



University  
of Windsor

*School of Social Work*

2024/2025  
MSW & MSW/JD  
Application Information Session



University of Windsor

# Land Acknowledgment

The University of Windsor sits on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibwa, the Odawa, and the Potawatomi.



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Requirements for MSW & MSW/JD
- Application Procedure
- Q&As



# A note about professional communication

- We are here to help support you through the application process.
- The expectation is that all correspondence related to the application process or the MSW program is polite and professional.
- Please include your name, student number and program you are applying to (i.e. MSW Advanced Standing On Campus program) in your email correspondence.
- Should any inappropriate, informal, or impolite correspondence sent to the Graduate Secretary will be forwarded to the Coordinator.



# MSW – On Campus and MSW-Working Professionals (MSW-WP)

- The University has two different MSW programs. The **MSW-On Campus** program is a **FULL TIME** MSW that you can complete in 12-20 months.
- The **MSW-WP** is offered on the weekends and is administered separately from the on-campus MSW. The MSW-WP takes between 16-32 months to complete.
- **When you are applying, in the application portal, make sure you pick the right program!**
- Admissions information for the MSW-WP is available here: <https://www.uwindsor.ca/msw/401/admission-requirements>



# Admission Requirements

**Please read the instructions!!!**

<http://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/386/master-social-work-program-options>

## **The application includes the following**

- Transcripts (from all institutions, *including the University of Windsor*).
- Prerequisites (Two Required Courses):
  - One statistics course
  - One research methods course
- Two Reference Letters
- Personal Statement
- Professional Experience Form (full-time, part-time, relevant work, volunteer, or practica experience, etc.)

***The MSW application form for 2024/2025  
is currently available.***



# Admission Requirements

## GPA

- To be considered for admission to the MSW program, the School of Social Work requires applicants to have **a grade point average of 73% or above**, calculated based on the last two years/ 20 courses of their qualifying Honours degree.
- Applicant must upload **ALL** transcripts to the application portal. This includes all University of Windsor transcripts.
  - Transcripts must have your name, the institution, the degree awarded (or enrolled), the credit weighting and the grade awarded for each class.
  - Unofficial transcripts are accepted for the application
  - Official transcripts need to be submitted after an offer of admission is made.



# Admission Requirements

## Statistics and Research Methods Courses

- At the time of application, applicants are required to provide evidence of successful completion of one undergraduate course in statistics and one undergraduate course in research methods.
- If an applicant has not completed one or both of the required courses at the time of application, the applicant must submit a transcript or proof of enrolment in the required course(s), to the School of Social Work prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.





# Admission Requirements

## Statistics and Research Methods Courses

- The research methods and statistics requirement **MUST** be satisfied prior to the start of the program.
- A list of pre-approved research and statistics courses is on our website. If your course(s) is not on the list you will need to provide a copy of your course syllabus for approval.

[https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/sites/uwindsor.ca.socialwork/files/msw\\_approved\\_research\\_methods\\_stats\\_courses\\_14.pdf](https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/sites/uwindsor.ca.socialwork/files/msw_approved_research_methods_stats_courses_14.pdf)



# Admission Requirements

## Reference Letters

- The School of Social Work requires two references with your MSW application:
  - 1) Academic Reference
  - 2) Employer Reference from an employer/supervisor who has overseen your work in a paid, volunteer, or a practice/internship or field placement capacity, preferably in the social services
- References from colleagues, peers, friends, and relatives will not be accepted.
- Please make sure to provide your referee with the referee instruction sheet found on our application website (<https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/469/msw-admission-application>)

**References are due by the SSW due date.**



# Admission Requirements

## Personal Statement

- Please complete an 800-word personal statement that answers specifics about your motivation, experience, and area of interest.
- The instructions for writing this statement are included in the “Personal Statement” section of the application.



# Admission Requirements

## Professional Experience

- Please complete the Professional Experience Form outlining your work, volunteer, and practica/internship experiences;
- Publications, thesis, other professional activities where you were the presenter or author;
- Any professional associations, training sessions, or workshops you attended.



# Deadlines

## **MSW -**

- One-Year Advanced Standing MSW Program for **May 2025** admission – **November 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**
- Two-Year Regular-Track MSW Program for **September 2025** admission – **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**

## **MSW/JD –**

- Faculty of Law - **November 1st, 2023**
- School of Social Work – **January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024**

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# Application Portal

- The University of Windsor will be moving over from the current application portal, **Electronic Graduate Application System (eGAS)**, to **UWinsite Student**. This change is projected to take place in **early May 2024**.
- The School of Social Work will update our Admissions Website (<https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/469/msw-admission-application>) to advise when the UWinsite Student portal opens.
- The Faculty of Graduate Studies' website, Graduate Application Steps (<https://www.uwindsor.ca/graduate-studies/354/apply>) will be updated on how to apply via UWinsite Student.
- You are responsible to make sure all required documents are included in your application



# Technical Problems?

- If you have problems with the application portal, please create an IT Ticket and notify the Graduate Secretary ([gradsw@uwindsor.ca](mailto:gradsw@uwindsor.ca))
- If you have issues with reference submission, email your assigned Graduate Specialist (<http://www.uwindsor.ca/registrar/540/contact-us>) and cc [gradsw@uwindsor.ca](mailto:gradsw@uwindsor.ca)
- Please note, the Registrar's office cannot extend the deadline.  
**Application due dates are set by the School of Social Work.**
- Don't forget to hit submit when you've completed your application!



# FAQ

Many frequently asked questions are addressed on our FAQ webpage.

Please review our FAQ before you email the SSW.

<https://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/579/msw-campus-application-frequently-asked-questions>





# MSW/JD Additional Information

## Admissions Instructions

<http://www.uwindsor.ca/socialwork/454/mswjd-application-process>

Note – Apply to the Law Program through OLSAS. The MSW portion of the MSW/JD application is submitted to the Registrars Office. **DO NOT** apply to the MSW/JD program through the application portal.

## MSW/JD – JD Liaison

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# Questions?

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