



# SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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. Our MSW programs have been accredited since 1999.

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 in the top 3 Schools of Social Work in Southern California and #62 national wide by 2022 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 contribute to social work research through the completion of a thesis

### PROGRAM:

The MSW degree requires the completion of 60-semester units throughout 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.

### CLASS SCHEDULES :

Students attend classes by following their program plan 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:

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

### 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 September and May over 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 1<sup>st</sup> year for 16 hours per week and one in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year for 20 hours per week.

3-year program: Field hours are the same as the 2- year program; however, field placement is done in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years.

For more information regarding the MSW program at Cal State LA prospective applicants should review the information at this link

[https://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/Acad/MSW/msw\\_must\\_read\\_information.pdf](https://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/Acad/MSW/msw_must_read_information.pdf)

**"Please note the following information is subject to change. Please refer to the website for complete and updated information.**

## FALL 2023 MSW ADMISSION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

**To apply to the university and the MSW program you will be submitting only one online application.**

You must apply to the University by completing the graduate online Cal State Apply application at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> The MSW application is located in Quadrant 4 (Q4) of the university application. Please note you will also need to upload the personal statement, resume and unofficial transcripts from all schools attended in this section. You will also need to provide the names and email addresses of the individuals who will be writing your reference and the university will send them the form to complete. At this time your reference will not be able to upload a separate letter of recommendation on your behalf. For questions, please contact the University Admissions Office at [admission@calstatela.edu](mailto:admission@calstatela.edu)

Prospective applicants are encouraged to attend an MSW Information Meeting before applying to the program. The dates and locations of the meetings are listed below and posted on the School of Social Work website

[https://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/Acad/MSW/msw\\_information\\_meeting\\_flyer.pdf](https://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/Acad/MSW/msw_information_meeting_flyer.pdf)

**RSVP to a meeting** <https://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/sw/msw-information-meeting-rsvp>

### Information Meeting Schedule

MSW Information Meetings will be offered virtually via zoom on the following dates and times.

Saturday, October 1, 2022	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday, October 15, 2022	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday, November 5, 2022,	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday, November 19, 2022	9:00 to 10:30 A.M.
Saturday, November 19, 2022	11:30A.M. to 1:30 P.M. <b>(ASP Option only)</b>
Tuesday, November 29, 2022,	6:00 to 7:30 P.M.
Saturday, December 10, 2022,	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday, December 10, 2022.	12:00 to 1:30 P.M. <b>(ASP Option only)</b>
Saturday, January 7, 2023,	10:00 to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday, January 21, 2023,	10:00 to 11:30 A.M. <b>(ASP Option only)</b>

[https://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/2\\_must\\_read\\_information\\_qa.pdf](https://www.calstatela.edu/sites/default/files/groups/School%20of%20Social%20Work/PDF/2_must_read_information_qa.pdf)

**Application Deadlines Application Acceptance Begins: October 15, 2022**

<b>Priority Deadline:</b>	<b>November 15, 2022</b>
<b>**International Deadline:</b>	<b>December 1, 2022</b>
<b>Traditional 2 &amp; 3 year Admissions Deadline:</b>	<b>January 15, 2023</b>
<b>Advance Standing Deadline:</b>	<b>February 28, 2023</b>

\*\* 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 at [mightburn@cslanet.calstatela.edu](mailto:mightburn@cslanet.calstatela.edu)