

Application Deadlines for Full Program and Advanced Standing MSW Applicants

Students are admitted twice per year in the Summer and Fall semesters. To receive the strongest consideration and an earlier decision, apply by the priority consideration deadline. Full-time students are strongly encouraged to apply by the priority consideration deadline to begin the internship/field practicum process early.

Entry Term: Summer/Fall 2026

- Priority Consideration: December 15th, 2025
- Standard Deadline: March 15th, 2026

Note: Due to accreditation guidelines regarding the faculty/student ratio, admission to the program is limited each year.

Online MSW information sessions run from September through February. Register [here](#).

Special Admissions Requirements

Full Program MSW Special Admissions Requirements: For students without a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program.

In addition to meeting the university admission criteria, the following are required of applicants:

1. A bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale
2. A liberal arts foundation that includes coursework in the following areas:
 - a. behavioral/social sciences (equivalent of nine credit hours);
 - b. science/mathematical reasoning (equivalent of six credit hours); and
 - c. humanities/fine arts (equivalent of six credit hours).
3. Submit an application with the following:
 - a. essay responses to questions posed by the M.S.W. program faculty,
 - b. official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions from which the applicant completed coursework
 - c. three professional/academic recommendation forms completed (applicants provide three references, and we will email your references a recommendation form to complete). Note: An application is not considered complete until all recommendation forms have been completed/submitted.

Advanced Standing MSW Special Admissions Requirements: For students with a bachelor's degree in social work from a CSWE-accredited program.

Prospective students for the Advanced Standing Degree program must satisfy the above requirements in addition to having a 3.0 G.P.A. in baccalaureate social work coursework.

Applicants are ranked for admission on the basis of:

1. undergraduate grade point average;
2. commitment to the mission of the M.S.W. program;
3. personal value system consistent with that of the social work profession;
4. prior employment and/or volunteer experience serving the needs of vulnerable, at-risk population groups; and

How to Apply

- <https://apply.govst.edu/apply/>.
- Official transcripts should be sent to apotranscripts@govst.edu. GovState alumni can email apotranscripts@govst.edu to request that their transcripts be uploaded to their application.

For additional inquiries, email us at MSWAdmissions@govst.edu or [Book a Time With Dr. Campos-Moreira, MSW Program Coordinator](#).