

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

## MAESTRÍA BILINGÜE EN TRABAJO SOCIAL EN LÍNEA ONLINE BILINGUAL (SPANISH) MSW DEGREE

WITH FOCUS ON INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH AND MIGRATION STUDIES

Loyola's School of Social Work was founded in 1914. Throughout its history, the School has been dedicated to clinical social work, preparing career-minded students through scholarship and the development of direct practice skills.

As the first program of its kind in the mainland U.S., the CSWE Accredited Online Bilingual (Spanish) MSW is aimed at filling a critical need gap. Primarily, the degree program will help equip practitioners with the skills and knowledge to address the unmet integrated mental health needs of Latinx, immigrant, and refugee populations. Whether persons are experiencing barriers due to lack of linguistically and culturally appropriate services, professional shortages, transportation, or insurance coverage, the program will prepare graduates to remove these barriers to service and become a force for justice.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degree offers part-time enrollment (8 continuous semesters) Spring/fall semesters will be 15 weeks long. Summer semesters 10 weeks long  
*Average time to completion (part-time): two and a half years*
- This is an online degree. Classes are online, but fieldwork is in person. Students not living in Chicago will work with School of Social Work staff to find local organizations for their field placement.

Loyola offers an *Advanced Standing MSW* program for students who have completed their BSW from an accredited institution within the past 5 years and also fulfill some other grade-related requirements. If it has been longer than 5 years, the applicant must prove an active involvement practicing the social work profession during the time between graduation and application to the program. Examples of how to prove this active involvement are certifications of employment and/or volunteer work, and some level of officially recognized licensure in social work. Advanced standing students can complete their studies in 4 continuous semesters. It is helpful that students have a foundation in DSM-5 diagnoses as this content is discussed in advanced level classes.

### INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

By leveraging local, national, and international resources and partnerships, Loyola offers an opportunity for you to gain experience through fieldwork. Students on the 8-semester track will complete a total of 1,000 hours of fieldwork while advanced standing will complete 600 hours.

### EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Once you earn your MSW, you'll be ready to apply for professional license as a social worker and to work in a wide range of settings, including:

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| • Public and private mental health settings | • Schools (Non-PEL)                                       | • Hospitals and other health care settings |
| • Philanthropic organizations               | • Organizations serving immigrant and refugee populations |  |
| • Government entities                       |   |  |

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

Loyola's Jesuit heritage and commitment to social justice acts as a foundation for this degree program, which strives to help address society's need for greater access to integrated mental health care across populations in particular Latinx immigrants and refugees across populations.

Through practical curriculum and internships (8-semester students complete two internships and advanced standing students complete one.) students are actively involved in preparing for their career after graduation while also making valuable professional connections around the world.

## FACULTY

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

## 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 U.S. students who complete their application by the priority scholarship deadline are considered for merit-based scholarships. There are a limited number of need-based scholarships also available each year, and graduate assistant positions are offered through the School of Social Work and other departments on campus.

Visit [LUC.edu/socialwork](https://luc.edu/socialwork) to learn about outside scholarships.

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS  
AND DEADLINES

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

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