

Prospective Students (Master in Social Work)

The following information may help if you are interested in learning more about the admission criteria required for the Master of Social Work program.

Who can apply to be considered for admission to the MSW program?

To be considered for admission, an applicant shall: hold a Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree (or an equivalent professional undergraduate degree in social work approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Social Work for recommendation to the Dean) from an institution recognized by the Senate; with at least second class standing, and an average of at least 70% in the last 60 undergraduate credit hours.

In addition to the stated academic requirements, the applicant must have completed, subsequent to obtaining the B.S.W. degree, at least two years employment in professional social work practice or in a comparable human services discipline or activity. Extensive relevant experience prior to undergraduate degree work may be recognized in full or partial fulfillment of this requirement.

Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=GRAD-0322#GRAD-2133>

What is the deadline date for applications?

Applications must be postmarked by January 15th of each year.

When can I expect to be advised if I am accepted into the program?

The School attempts to notify applicants in a timely manner. Our goal is to respond to all applicants by March 31st, regarding their status of admission.

When would I commence my Program of Study?

Applicants selected to the Program begin their studies in the Fall Semester of the year in which they are accepted to the program.

Are both thesis and course route options available?

Yes, both options are available.

Is the program offered on a part-time and full-time basis?

Yes, the MSW Program is offered on a part-time and full-time basis. Part-time students can complete the program either in two (2) full academic years (6 semesters) or three (3) full academic years (9 semesters). On a full-time basis the program is designed to be completed in three (3) consecutive semesters over one (1) academic year (September to August). Full-time students completing a thesis may require an additional semester to complete their program.

Is the program offered by Distance Education?

Yes, all students complete the program by Distance Education. All students must attend three (3) on campus institute components for each of these courses: SCWK 6313, SCWK 6314, SCWK 6315. The institute normally runs for a 7-10 day period (including weekends) during Fall, Winter, and Spring Semesters. Note: Thesis students complete only two (2) institute courses.

What courses will I take during my program?

MSW course route requirements consist of 7 courses, a field internship, Pathway (a mandatory repeatable non-credit course) and Pathway Scholarship (completion of a scholarly product that reflects the student's learning).

For students choosing the thesis route, the program consists of 6 courses, a field internship, PATHWAY, and a thesis embodying original research.

What is Pathway?

PATHWAY and Pathway Scholarship provide the opportunity for students to engage in particular areas of interest, research, or study concentration with a faculty member as their mentor. For further

information about PATHWAY and Pathway Scholarship, see the [MSW PATHWAY Manual](#).

How competitive is the admission process for the Master in Social Work?

Admission to the MSW program is limited, selective and competitive. Meeting the minimum criteria for admission does not guarantee acceptance to the program. The school receives approximately 100 applications and accepts 30 students each year.

Should I wait to apply if I do not have 2 years post B.S.W. experience?

Yes, you will require 2 years (24 months) post B.S.W. experience to be considered for admission.

Can I register for Graduate Courses in Social Work prior to being admitted to the MSW Program?

No, only students who have gone through the admissions process will be allowed to register.

What are my options if I am not admitted to the MSW Program?

Students who are not accepted and who meet the minimum qualifications may ask the School of Graduate Studies to have their application reconsidered for the next academic year. The School of Graduate Studies will advise the applicant of the updated documents that may be required.

Where do I apply for the MSW Program?

An on-line application package can be completed by going to the following website:

<http://www.mun.ca/become/graduate/apply/index.php>

Additional websites which are a good source of information:

<http://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo=GRAD-0000>

<http://www.mun.ca/regoff/calendar/sectionNo-GRAD-0322>

<http://www.mun.ca/socwrk/master>

[http://www.mun.ca/become/graduate/fees_funding/Graduate
Tuition.php](http://www.mun.ca/become/graduate/fees_funding/Graduate_Tuition.php)