

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Advanced Standing



OVERVIEW

The University of Maryland, School of Social Work offers a highly competitive Advanced Standing program for applicants who have their Bachelor's degree in Social Work (BSW). Students can earn their Masters of Social Work in 3 semesters (full-time) or 4 semesters (part-time). For more details, see Plans of Study chart on the reverse.

Accepted students are awarded up to 24 credits from their BSW program, and must complete 36 credit hours in our accelerated program to earn a Masters of Social Work.

BSW Students who are accepted into our Full-Time Advanced Standing program for Fall 2020 will begin their advanced Field Placement in their first semester. It is expected that Advanced Standing students have demonstrated a high level of competence in foundational social work principles and practices.

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY FOR ADVANCED STANDING:

- ◆ BSW from a CSWE-accredited program in the last 5 years
- ◆ Minimum of 3.0 GPA overall and on the last 60 credits
- ◆ **Applicants with a “C” in any practice coursework (also called methods or interventions) are NOT eligible for Advanced Standing
- ◆ BSW applicants who are enrolled in a Spring block field placement are NOT eligible to apply for Advanced Standing until next year’s application cycle
- ◆ Has demonstrated experience working with individuals, families, and/or communities

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Must complete program within 2 years of initial registration
- ◆ December graduates are only eligible for Fall admission
- ◆ Fall applicants must complete their BSW degree no later than May 31st
- ◆ Must have recommendation form filled out by BSW Chair and Field supervisor
- ◆ Submit two educational/professional references
- ◆ Must submit a case plan in addition to the 3 personal statement questions
- ◆ Spring applications are available for both Baltimore and Shady Grove programs
- ◆ Shady Grove is for applicants specializing in Clinical Behavioral Health and Families and Children for Spring

Plans of Study	Spring Term	Fall Term
One Year	Spring (2 Courses) Fall (3 Courses & Field) Spring (3 Courses & Field)	Fall (3 Courses & Field) Spring (3 Courses & Field) Summer (2 Courses)
Two Year	N/A	Fall (2 Courses) Spring (2 Courses) Fall (2 Courses & Field) Spring (2 Courses & Field)
Advanced Extended Field Placement	The above plans of study with field 2 days per week from September thru July (instead of 3 days per week placement from September thru mid-April)	



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