

## **Admission Requirements**

### **A. An applicant must have the following:**

1. An earned bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited program (for the Advanced Standing 42-credit program) or a degree in a related field (for the regular 60-credit program).
2. A minimum overall grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for the bachelor's degree or grade point average of 3.00 in the last 60 credits of undergraduate study leading to the bachelor's degree, whichever is higher, for the Regular 60-credit program. A minimum overall grade point average of 3.25 for the Advanced Standing 42-credit program.
3. Completed the following courses in liberal arts. The applicant must not have more than two course deficiencies to be admitted to the program, and those must be cleared up by the end of the first semester of graduate studies.
  - 2 English composition or literature courses
  - 1 college level statistics course (a math course may be substituted)
  - 3 courses in social sciences, preferably courses in psychology, sociology and anthropology
  - 1 course in fine arts or humanities
  - 1 course in history or political science
  - 1 course or content in the biological determinants of human behavior or human biology
  - 1 course or content in diverse cultures, social conditions, or social problems

### **B. An applicant must submit the following:**

1. To the Graduate College  
The Graduate College application for admission, transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate-level work, and the application fee.
2. To the School of Social Work  
Three letters of recommendation (as specified below), an MSW Admissions Supplemental Information Application form, and a personal statement.

Three letters (forms enclosed) of recommendation must reflect the applicant's academic experience, general capabilities, interest and motivation in pursuing a graduate degree in social work, and a commitment to social work values and ethics. One of the recommendation letters must be from the most recent employer in a social work position (if applicable) and one must be from an instructor (social work instructor, if applicable) from the last college attended. The third letter is from a person who is familiar with the applicant's overall qualifications, experience, and interest in pursuing the MSW degree.