



**UNIVERSITY OF  
SOUTH FLORIDA**  
A PREEMINENT RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

### **Master of Social Work**

The USF Tampa School of Social Work MSW program  
is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

#### **Offered at the USF Sarasota-Manatee Campus**

All courses are scheduled on the USF Sarasota-Manatee campus

#### **Mission**

The MSW program is a specialized course of study designed to prepare graduates for clinical practice with individuals, families, and groups in an agency or organization-based community practice settings. The program is designed to produce graduates who exhibit professional standards, values, and ethics in the practice of social work; who demonstrate a respect for human beings and a commitment to the capacity for growth and change in people; and who demonstrate the application of professional social work principles through professional discipline and self-awareness in the service of all clients. Graduates will be able to engage in a range of practice methodologies appropriate for treatment of individual and family problems and in work with groups. Venues in which masters' level social workers may be employed include medical hospitals, psychiatric agencies or hospitals, children's services, youth outlets, hospices, and the like, for a rewarding career that truly helps people live better and more fulfilling lives.

#### **Design**

- The program runs in cohorts.
- Applications are currently being accepted for the next cohort, scheduled to begin in Summer 2020
- Admission information can be found at <https://www.usf.edu/cbcs/social-work/programs/msw-program/sarasotaprogram.aspx>
- Students enroll in 3 courses a term for 8 consecutive terms.
- The entire program is 24 courses, including field placements (60 credits).
- The program is designed for students to pursue part-time.
- Courses are held every Monday and Tuesday evening and some Saturdays.
- Every effort is made to find field placements that can also accommodate the schedules of working students. However, 4 of the 10-hour weekly commitment must be available during the time agencies typically operate (M-F, 8-5 PM).
- Each student is assigned one of the USF Sarasota-Manatee Social Work faculty members as a mentor.
- Students are assisted in details of registration and progress toward graduation by a graduate academic advisor in the USF Tampa School of Social Work.

#### **Contacts**

- Students interested in learning more about the program and the application process should contact Senior Academic Advisor, Amy Weisz: [aweisz@usf.edu](mailto:aweisz@usf.edu) or 813-974-7292.
- Students wishing to receive invitations to upcoming information sessions and updates should contact the Recruitment Officer, Cassidy Garbutt: [cgarbutt@usf.edu](mailto:cgarbutt@usf.edu) or 941-359-4410 or visit <http://grad.usfsmbound.org/inquiryform> and fill out the online inquiry form.



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### **Eligibility Requirements**

The MSW program places great emphasis on standards of professional behavior and ethics in the practice of social work. Entrance into the MSW program does not guarantee graduation from the program.

An applicant must have one of the following:

- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with "B" average or better in all work attempted while registered as an undergraduate student working for a degree.
- A graduate degree with a "B" average or better from a regionally accredited institution.
- The equivalent bachelors and/or graduate degrees from a foreign institution.
- **NOTE:** "B" average is equivalent to a 3.0 GPA

### **Application Procedure**

- Applications are now being accepted for Summer 2020
- Students should complete the USF Admissions application here <https://secure.vzcollegeapp.com/usf/default.aspx?cid=87&ltid=1>
- Students must meet university graduate admissions requirements in addition to the eligibility requirements listed above.
- School of Social Work Application
- Three letters of recommendation
- 500-word personal statement & 500-word essay on a social problem.
- Liberal arts pre-requisites

### **Cost of the Program**

- The cost of the program is the current USF Tampa graduate tuition, plus a fee of \$35 per credit for field courses only.
- For current tuition fees, please visit [https://www.usf.edu/business-finance/controller/student-services/graduate\\_tuition\\_rates\\_2019-2020.pdf](https://www.usf.edu/business-finance/controller/student-services/graduate_tuition_rates_2019-2020.pdf)
- Textbooks or other instructional materials are additional.



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#### **Program Curriculum**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Semester - Summer**

- SOW 6105 Foundations of Human Behavior
- SOW 6305 Foundations of Social Work Micro Practice
- SOW 6348 Diversity and Social Justice

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester - Fall**

- SOW 6186 Foundations of Social Work Macro Practice
- SOW 6235 Foundations of Social Welfare and Policy
- SOW 6534 Field Instruction I

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Semester - Spring**

- SOW 6405 Foundations of Social Work Research & Statistics
- SOW 6553 Field Instruction
- SOW 6931 Elective

##### **4<sup>th</sup> Semester \*Advanced Standing [AS; BSW] Students Enter -Summer**

- SOW 6124 Psychopathology
- SOW 6342 Social Work Practice with Individuals
- SOW 6554 Field Instruction (AS- Do not take)\*
- SOW 6931 Elective (AS only)\*\*

##### **5<sup>th</sup> Semester - Fall**

- SOW 6362 Social Work Practice with Couples and Families
- SOW 6438 Evaluations of Clinical Practice in Diverse Settings
- SOW 6555 Field Instruction

##### **6<sup>th</sup> Semester - Spring**

- SOW 6126 Health, Illness, & Disability
- SOW 6368 Social Work Practice with Groups
- SOW 6556 Field Instruction

##### **7<sup>th</sup> Semester - Summer**

- SOW 6236 Social Welfare Policy Development & Analysis
- SOW 6557 Field Instruction
- SOW 6931 Elective

##### **8<sup>th</sup> Semester - Fall**

- SOW 8907 Capstone Project
- SOW 6558 Field Instruction



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- SOW 6931 Elective

#### **Policies**

Students in the MSW program must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all social work courses, with no grade below "B-" counting toward graduation. Courses with grades below "B-" must be repeated before progressing to the next sequence. Failure to maintain the specified GPA or to exhibit responsible professional behavior, as determined by the School of Social Work of USF Tampa, may result in suspension or dismissal from the program. Students must pass the comprehensive paper during the last semester in order to graduate from the program.