



ONLINE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

IMPROVE LIVES WHILE PROMOTING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

<p>DELIVERY FORMAT 100% Online</p>	<p>TIME TO COMPLETE 30+ Months</p>	<p>CREDIT HOURS 60</p>
<p>TIME COMMITMENT 10 to 20 Hours Weekly</p>	<p>START DATES Fall, Spring</p>	<p>COST The Master of Social Work delivers a strong return on investment, equipping you with advanced knowledge and leadership skills that open doors to higher-paying roles and top-tier positions in the field. Tuition and fees for the online MSW program total \$38,700 (\$645 per credit hour). Costs for books and additional materials are not included.</p>

AT A GLANCE

The online MSW degree from OU Online empowers students to drive meaningful change in a variety of settings while preparing them for the licensure process. This highly sought-after degree equips graduates to elevate the well-being of children, families, adults, and

communities while championing social, economic, and environmental justice.

The online MSW program is designed for those with a bachelor's degree in a field other than social work who are eager to make a difference.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A SOCIAL WORK MASTER'S DEGREE

Earning your online MSW degree from the University of Oklahoma positions you for career growth across diverse areas of the social work field. This degree equips you with the advanced skills and credentials needed to lead, advocate, and make a lasting impact in your community. Accelerate your career in these areas:

- Social Worker
- Military & Family Life Consultant
- Child Welfare Specialist
- Substance Abuse Counselors
- Family Therapists
- Policy Analyst
- Psychotherapists
- Triage Specialist
- Field Representative
- Case Manager

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Median Pay: \$61,330
- Job Outlook: Employment for social workers is expected to grow 7 percent by 2033.
- Job Openings: 63,700 openings for social workers are projected each year, on average, over the next decade.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

OU's online Master of Social Work meets the rising demand for professionals equipped to create lasting impact in the lives of children, families, adults, and communities. Students will:

- Engage in realistic simulations with trained actors portraying clients, applying theory in a safe, supportive environment
- Review and annotate recorded sessions to deepen understanding

- Schedule and record practice exercises with simulated clients
- Build expertise in research methods, advocacy, and evaluation with individuals and families
- Gain hands-on experience through practicum placements in real-world settings

TO APPLY: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/ADMISSIONS/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/admissions/graduate/)

FOR MORE INFO: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/PROGRAM/MASTER-OF-SOCIAL-WORK/](https://online.ou.edu/program/master-of-social-work/)

COURSE DETAILS

The Master of Social Work provides a strong foundation in ethical practice, social work policy, research methods, and the theory, practice and evaluation of individuals, families, group, organizations, and communities.

COURSE STRUCTURE

You'll earn 60 credit hours across 18 courses at a standard or accelerated pace. Most students take two courses per semester, while those in the accelerated plan take three.

The program allows students to select 9 credit hours of electives from approved lists. All courses include synchronous live sessions—four for core classes and two for electives—with attendance encouraged but not required. Students can expect to spend 10 to 20 hours per week for two courses.

SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS

Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to the design and implementation of quantitative and qualitative research methods used to evaluate the effectiveness of social work practice and policies.

POLICY PRACTICE IN SOCIAL WORK: ANALYSIS AND ADVOCACY

Credit Hours: 3

A historical and descriptive review of federal and state social welfare programming, an introduction to practice skills of policy analysis, and advocacy in affecting development, change, or implementation of social welfare policy.

UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Credit Hours: 3

Prepares students for generalist practice by equipping them with systems-oriented perspective on individual and community wellbeing. It emphasizes ethical and evidence-informed approaches to working with populations impacted by disparities in opportunity, access, and health. Using SDOH as an organizing framework, the course fosters analytical and communication skills essential for addressing human needs across micro, mezzo, and macro contexts.

THEORY, PRACTICE, AND EVALUATION WITH INDIVIDUALS

Credit Hours: 3

This course provides the theoretical background, practice skills, and research experience necessary for generalist social work practice and evaluation at the individual level. The generalist intervention model is the foundation for teaching the knowledge, values, skills, cognitive, and affective processes necessary for engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with individuals.

THEORY, PRACTICE, AND EVALUATION WITH FAMILIES AND GROUPS

Credit Hours: 3

This course addresses foundation-level components of theory, practice, and evaluation related to generalist social work practice with families and groups. Students learn key explanatory theories about how families and groups operate and are introduced to generalist practice models for practice with these client types. Students also learn about how to effectively evaluate practice with families and groups.

THEORY, PRACTICE, AND EVALUATION WITH COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Credit Hours: 3

Exploration of the generalist perspective focusing on the knowledge, values, skills, and techniques appropriate to assessment and interventions with organizations and communities.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK

Credit Hours: 3

This course is an overview of social work as a profession, including central concepts and theories, values, ethics, and career pathways. The profession's historical development is included along with a focus on poverty and economic disparity, human rights and social justice, and human diversity. It provides an introduction to the generalist practice model across system levels.

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM I

Credit Hours: 3

Professionally supervised foundation year practicum placement in an area social service agency.

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM II

Credit Hours: 3

A professionally supervised practicum placement in an area social service agency; a continuation of Social Work Practicum I.

HUMAN LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT

Credit Hours: 3

Within a social systems framework and biopsychosocial perspective, students learn empirically based theories that deal with lifespan development and family theory. This course provides an introduction to small group dynamics and development as well as a theoretical foundation for micro and mezzo level generalist practice.

CLIENT-CENTERED DIRECT PRACTICE

Credit Hours: 3

This course addresses clinical practice across the lifespan with application to individuals, families, and groups. Evidenced informed practice provides a framework within which empirically supported treatment modalities are explored as they relate to the intersecting domains of trauma, substance abuse, and mental health.

MACRO SYSTEMS IN PRACTICE

Credit Hours: 3

This course utilizes an advanced generalist perspective focused on advancing the knowledge, values, skills, and techniques appropriate to engagement, assessment, and intervention with organizations and communities.

ADVANCED INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

Credit Hours: 3

This is an advanced integrative seminar for concentration year students taken in the final semester. The course builds on foundation and concentration course work throughout the MSW curriculum using critical thinking that incorporates micro and macro systems case analysis and decision-making.

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM III

Credit Hours: 6

This course offers an educationally focused and professionally supervised practicum placement in a social service agency and requires a minimum of 550 clock hours at an assigned practicum site.

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM IV

Credit Hours: 6

This course offers an educationally focused & professionally supervised practicum placement in a social service agency and requires a minimum of 550 clock hours at an assigned practicum site.

WHY CHOOSE OU ONLINE FOR A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

OU Online delivers high-quality, affordable undergraduate and graduate programs in a flexible online format—backed by the reputation of a top-tier public institution. Gain the knowledge and skills to thrive in the evolving field of social work.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

The Master of Social Work is powered by world-class University of Oklahoma faculty and seasoned professors of practice who bring real-world expertise into the classroom. By connecting industry leaders with academic excellence, the program delivers an advanced curriculum that prepares students for long-term career success.

ROBUST STUDENT SUPPORT

OU Online offers robust student support services, including academic support, online tutoring, mental health counseling, and an online career development center. The program accommodates the needs of working professionals, allowing you to expand your skills while maintaining full-time employment.

GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

With more than 250,000 alumni across the world, becoming a Sooner means you'll have access to a strong network of social work professionals to accelerate your career. As a Sooner, you'll be part of a powerful network of leaders working in organizations across the world, helping you expand your career in social work.

COST & FINANCIAL AID

Earning your Master of Social Work is a powerful investment in your future—and OU Online is committed to making that investment accessible and transparent.

Tuition and fees for the online MSW program are \$38,700 (\$645 per credit hour). Books and additional materials are not included.

Financial aid, scholarships, and employer tuition assistance may be available to help reduce costs. Our dedicated financial services team will support you at every step of the funding process, so you can stay focused on your educational and career goals.

For questions about financial aid, contact the Online Aid office at onlineaid@ou.edu or 405-325-2929.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$350 is required upon admission to secure your place in the program. This deposit guarantees your spot in your first semester of courses and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition.

** Please be aware that tuition and fees may change, as determined by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.*

TRANSFER CREDIT

You can transfer up to 12 credit hours of graduate-level coursework per Graduate College policy, with the department's approval. Transfer of core coursework must be from another CSWE-accredited MSW program, and courses must match learning objectives 1:1 to be accepted.

LEARN MORE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID: [HTTPS://ONLINE.OU.EDU/COST-AND-AID/GRADUATE/](https://online.ou.edu/cost-and-aid/graduate/)

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

To apply to the online Master of Social Work program, you must hold a bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited college or university (or the international equivalent) with a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the online application at <https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/>
- Submit a resume or CV
- Three Letters of recommendation (professional contacts, supervisors, faculty)
- Official undergraduate transcript(s) from an accredited institution
- Answers to five essay questions
- TOEFL or IELTS score (international applicants only)

APPLICATION TIMELINE

The admissions committee operates under a rolling admissions process, and admissions may continue until two weeks before the start of classes. However, some programs may have an earlier application deadline. The committee strives to respond to all applicants within two weeks of the time a completed application is submitted.

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STEP 1 Contact an Enrollment Coach to discuss your qualifications and interest in the program.	STEP 2 Complete the online application at https://gograd.ou.edu/apply/	STEP 3 Provide supplemental materials, including a resume, personal statement, three letters of recommendation, and undergraduate transcripts.
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