MSW
One-Year
Advanced Standing Program
(ASP)

Summer 2019 Application
Information
MSW Advanced Standing Program (ASP)

- Offered at Cal State LA Downtown, the 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.
The Cal State LA Advantage

• Excellent and affordable education targeting a wide range of students.

• Ranked #68 among top social work schools by 2018 US News and World Report.

• One of the most ethnically diverse colleges (students and faculty).

• Students receive individual attention from faculty and staff.

• Students have an opportunity to make a contribution to social work research with the completion of their thesis.
CAL STATE LA DOWNTOWN | 801 S GRAND AVENUE | 6TH FLOOR

- Modern and inviting space designed to meet the needs of 21st century learners.
- Equipped with the latest in educational technology.
- Located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles.
- Accessible to public transit, freeways and parking.
- Financial aid available in Summer.
The Urban Generalist Focus

• The urban generalist focus prepares students to provide service across the spectrum of practice.

• Capitalizing on Cal State LA Downtown’s location, this focus offers students the opportunity to learn effective and responsive strategies for working in any urban environment at the micro (individual/family), mezzo (group/community), and macro (policy/societal) levels.

• Our MSW program also allows students to empower and be relevant to the needs of the multi-national, multi-ethnic, and multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Pasadena, Alhambra, Glendale, and other nearby communities).

• Applicants will still be able to work with specific populations through course content, electives, fieldwork (internship) and thesis. Concentration specific content (e.g., children, youth, women and families, aging, forensic, LGBT etc.) are in incorporated across the MSW curriculum.
Admission Requirements

• The MSW Advanced Standing Program (ASP) at Cal State LA is a one-year, 33 semester credit unit program for candidates who hold a BSW degree.

• Admission to the program allows students to complete their MSW degree in less time than the traditional MSW program by waiving the first-year foundation course requirements.

• Students applying for this option must demonstrate their field readiness to perform at the level of a second-year MSW student.

• The ASP program begins with 6 semester units (2 courses) in the summer prior to the beginning of the advanced courses, which is completed in two semesters.

• ASP students attend classes on Mondays and Tuesdays at Cal State LA Downtown located at 801 South Grand Avenue on the 6th floor, Los Angeles.

• Field internship for ASP students are on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays during regular business hours for a total of 24 hours per week.
Requirements for Advanced Standing

- Bachelor’s degree in Social Work from a CSWE accredited college or university (completed within the last 5 years).

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale.

- Three recommendation letters on our reference form. Letters must be from each of the following:
  1. one academic (A),
  2. one from your Integrative Seminar Instructor (F), and
  3. one from the *field instructor from your BASW internship* (F).

- 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.

  One year work experience in social services or human services is preferred.
## One-Year Advanced Standing Program (ASP)

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**Total Required Units: 33**
Applying to the ASP Program

The application for the ASP program is a two-step process:

1) Starting October 15th, 2018, complete and submit MSW ASP application online here:
www.calstatela.edu/dtla/master-social-work-advanced-standing-downtown-la

   - Application Packet includes:
     - School of Social Work Supplemental Application (uploaded online)
     - Personal Statement (uploaded online)
     - 3 Reference Forms (mailed or hand delivered to PaGE)
     - Current Resume (uploaded online)
     - Unofficial transcript from each college and university attended (uploaded online)

*Application deadline is February 28th, 2019*
Applying to the ASP Program (Cont.)

Reference Forms must be mailed or hand delivered to the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE):

College of Professional and Global Education
Golden Eagle Room 220B
5151 State University Dr.
Los Angeles, CA. 90032

Reference Forms are required from each of the following:
• one from a professor/academic (A),
• one from BASW field liaison (FL),
• one from BASW field instructor/supervisor (FI).
Applying to the ASP Program (Cont.)

2) Between February 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2019 and February 28\textsuperscript{th}, 2019: apply to the University by completing the online Cal State Apply application at: 
www.calstate.edu/apply

- $55 application fee
- Apply for the Summer 2019 MSW ASP Graduate Program
- Send your official transcripts and any other required documents to the Office of Admissions
- Set up your GET account and check your “To Do” List for missing documents
- Once the application is submitted, you will be assigned a Campus Identification Number (CIN) that you will receive within 2 weeks.
- Your complete application will be reviewed by the School of Social Work and the Office of Admissions
- You will receive your admission decision via email
## Tuition

### As of Fall 2019:

| One Year ASP | $17,325*  
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*Please Note:* All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees.

*Total cost does not include books or parking*
Financial Aid

Students are encouraged to apply for federal aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) application.
Additional Financial Opportunities

- For information on financial aid resources for graduate students at Cal State LA please visit [www.calstatela.edu/nisfep/fellowships](http://www.calstatela.edu/nisfep/fellowships)
- Graduate Equity Fellowship Program is available to students starting a graduate program: [www.calstatela.edu/nisfep/fellowships](http://www.calstatela.edu/nisfep/fellowships)
- The California Pre-Doctoral Program
- The California Forgivable Loan/Doctoral Incentive Program
- International Graduate Student Tuition Waiver Program
The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Stipend

- The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Stipend Project was designed in response to the shortage of MSW level mental health professionals in California. This stipend is funded by Mental Health Services Act (MHSA, formerly Proposition 63).

- The LACDMH Stipend Program provides $18,500 for the academic year and comes with a one year commitment to work for LACDMH or a LACDMH contracted agency.

- Students must be placed at a LACDMH directly operated or contracted agency for their field placement experience in order to be eligible for the stipend.

- Preference for this stipend will be given to qualified applicants of ethno-cultural minority groups who are served in increasing numbers by LA county DMH agencies.

- Fluency in a second language as needed by mental health agencies in Los Angeles County is also a plus.

- This stipend is for students committed to the field of mental health.

For more information, please contact Dr. Colleen Friend at (323) 343-4680 or via email at cfriend@calstatela.edu.
Please Note:

- Stipend recipients who do not graduate on time (at the end of the academic year in which the stipend was received) or complete the employment obligation may be required to repay in cash the full cost of the stipend received plus interest.
Application Recap

Two-Step Application Process
- 1) Apply to the MSW ASP Program
- 2) Apply to the University (Cal State Apply)

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Step 1
October 15, 2018
February 1-28, 2019
- Start accepting ASP Application Packets
- Apply to the University (Cal State Apply)
- ASP Application Packet Deadline

Step 2

Step 3
February 28, 2019

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