



# School of Social Work

## Master of Social Work at Brigham Young University

Thank you for your interest in the Master of Social Work program at BYU. In addition to the summary in this document, you will find more information on our web page at [socialwork.byu.edu](https://socialwork.byu.edu).

### MISSION

The mission of the School of Social Work at Brigham Young University is to support the overall mission of BYU and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by generating new knowledge and by educating and training students to use the appropriate knowledge, values, and skills of the social work profession to serve individuals and families within their environment and the context of their specific cultures.

### PROGRAM

Our MSW program offers two emphases: **Clinical** and **Research**, both focusing on families and children. These emphases are different in the following ways:

#### CLINICAL

Approximately 35 students are admitted each year to the clinical emphasis. Students from this emphasis receive exceptional clinical training to work in mental health and other direct practice settings, go on to receive LCSW licensure, and frequently become agency directors and administrators of social work organizations.

#### RESEARCH

Approximately 3-5 students are admitted each year to the research emphasis. These students are well qualified to pursue advanced training in top social work PhD programs. Research emphasis students will also receive strong clinical training, but they will 1) take advanced research courses outside of social work as part of their elective requirements (instead of clinical electives), and 2) submit their research project for professional publication. Alumni from this emphasis are prepared to go on to become university professors, work in a research or policy arena, or receive advanced clinical training.

Our program takes 20 months of full time study to complete, including 1,050 hours of field internship. We **do not** offer a part-time or online MSW program.



“We make a living by what we earn, but we make a life by what we give.”

Winston Churchill

## TUITION

Graduate tuition for Fall 2020 is \$3,755 for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS), and \$7,510 for non-LDS students.

## PREREQUISITES

Completion of three **prerequisite** classes is required from all applicants *prior* to the application deadline: Introduction to Social Work, Research Methods, and Statistics. These courses must have been taken within the past 7 years with minimum B- grades. Additional courses are recommended. Please see our website for a list of pre-approved Prerequisite and Recommended Courses: [socialwork.byu.edu](http://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > Prerequisite Courses. The University requires an undergraduate **minimum GPA** of 3.0. The typical average GPA for admitted MSW students is 3.7. We do not require the GRE; however, if you take it and your score is sent to BYU, it will be considered as part of your application. Typically, 110-160 students apply for the 40 available slots each year.

## APPLICATION

Each year the new application cycle opens on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The **deadline** to submit the completed application is **January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 pm**. Applications are received online only through the BYU Graduate Studies website ([gradstudies.byu.edu](http://gradstudies.byu.edu).) There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee. Admitted MSW students begin the following Fall semester in late August or early September.

For more information and application details specific to social work, please attend or watch online one of our MSW Information Sessions ([socialwork.byu.edu](http://socialwork.byu.edu)) and refer to the MSW Application Checklist ([socialwork.byu.edu](http://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > Application Instructions/Checklist).

Please feel free to contact us with questions or for further information.

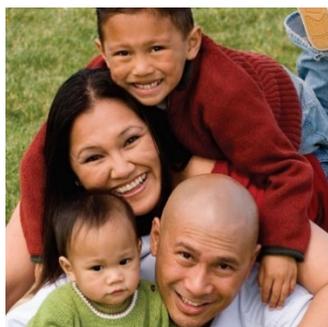
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# BYU Graduate School Application

## Master of Social Work Checklist

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- Graduate Studies online application: [gradstudies.byu.edu](https://gradstudies.byu.edu) Start the app after September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement. A new, 2-part endorsement is required from all applicants with Bishop and Stake President interviews completed. Start the process here: [endorse.byu.edu](https://endorse.byu.edu) > Student > Applicant. Non-LDS applicants interview with their local church leader and the BYU Chaplain. This includes agreeing to live by the BYU Honor Code.
- Minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA.
- Prerequisite classes completed by January 15<sup>th</sup>: Intro to Social Work, Statistics, Research Methods. Taken within the past 7 years, with B- or above grades. ([socialwork.byu.edu](https://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > Prerequisite Courses)
- Accredited bachelor's degree, completed before the start of the MSW program in Fall.
- Unofficial transcripts. Official transcripts required when admitted.
- Emphasis: Clinical or Research. Enter your emphasis choice in the 'Research Interest' box.
- Résumé - one page.
- Statement of Intent specific to Social Work, 4-6 pages. Answer and upload the statement questions from our website ([socialwork.byu.edu](https://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > Statement of Intent). Also included in this document for you to complete: your last 60-hour GPA calculation and the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) document with background clearance questions.
- Digital Interview Response. An email will be sent to you when you enter the intended program. After opening the link, you have 1 week to complete the digital interview. Complete the interview with your application submission or sooner.
- Standards for Social Work Students agreement. ([socialwork.byu.edu](https://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > Standards for MSW Students)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation from academic and social work settings only. One from an academic setting, one from a social work setting and one from either category. An automatic email is sent to recommenders when you save that page of the application.
- MSW department scholarship application, optional. Upload in the Department Documents section. ([socialwork.byu.edu](https://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > MSW Scholarship Application)
- Sign, submit and pay application fee of \$50.
- For MSW admissions consideration, all the above items must be submitted and received by **January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 p.m.** Mountain Standard Time.

# Scholarships & Financial Aid

## Scholarships through the BYU School of Social Work

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### Application Procedure for all Scholarships from the School of Social Work

Complete the Scholarship Application found on our website: [socialwork.byu.edu](https://socialwork.byu.edu) > Admissions > MSW Scholarship Application. Deadline for submission is **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, uploaded to your online graduate school application. Only admitted students will be eligible to receive scholarships and other financial aid.

### Graduate Minority Scholarship

The School of Social Work offers 1-2 minority student scholarships to the MSW program.

**Value:** Full LDS-rate tuition for two semesters.

**Eligibility:** Typically awarded to two 1st year minority graduate students annually. Recipients are chosen based on a variety of criteria including GPA, identified need, and commitment to the field of social work.

### Gibbons Scholarship

The Gene Gibbons Endowment was established in 2011 through the generous contributions from the Friends of Brigham Young University Social Work Program. The scholarship is designed to meet the financial needs of outstanding students who are committed to pursuing the Master of Social Work degree at BYU.

**Value:** Full LDS-rate tuition for one semester and half LDS-rate tuition for one semester.

**Eligibility:** Typically awarded to two 1st year graduate students annually. Recipients are chosen based on a variety of criteria including academic achievement, identified need, community service, and potential for contribution in the field of social work.

### Social Work Advocate Scholarship

The Social Work Advocate Scholarship is designed to meet the financial needs of outstanding students who are committed to pursuing the Master of Social Work degree at BYU.

**Value:** Partial or Full LDS-rate tuition for one semester.

**Eligibility:** Typically awarded to 10-15 1st year graduate students annually. Recipients are chosen based on a variety of criteria including academic achievement, identified need, community service, and potential for contribution in the field of social work.

## Other Financial Aid through the BYU School of Social Work

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### Graduate Assistantships

There are a limited number of teaching assistantships and research assistantships awarded each year, mostly to first year students. Students are required to work approximately five or more hours per week (up to 70 hours per semester) and are compensated on an hourly basis, with the potential to earn approximately \$1,120 per semester. The research assistantships are open to all graduate students in the School but a demonstrated interest in research is useful. The intensity of the applicant's financial need is taken into account in awarding all assistantships. Newly admitted MSW students will be sent the Graduate Assistant application.

### Paid Fieldwork Placements

The potential for paid fieldwork placements becomes available to all MSW students during their third semester, Spring term, when fieldwork begins. These paid placements are typically made available to all students who need and desire them. The compensation averages about \$4500 for the Spring/Summer terms and an additional \$6000 for Fall and Winter Semesters combined. The availability of paid placements changes from year to year and depends on the current operating budget of internship agencies. The selection of students for placement in a given agency is dependent on a number of variables including the student's interests and career goals, the agency's preference for particular students, and the Director of Field Education's assessment of individualized educational needs.

### AmeriCorps Education Awards

Currently, education awards are available to students who are US Citizens, intern at a non-profit agency and serve more than 450 hours (spring/summer terms for approx. \$1527) and/or 675 hours (fall/winter semesters for approx. \$2221).

## Other Funding Opportunities at BYU

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### Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office provides student financial aid information and how to apply, including part-time work, scholarships, federal grants, federal loans, and BYU loans. Their website is [financialaid.byu.edu](http://financialaid.byu.edu).

### FHSS Internship Grants

Current undergraduate and graduate students who are declared majors in a program in the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences or in International Relations may apply for an internship grant.

### Marjorie Pay Hinckley Chair Travel Grants

The Marjorie Pay Hinckley Chair in the College of Family, Home and Social Sciences provides funds to support student participation in professional academic conferences.

### Office of Prestigious Scholarships & Fellowships

The Office of Prestigious Scholarships & Fellowships provides a list of scholarships arranged by type and field of study as well as resources available to students to aid in getting started on scholarship searches and applications.

### Graduate Fellowship & Scholarships

Based on need. To obtain information about these loans and forms to apply, visit the Financial Aid Office web site contact them directly at A-41 ASB, BYU, Provo, Utah 84602, Phone: (801) 422-4104.

### Merlin & Edna Sant Graduate Scholarship

Must be a graduate student in the FHSS College, have a minimum GPA of 3.2, and have Family as the central focus of your education.

### FHSS Single Parent Scholarship

Must be a single parent in the FHSS college, 3.0 minimum GPA, and enrolled in 12 credit hours per semester.

# Standards for Social Work Students

To be signed electronically as part of your graduate school application

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In order to qualify to participate in BYU's MSW program and pursue a degree in Social Work, students must have the requisite abilities necessary to perform the essential functions required by the program and be able to meet the appropriate programmatic standards. These standards should be met in the classroom, in field placements, and elsewhere during the course of the program. In addition, students at Brigham Young University are expected to adhere to the moral and personal standards set by the Honor Code.

Accordingly, by applying to and accepting admission into the School of Social Work, students commit that they have the following abilities and attributes and will conduct themselves according to the following requirements:

**Motor Abilities** Students need to have the ability to fully participate in classes and field agency placement, and to acquire and integrate data through use of their senses. Reasonable accommodation for a qualifying disability may be allowed, but it is the student's responsibility to obtain and relay the necessary information from the BYU Accessibility Center (<https://uac.byu.edu/>) to each instructor and field supervisor.

**Communication Skills** Students must have the ability to process information expeditiously and communicate effectively with instructors, other students, faculty members, staff, clients, and other professionals. Students must also have sufficient skills in written and spoken English to effectuate such processing and communication.

**Ethical Standards** Students are ethically and professionally bound to adhere to the NASW (National Association of Social Workers) Code of Ethics and conduct themselves pursuant to pertinent Utah statutes and applicable administrative codes. In addition, it is essential that students demonstrate empathy, appreciation for diversity in society, and non-judgmental attitude in their interaction with others. The value of confidentiality is foundational to the profession of social work, and sound interpersonal skills must be observed.

**Knowledge Base** Students need to learn and practice within the scope of the social work profession's knowledge base, by recognizing the distinctive components of the biopsychosocial and spiritual perspectives of social work practice and social work methodologies. These must guide their work with clients and become the basis for their contribution to other related work.

**Professionalism** Students are expected to demonstrate a commitment to professional conduct, including practicing within the scope of social work, adhering to the limit of their knowledge and skills in the delivery of services to clients, respecting others, being punctual and dependable, completing assignments and reports on time, and prioritizing responsibilities. Appearance and personal demeanor should reflect an appropriate understanding of the professional context. Conflict resolution should reflect respect for proper channels of authority, and feedback dealt with in a professional manner. Respect should be shown to fellow students, faculty, staff, clients, and colleagues in the classroom and in the field. Disrespect for others or any form of sexual harassment will not be tolerated.

**Self-care** Students need to recognize the signs of stress and emotional problems, develop appropriate means of self-care, and seek supportive services when necessary to minimize any adverse impact on scholastic and professional performance. Students must be willing to seek the advice of their faculty advisor and follow recommendations made by their advisor and/or faculty decisions regarding the appropriate maintenance of their academic, physical, or psychological health, which may include assessment and/or therapeutic services at the student's expense.

By checking "I agree," I certify that I have read this document, Standards for Social Work Students, and understand and agree to abide by the standards in the event that I am admitted to attend the MSW program at Brigham Young University.



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## Program Summary

### Prerequisites

1. Introduction to Social Work
  2. Statistics
  3. Research Methods
- All must be completed prior to the **January 15<sup>th</sup> application deadline**
  - Must be completed within 7 years
  - Minimum B- or above grades

### Application

- Deadline to Apply: Jan 15<sup>th</sup> (10:00 pm) for the following Fall Semester
- Apply online @ [gradstudies.byu.edu](http://gradstudies.byu.edu). \$50 application fee
- Approximately 110-160 applicants, 40 graduate students admitted each Fall
- GRE not required
- All applicants will be notified of their admission decision by April 1<sup>st</sup>

### Admissions Criteria

- Completion of prerequisites
- Undergraduate GPA - Minimum 3.0. Admitted student average is 3.7
- Last 60-hour GPA calculation
- Statement of Intent & Video Response (Digital Interview)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation (1 academic, 1 social work setting, 1 either category)
- Paid/volunteer social work experience

### Program

- Clinical or Research emphasis
- 20-month program, including 1050 hours of Field Internships
- Research project/publishable paper
- \$200 Tuition deposit required in April – applied to your Fall tuition

### Financial Aid

- Historically paid Internships
- Scholarships available thru College/Department. Upload the completed form to your Graduate Application before submitting (deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Graduate Assistant jobs available - applications will be sent to all admitted students

Please feel free to contact us with questions or for further information.

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# MSW Program of Study

2020-2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

54 required hours + 6 elective hours = 60 total credit hours

BYU ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Research Emphasis Students take research electives

Fall 2020			Credit Hrs
	Soc W 603	Research Methods in Social Work	2
	Soc W 620	Human Behavior and Social Environment	3
	Soc W 623	Social Justice & Diversity	2
	Soc W 660	Social Work Direct Practice Skills	3
	Soc W 661	Social Work Practice Models	3
			<b>Required Hours Total: 13</b>
<i>Electives</i>	<i>Soc W 595R</i>	<i>(Section 1) Directed Readings, Refugee Services (only Fall 2020)</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 680R</i>	<i>Pharmacology (online)</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 683</i>	<i>Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice (ONLINE)</i>	2
			<b>Semester Hours total: 13</b>
Winter 2021			
	Soc W 602	Statistical & Data Analysis in Social Work Research	3
	Soc W 611	Supervised Clinical Social Work Practicum	3
	Soc W 622	Social Work Assessment	3
	Soc W 666	Specialized Direct Social Work Practice	3
			<b>Required Hours Total: 12</b>
<i>*Electives (choose 1)</i>	<i>Soc W 580</i>	<i>Social Work in the School Setting</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 675</i>	<i>Substance Use Disorders</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 676</i>	<i>Spirituality in Social Work (offered only Winter 2021)</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 680R</i>	<i>Pharmacology (online course)</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 683</i>	<i>Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice (ONLINE)</i>	2
			<b>Semester Hours total:</b>
Spring/Summer Semester 2021:			
	Soc W 614R	Integrative Field Seminar 1	2
	Soc W 654R	Field Internship 1	4
**please note this course will require additional tuition if taken Spring/Summer**	<i>Soc W 680R</i>	<i>Pharmacology (online)</i>	2
**please note this course will require additional tuition if taken Spring/Summer**	<i>Soc W 683</i>	<i>Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice (ONLINE)</i>	2
			<b>Required Hours Total: 6</b>
Fall 2021			
	Soc W 615R	Integrative Field Seminar 2	1
	Soc W 606	Program & Practice Evaluation in Social Work	2
	Soc W 624	Social Work Practice with Couples and Families	2
	Soc W 630	Social Welfare Policy	3
	Soc W 655R	Field Internship 2	2
	Soc W 663	Social Work Practice with Groups	3
			<b>Required Hours Total: 13</b>
<i>*Electives (choose 1)</i>	<i>Soc W 671</i>	<i>Play Therapy</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 674</i>	<i>Human Sexuality and Social Work Practice (2<sup>nd</sup> yr MSW's only)</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 680R</i>	<i>Pharmacology (online course)</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 683</i>	<i>Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice (ONLINE)</i>	2
			<b>Semester Hours total:</b>
Winter 2022			
	Soc W 615R	Integrative Field Seminar 2	1
	Soc W 655R	Field Internship 2	2
	Soc W 664	Leadership & Community Organization	3
	Soc W 667	Social Work Practice with Children & Adolescents	2
	Soc W 669	Specialized Clinical Practice	2
			<b>Required Hours Total: 10</b>
<i>*Electives (choose 1)</i>	<i>Soc W 580</i>	<i>Social Work in the School Setting</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 675</i>	<i>Substance Use Disorders</i>	2
	<i>Soc W 683</i>	<i>Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice (ONLINE)</i>	2
			<b>Semester Hours total:</b>
			<b>TOTAL Hours: 54 (required)</b>
			<b>6 (electives)</b>

Faculty Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Students may take Soc W 595R (Directed Readings) for 1-3 elective credits. See Faculty Advisor for more information.  
 Any outside electives must be pre-approved by the Graduate Coordinator or Director.  
 Required courses are listed first in each semester. Electives are in *italics*.