



School of Social Work

Master of Social Work Programs

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

Capitalizing on CSULA'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, multi-cultural communities that surround the campus (Alhambra, Down Town Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, Glendale, Lincoln Heights, Monterey Park, Pasadena and other nearby communities).

Advantages of Attending CSULA PROGRAM

- Excellent education at an affordable price.
- 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 with the completion of thesis.

PROGRAM:

The MSW degree requires the completion of 60 semester units over the course of a 2-year or 3-year program plan. We also offer a 1-year Advanced Standing Program (ASP) option (36 semester units) for those applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree in social work from CSWE-accredited program in the last 5 years.

CLASS SCHEDULES:

Students attend classes in accordance with their program plan as follows:

- 1 Year-ADVANCED STANDING program classes: Mondays and Tuesdays during the daytime at the Downtown Los Angeles (DTLA) Campus
- 2 Year Program classes: Tuesdays and Thursdays during the daytime
- 3 Year Program class: one evening per week and Saturdays during the daytime

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM:

Advance Standing Requirements:	MSW Program 2 or 3 year Requirements:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree in Social Work completed within the last 5 years from an accredited school • 3.0 cumulative GPA • 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. <p><i>Please check the web site for additional requirements</i> http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-applications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor's Degree • 2.75 GPA in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester units • Completion of 3 prerequisites <i>Research Methods and Statistics (intro or elementary Statistics)</i> <i>2 - upper-division social science courses</i> <i>A "C" grade or better is required in all prerequisites.</i>

FIELD EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to on-campus courses, the MSW curriculum includes two nine month field work sequence. Students must complete over 1000 hours of field placement each week between the months of September and May.

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

2-year program: Students complete on field placement in their 1st year for 16 hours and one in their 2nd year for 20 hours

3-year program: Students complete on field placement in their 2nd year for 16 hours and one in their 3rd year for 20 hours (the hours completed are in the same as in the two year program)

For complete information regarding the MSW program at CSULA prospective applicants should review the MSW application packet posted website: "Please note the following information is subject to change. Please refer to the website for complete and updated information.

FALL 2017 MSW ADMISSION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application Procedure

The MSW is a dual application process with the university and the school of social work. *In addition to the School of Social Work application*, you will need to submit the 2017-2018 CSU Post baccalaureate and Graduate Admission application **PRIOR** to and separately to, the Office of Admissions and University Outreach by their deadline. You may apply online at: http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/grad_apply.asp
For questions please contact them at: admission@calstatela.edu

Application Materials

Submit a complete supplemental application packet directly to the School of Social Work. Forms and Detailed instructions are available in the MSW application Packet available online at School of Social Work website <http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-application-packet>.

The supplemental application packet must include the following:

- School of Social Work Supplemental Application
- Personal Statement
- Three Letters of recommendation (combination of academic, and professional on CSULA reference form)
- Current Resume
- Unofficial transcript (s) from all school should be included with your supplemental MSW application packet

Application Deadlines

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Priority Deadline:	November 15, 2016
**International Deadline:	December 1, 2016
Traditional 2 & 3 year Admissions Deadline:	January 15, 2017
***Advance Standing Deadline:	February 1, 2017

** 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.**

*** Any application submitted after the January 15, 2017 deadline will only be considered for ASP, providing application meets the qualification for the ASP program by having a 3.0 cumulative GPA and a BASW degree.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend a MSW Information Meeting prior to applying to the program. No RSVP is required to attend.

Information Meeting Schedule

Saturday, September 24, 2016	10:00 to 11:00 A.M.	SH C260	Cal State L.A.
Wednesday, October 5, 2016	6:30 to 8:30 P.M.	KH B2015	Cal State L.A.
Saturday, October 15, 2016	9:00 to 10:30 A.M.	SH C240	Cal State L.A.
Wednesday, November 2, 2016	6:30 to 8:00 P.M.	TBA	Cal State L.A.
Saturday, November 19, 2016	9:00 to 10:30 A.M.	SH C240	Cal State L.A.
Friday, December 2, 2016	5:00 to 6:30 P.M.	SH C141	Cal State L.A.
Saturday, December 3, 2016	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.	SH C141	Cal State L.A.
Saturday, January 7, 2017	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.	TBA	Cal State L.A.

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

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