

Policy on Admission of Transfer Students

We welcome applications from transfer students, providing they meet the requirements outlined in our transfer policy stated below. When you submit the Graduate School application form, include a cover letter indicating that you are requesting consideration as a transfer student.

The following criteria must be met:

1. The applicant is/was enrolled in a CSWE accredited MSW program.
2. The applicant will have completed, at the time of matriculation to the UGA SSW, the entire foundation year of the MSW program (usually two semesters or three quarters of full time study, including a foundation practicum). If not, 6 hours of social work course credit may be transferrable.
3. The student meets the UGA and SSW minimal standards for admission to the MSW program (3.0 undergraduate GPA; effective 2020, GRE/MAT scores will NOT be required)
4. Space is available to integrate the transfer student into an existing cohort.

To apply:

1. Submit all of the materials required by the Graduate School for admission
2. Submit a statement of the reasons for the transfer; a practicum evaluation; and a recommendation by your advisor.

Students with less than one full academic year of the MSW program completed will not be accepted as transfer students. Transfer students will have to complete at least 40 semester hours at the University of Georgia in order to receive the MSW from our School. Additionally, course offerings between programs may differ enough that the transfer student may have to attend an additional semester in order to meet all of UGAs requirements.

Policy on Admission of Non-Degree-Seeking Students

The School of Social Work may admit an applicant as Non-Degree Students who fall into one of the following categories:

1. The applicant already possesses an MSW from a CSWE-accredited program and is seeking additional professional education.
2. The applicant is currently enrolled in any CSWE-accredited MSW program and wishes to take one or more UGA MSW courses for certification or summer electives toward the degree in another location.

All such applications will be processed through the MSW Admissions Office and decided on a case-by-case basis by the Associate Dean and the director of the MSW Program.

We do not admit Non-Degree Students for the following reasons:

1. Applicant wishes to complete some MSW courses to gauge whether they want to apply for regular admission.
2. Applicant lacks the MSW degree but desires additional certification of some sort.
3. Applicant desires to take classes for 'self-improvement' or additional education that does not lead to a certificate.

To apply for non-degree status, complete the Graduate School application and statement of purpose. In a letter, notify the Director of MSW Admissions in the School of Social Work and the Director of the MSW Program of your interest and the specific courses you wish to take in the schedule. Decisions will then be made based on available classroom space.