

## Mississippi State University Social Work Program Application for Admission

To be interviewed for admission to the Social Work Program at Mississippi State University students must:

1. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a 2.5 social work GPA.
2. Complete two of the following three social work courses with a minimum grade of "C"  
SW 2303: Social Welfare Policy I  
SW 3003: Populations at Risk  
SW 3013: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
3. Complete SW 2313: Introduction to Social Work (including 30 hours of service learning) with a minimum grade of "B"
4. Complete an Application for Admission that includes a typed, 4-8 page **Personal Statement** with the following content. **Attach to application.**

### Life Experiences

- a. What life experiences/milestones led you to be the person you are today?
- b. How did your interest in social work develop?
- c. Have you tested this interest in volunteer or employed social service experience?

### Self-Assessment

- a. Describe the strengths you possess which you believe would contribute to the practice of social work.
- b. Based upon your self-assessment, identify at least three areas of needed personal and/or professional development and your plan for growth in these areas. (Be specific.)

### Goals and Questions

- a. What are your educational goals, and what do you expect from an undergraduate social work program? Have you identified an area(s) for future practice? Identify any questions you have about the Mississippi State University Social Work Program or about the social work profession.

### Statement of Social Problem

- a. Describe one of the most pressing social problems that concerns you. When employed as a social worker, how do you hope to impact the problem you identify?
5. Provide **three references** (one academic, one employment, and one personal) on the designated program form.

The following liberal arts courses must be completed prior to petition for admission:

EN 1103	English Composition I
EN 1113	English Composition II
MA 1313	College Algebra
BIO 1004	Anatomy and Physiology
PS 1113	American Government
PSY 1013	General Psychology
SO 1003	Introduction to Sociology
EC 2113	Principles of Macroeconomics

**Your completed typed Application Packet (application/statement/reference forms) MUST be received by the deadline. Fall Semester application deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Spring Semester application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Email complete application to [socialwork@msstate.edu](mailto:socialwork@msstate.edu)**

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All information must be typed

Current Date		Semester Entering		Current Classification	Net ID
MM/DD/YYYY		( ) Fall ( ) Spring	Year:	( ) Sophomore ( ) Junior ( ) Senior	
Name in Full				Phone number <i>(cell number preferred, if available)</i>	
Current Mailing Address			Permanent Address		
Line 1		Line 1			
Line 2		Line 2			
City, State		City, State			
Zip		Zip			
1. Liberal Arts Requirements:					
Course			Semester Taken/Enrolled		*Grade
EN 1103 English Composition I or EN 1163 Accelerated Composition I					
EN 1113 English Composition II or EN 1173 Accelerated Composition II					
MA 1313 College Algebra					
BIO 1004 Anatomy and Physiology					
PS 1113 American Government					
PSY 1013 General Psychology					
SO 1003 Introduction to Sociology					
EC 2113 Principles of Macroeconomics					
2. Social Work Requirements:					
Course			Semester Taken/Enrolled		*Grade
SW 2313 Introduction to Social Work/Social Welfare <i>(minimum grade of "B", including completion of 30 service learning hours)</i>					
**SW 2303 Social Welfare Policy I <i>(minimum grade of "C")</i>					
**SW 3013 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I <i>(minimum grade of "C")</i>					
**SW 3003 Populations at Risk <i>(minimum grade of "C")</i>					
* Please insert "pending" in grade column, if currently enrolled in course. ** Two of these three courses are required for admission. *** Office use only. Please do not use.					

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3. Other Social Work Courses - - Please list social work courses not included in #2:			
<b>Course</b>		<b>Semester Taken/Enrolled</b>	<b>**Grade</b>
4. Grade Point Averages <i>(Please check CAPP)</i>			
<b>Type of GPA</b>		<b>GPA</b>	<b>***Office use only (re-check)</b>
Overall GPA - - Must be at least 2.0 for admission			
Social Work GPA - - Must be at least 2.5 for admission			
5. Academic History - - Include high school and any subsequent institutions attended:			
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Date(s) Attended</b>	<b>Diploma/ Degree</b>	
6. Honors and Academic Distinctions:			
<b>Institution/Organization</b>	<b>Relevant Date(s)</b>	<b>Honor/Distinction</b>	
7. Work History - - Include and label paid and volunteer work below:			
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>	
<p>* Please insert "pending" in grade column, if currently enrolled in course.  ** Two of these three courses are required for admission.  *** Office use only. Please do not use.</p>			
<p>I understand that withholding information requested on this application or giving false information will make me ineligible for admission to the Social Work Program or subject to dismissal.</p> <p>With this in mind, I certify the above statements are correct and complete.</p>			
<b>Print Name</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Signature</b>			

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***Interviews will be scheduled after the application is reviewed. Please check your email for scheduling.***

**Authorization to Release Information**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ authorize the social work faculty at Mississippi State University to release admissions application information and character references to interview team members. I understand this information will be used by the interview team members which may include, but is not limited to, social work students and faculty, social work advisory board members, field instructors, and/or social work practitioners to assess my potential to become a professional social worker at a beginning level of practice.

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Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**MSU Honor Code**

“As a Mississippi State University student, I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Sociology Department Integrity Policy**

Undergraduate Students in the Sociology Department are expected to meet the highest standards of academic and professional integrity and to comply at all times with the Mississippi State University Honor Code. Undergraduate Students will be especially cognizant of always giving proper credit in accord with the standards of their academic discipline. Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances including but not limited to all occasions where one's performance as an undergraduate student is being evaluated or where any other academic or professional activity is being performed. Although the faculty are responsible for providing appropriate guidance to undergraduate students on issues of academic integrity and for monitoring compliance with these standards, undergraduate students are ultimately responsible for their own behavior in this regard. For additional information, please see <http://ww.honorcode.msstate.edu/>.

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Signature of Student

Date