

**Indiana State University
College of Health and Human Services
Department of Social Work
Master of Social Work Program**

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Master of Social Work program is a competitive process. Simply meeting the minimum requirements listed here does not guarantee admission.

- A minimum final undergraduate grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale;
 - or have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work.
- Statement of Purpose: Please write about the details of your interest in and commitment to the social work profession, within 4-6 double-spaced pages following correct APA formatting. The following items should be addressed in the statement of purpose:
 - Describe a social problem. Assuming you have the power and resources at your disposal, what would you recommend for intervention and/or social change to address this social problem?
 - Describe how your personal and intellectual qualifications, past human service experience, and/or future goals are relevant to assisting the most economically and socially disadvantaged groups in our society. Please provide specific examples.
 - Recount an ethical dilemma you have had in your personal, professional, or volunteer experience. Discuss your decision-making process and the factors that contributed to the ultimate outcome. Please protect confidentiality and do NOT reveal the names of people or organizations.
- Complete the department application form for admission to the MSW program.
- TOEFL of 550 or greater, if English is not the primary language spoken.
- Resumé
- Evaluation Reference Form
- Baccalaureate degree requirements
 - Evidence of liberal arts course work, demonstrated by the successful completion of a minimum of six courses in social or behavioral sciences.
 - Courses are accepted from the following disciplines: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Social Work.
 - An applicant may have no more than 3 pre-requisites from Economics or Political Science. Other listed majors may have all six pre-requisites from the discipline.