makers, program directors, faculty, and researchers.

Career services are available—learn more at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

## PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Through practical curriculum and two internship experiences, students are actively involved in preparing for their life and career after graduation while also making valuable professional connections. Students have opportunities to experience simulated practice scenarios using standardized patients.

## STUDENT LIFE

- **STUDY ABROAD:** We encourage you to hone your skills and build your network through intensive courses around the world. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. Locations vary each year, but 2-week study trips to Mexico are typically available. International internships and spring break immersions (Mexico) are also available.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** The School of Social Work Student Organization (SSWSO) and the LUC Social Workers of Color Alliance (SWoCA) are active student organizations with several committees and opportunities for involvement.

## FACULTY

Our faculty have a wide variety of practice and policy-based research interests, including school social work, mental health, health care, children & families, leadership & development, migration & immigration, gerontology, and many others.

Many faculty conduct their own private practice with clients in addition to their Loyola position.

## FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov).

All admitted students who complete their scholarship application by the priority deadline are considered for the School of Social Work performance-based scholarship, which is focused on student financial need. Graduate assistant positions are offered through the School of Social Work and other departments on campus.

Visit [LUC.edu/socialwork/admission/scholarshipopportunities](https://luc.edu/socialwork/admission/tuition/scholarshipopportunities) to learn more about our scholarships, as well as external opportunities.

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](https://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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