

ADMISSIONS

How do I apply to the MSW Program?

Complete the online FAU application. This application includes the university application and the Master of Social Work application. You will have to pay an application fee of \$64 and will need to send all official transcripts to the FAU Graduate College.

When is the application deadline?

Application deadlines vary based on which semester you plan to begin classes. See admission semesters and application deadlines [here](#). Important: No late applications will be accepted.

What are the admissions requirements?

An undergraduate degree from an accredited university is required. You do not need to have a degree in Social Work to apply. There are no pre-requisites. Meeting minimal requirements does not guarantee admissions.

- For Traditional Standing, your GPA must be at least a 3.0 in your last 60 credits.
- For Advanced Standing, you must have a Bachelor of Social Work degree and a GPA of at least 3.5 in your last 60 credits.

How early can I apply?

The MSW program has rolling admissions, which means the sooner you apply, the sooner you will know your admission decision. If you plan to start classes in the Spring, you can apply as early as the preceding June. If you plan to start classes in the Summer or Fall, you can apply as early as the preceding October.

For which semesters can I apply?

MSW admits Traditional program students for Fall only. Advanced Standing students can start taking electives in the Summer, then enter the concentration curriculum in the Fall. If you are applying for Advanced Standing status and would like to start your electives in the Summer, you should select the Summer term when completing your application.

Is an interview required for acceptance?

An interview is not required for acceptance.

Is the GRE required?

The GRE is not required. This means that the GPA for your last 60 credits of your bachelor's degree is extremely important. To be considered for the Traditional program, your GPA must be 3.0 or higher for the last 60 credits of your undergraduate degree and 3.5 or higher for you to be considered for the Advanced Standing program. If your GPA

falls below these averages, you have the option to complete a Petition for Exceptional Consideration, which is part of the online MSW application.

How long will it take for an admission decision?

Ensure your application is completed by the required [deadline](#). Once completed, please allow the committee **up to 8 weeks** to review your application and send the decision. The MSW program has rolling admissions, which means the sooner you apply, the sooner you will know your admission decision.

Is it possible to transfer into the Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work?

You can transfer up to 30 credits from a CSWE accredited MSW program. These credits would have to be part of your foundation year, not your concentration year.

How can I find out which credits will transfer to Florida Atlantic University?

In order to determine which credits can be transferred, you will have to send us copies of the syllabi for the classes you wish to transfer. We will review the syllabi to determine whether the credits can be transferred.

How much does the program cost?

The MSW program is 60 credits for Traditional Standing and 30 credits for Advanced Standing. For Florida residents. [See tuition breakdown](#)

Can I visit the School before I apply?

You are welcome visit the university before you apply. Campus tours are arranged through our Undergraduate Admissions Office. [Schedule a campus visit](#)

Although the tours are through Undergraduate Admissions, graduate students are welcome to join. You may want to schedule the “transfer students tour” as opposed to the “freshman students tour”. You can contact MSW Program Coordinator Dr. Joy McClellan at (561) 297-2864 or jmcclel2@fau.edu to arrange to meet with an advisor before or after your tour.

MSW PROGRAM

What is the difference between the Advanced Standing program and the Traditional Standing program? The Advanced Standing program is an option for students who have completed their Bachelor of Social Work. Applicants must have received a 3.5 or higher in the last 60 credits of their undergraduate degree to be considered. The Traditional program is for applicants who do not have a Bachelor of Social Work.

How many credit hours will I take every semester?

The full-time student will take 15 credit hours per semester plus 16-20 hours working in a field internship. The part-time student will take 6 credit hours per semester. During two years of the four-year part-time program for Traditional standing students, there is an additional internship requiring 16 hours working in a field internship. For the part-time Advanced Standing students, the second year includes 6 credit hours plus 20 hours working in a field internship.

How long does it take to earn the MSW degree?

Traditional Standing, Full-Time (2 years); Traditional Standing, Part-Time (4 years)
Advanced Standing, Full-Time (1 year); Advanced Standing, Part-Time (2 years)

Which FAU campuses offer the MSW program?

A majority of our MSW classes are located at the Boca Raton campus. We offer a few classes at our other campuses and online, but applicants should be prepared to take MSW classes on our Boca Raton campus.

What does the internship process entail, and how many are available?

The Council on Social Work Education requires that MSW students complete 1000 hours of internship. For Traditional MSW program students, this means that you will have two different internship experiences while attending classes. (Advanced Standing MSW program students include their 400-hour BSW internship with the one 600-hour MSW internship to equal the required 1000 hours.) The Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work contracts with more than 250 programs which serve as internship placements for MSW students.

Are international or out-of-state field placements possible?

Currently, the Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work does not have international or out-of-state field placements available.

Does the school offer evening, weekend or online classes?

Most of our MSW classes are offered Monday through Friday during the day and evening on our Boca Raton, Florida, campus. We offer a few classes at our other campuses, on the weekends, and online.

Is the MSW program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)?

Yes, the Florida Atlantic University School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

LICENSING

Will the Master of Social Work degree at Florida Atlantic University qualify me for licensing for social workers in Florida? In another state?

Because the Florida Atlantic University Master of Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), you will qualify for licensing in Florida and other states. It is advisable that you confirm the licensing requirements for the state in which you plan to be licensed. In the state of Florida, the licensing body is the State of Florida Department of Health.

AFTER BEING ADMITTED

I've been admitted to the MSW program. What are the next steps?

Congratulations! Next steps are as follows:

1. Make sure you take care of any registration holds.
2. Submit the immunization form to the Immunization Office.
3. Login to MYFAU and complete the "FAU Alert" and "Statement of Responsibility".
4. Activate your FAU student email account. All university correspondence will be sent to your student email account.

When do I register for courses? What courses do I register for?

You will be contacted around June with information regarding registration.

Is there a mandatory orientation?

Yes. Every year, incoming MSW students must attend the mandatory MSW orientation held the week before the Fall semester begins. New students **must attend** this orientation or risk having to delay starting the program to the next Fall.

If you have questions about the MSW program, contact MSW Program Coordinator, Dr. Joy McClellan, (561) 297-2864, jmcclel2@fau.edu