The Master’s in Social Work (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. Our urban generalist focus prepares students to provide service across the spectrum of practice.

The program capitalizes on Cal State LA’s location just outside of downtown Los Angeles, by giving students effective and responsive strategies for working in urban environments at the micro (individual/family), mezzo (group/community) and macro (policy/societal) levels. Our master’s program also allows students to empower the multi-national, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Alhambra, downtown Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Glendale, Lincoln Heights, Monterey Park, Pasadena and other nearby communities).

**Advantages of Attending Cal State LA**
- Excellent education at an affordable price (Ranked 59 among top social work schools by 2019 US News and World Report)
- One of the most ethnically diverse universities (students and faculty)
- Individual attention to students by faculty and staff
- Opportunity to make a contribution to social work research through the completion of a project/thesis

**PROGRAM:**
The MSW degree requires the completion of 60 semester units over the course of a 2-year program or 3-year program plan. We also offer a 1-year Advanced Standing Program (ASP) option (33 semester units) for those applicants who have completed a bachelor’s degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program in the last 5 years.

**CLASSES SCHEDULES:**
Students attend classes in accordance with their program plans as follows:
- **1 YEAR - Advanced Standing Program (ASP) classes:** Mondays and Tuesdays during the daytime at the Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) campus.
- **2-YEAR program classes:** Tuesday and Thursday during the daytime
- **3-YEAR program classes:** one evening per week & Saturdays during the daytime.

**Applicant Criteria for the program:**

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<td>• 3.0 cumulative GPA</td>
<td>• 2.75 GPA in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester units</td>
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<td>• 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.</td>
<td>• Completion of 3 prerequisites: Research Methods and Statistics (intro or elementary Statistics) 2 - upper-division social science courses</td>
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Please check the web site for additional requirements [http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications](http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications)

**FIELD EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**
In addition to on-campus courses, the MSW curriculum includes two 9-month fieldwork sequences. Students must complete over 1000 hours of field placement between the months of September and May over the course of two academic years.

1-year ASP *Note: Advanced Standing students complete only one fieldwork sequence (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for a total of 24 hours per week).*

2-year program: Students complete one field placement in their 1st year for 16 hours per week and one in their 2nd year for 20
3-year program: Field hours are the same as the 2-year program; however, field placement is done in the 2nd and 3rd year. **Please note that field placement is done Monday through Friday during normal business hours 8-5 or 9-6, there are no weekend or evening only field placements.**

For complete information regarding the MSW program at Cal State LA prospective applicants should review the MSW application packet posted on the university website: [http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications](http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications) "Please note the following information is subject to change. Please refer to the website for complete and updated information.

**FALL 2020 MSW ADMISSION & APPLICATION INFORMATION**

You will need to submit the 2020 - 2021 CSU Graduate Admission application to the University by applying online at Cal State Apply [https://www2.calstate.edu/apply](https://www2.calstate.edu/apply). The MSW application portion will be in quadrant 4 (Q4) of the university application. You will be able to upload your personal statement, resume and unofficial transcript in Q4. When you provide the name and email address for the person writing your reference letters they will be sent an email with the reference form to complete and submit.


For questions, please contact the University Admissions Office admission@calstatela.edu

**MSW Information Meeting Schedule**

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend an MSW Information Meeting prior to applying to the program. No RSVP is required to attend. The dates and locations of the meetings are listed below and posted on the School of Social Work website: [http://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/App/MSW/msw_info_mtg_flyer.pdf](http://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/App/MSW/msw_info_mtg_flyer.pdf)

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<td>Saturday, January 11, 2020 (ASP only)</td>
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**Application Deadlines**

- **Application Acceptance Begins:** October 15, 2019
- **Priority Deadline:** November 15, 2019
- **International Deadline:** December 1, 2019
- **Traditional 2 & 3 year Admissions Deadline:** January 15, 2020
- **Advance Standing Deadline:** February 15, 2020

**You are considered international if you have international transcripts. Please note: The TOEFL is a University requirement for international students. The MSW Program does not waive the TOEFL.**

If you have, any questions please feel free to contact the School of Social Work:

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- Los Angeles, CA 90032-8164
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