

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Applications to the MSW Program

- 1. Where do I find the application?** The Social Work Department Application is at [Apply to the MSW Program](#) **NOTE:** The University also requires an online application, available at [Graduate | CSU](#)
- 2. When are applications accepted?** The MSW program admits students in the fall. Applications are submitted the fall before one intends to begin school. This year's window for applications is from October 1, 2021 to December 1, 2021.
- 3. How do I find out more about the program and the application process?** Visit our website and come to a Fall virtual INFORMATION SESSION (dates posted on the website).
- 4. How much is tuition?** Annual tuition is about \$8,500. This does not include textbooks.
- 5. Can I attend the MSW program part-time?** Currently, the program is only a full-time, hybrid program, with most classes meeting weekly 2 to 2.5 hour classes with an online component. During the COVID-19 pandemic, most classes have been fully online.
- 6. What is a typical schedule for students?** First year students: Monday and Wednesday classes, and two additional days of field practicum (16 hours). Second year students: Monday and Tuesday classes, and two-three days of field practicum (20-24 hours). Most classes and practicums are between regular business hours, 9-6, depending on scheduling.
- 7. How do I find out if I am accepted into the program?** Applicants will begin receiving emailed notifications as early as March, but as late as June, depending on the applicant pool and how quickly applicants reply with acceptance confirmations.
- 8. How do I apply for financial aid?** Follow instructions on the Financial Aid webpage [Financial Aid | CSUEB](#) Be aware that the MSW Program does not have any control over financial aid. Sometimes students need to make a decision about whether they are accepting an offer of admission before they hear from the Financial Aid Office.
- 9. How can I increase my undergraduate GPA?** You cannot change your GPA once you have graduated with your undergraduate degree. Our application process also considers social service work and/or volunteer experience. If your GPA is lower than 2.8, you may submit a brief memo about your GPA, not to exceed 250 words, describing the special circumstances you would like us to take into consideration in the admissions process.
- 10. Cal State Apply is asking for a personal statement. What should I do?** The Department Application requires a personal statement. You do not have to submit it to Cal State Apply; simply write "statement submitted to the department."
- 11. For questions regarding Letters of Recommendation (LOR), please see the FAQ page for LOR.**