



# Online Master of Social Work Program

USF's online MSW program is designed to prepare professionals to become tomorrow's leaders in social work practice and be the voice of change in their communities and beyond. Our USF online MSW Programs are built upon a strong foundation of social work ethics, values and professional standards, followed by advanced scholarly study in preparation for clinical social work with individuals, families, groups and communities. Both online MSW programs are a combination of fully online and live online courses, so you can earn your degree remotely. We are committed to equipping students to advocate for the population and communities they are most passionate about serving.

## Program Format

### Online MSW:

- 60 credit hours
- Finish in 8 semesters

## Program Eligibility

### Online MSW:

Must hold a bachelor's degree and satisfy the following criteria:

- 3.0 cumulative GPA or a "B" average or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student working toward a bachelor's degree.

*The GRE is not required for admission. However, applicants with a GPA less than 3.0 are encouraged to submit GRE scores to strengthen their application. Quantitative (144 or higher) and Verbal (153 or higher).*

### Online Advanced Standing MSW:

- 35 credit hours
- Finish in as few as 3 semesters full time or 5 semesters part time

### Online Advanced Standing MSW\*:

Must hold a Bachelor's Degree in social work from a regionally accredited institution\* and satisfy the following criteria:

- Minimum "B-" in the social work courses and minimum overall 3.0 GPA The GRE is not required for admission.

*The Online Advanced Standing MSW program requires that all applicants have a BSW degree from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program within five years from the term of entry.*

Download the complete program brochure at [onlineprograms.usf.edu/msw](https://onlineprograms.usf.edu/msw)

*Deciding between an Online or On-Campus Degree Program?*

*There is no right answer on whether to pursue an online or traditional on-campus program. Consider the **following factors** and make the choice that works best for you.*



## How to Apply

1. Complete the **online graduate application** and pay the \$30 fee.
2. Upload the following to the application portal. All documents required for upload can be found on the bottom half of the confirmation page of your online graduate application.
  - **MSW program application**
  - **Three reference forms.** References should include at least one academic source and one professional source (preferably from a human services experience), and an additional source of either type. Applicants who are unable to obtain an academic reference may substitute a work (volunteer or paid) or personal reference. Personal references DO NOT include relatives.
  - Your resume
  - Two essay forms (500 words each). The first should be a personal statement explaining how your **life** has led to your desire to become a social worker. The second should focus on a **social problem** of your choosing and how you would resolve it.
  - Unofficial transcripts
3. Mail an official transcript from each institution of higher learning attended. If you are a USF student, you do not need to provide transcripts.

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Submit your transcripts directly to **gradadmissions@usf.edu** or learn more about submitting electronic transcripts at: **<https://www.usf.edu/admissions/graduate/next-steps/submit-transcripts.aspx>**

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## Application Deadline

### Online MSW:

Oct. 15 for the Spring start

### Online Advanced Standing MSW:

Feb. 15 for the Summer Start



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