MSW FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MSW ADMISSION QUESTIONS:

Q: What are the requirements to apply for the MSW program?
A: You must have a BA/BS from an accredited 4 year institution and either an overall minimum 3.0 GPA, or a 3.0 GPA in your last 60 units of coursework (or a Master’s degree in any field). Three years of volunteer and/or work experience in a Social Work setting is desired.

Q: Do I need a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work to apply for the MSW program?
A: You do not need a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work to apply for our MSW program. We only require that you have a BA/BS degree from an accredited 4-year institution.

Q: Are there any prerequisites required prior to applying to the MSW program?
A: There are no prerequisites for the MSW Program.

Q: Do you offer a part-time option for your MSW program?
A: No, we do not have a part time program. Our program is a two-year full time program only.

Q: What degree emphasis does the MSW program offer?
A: We offer one degree emphasis: Social Work with Individuals, Families, and Groups (IFG). We also offer a two-year Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program.

Q: Should my three (3) references complete a letter of reference in addition to the required Reference Form?
A: No, your three (3) references should ONLY complete a Reference Form for the MSW application. No letter of reference is required. (Title IV-E applicants should have one other reference letter, as seen in the Title IV-E application packet)

Q: Is the GRE required for the MSW program?
A: The GRE Analytical Writing Measure is required for all applicants to the MSW Program. Please see their website for further information: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/prepare/analytical_writing/. When registering to take the GRE, you will be registering for the General Test. However, unless you are applying to other schools that require the verbal reasoning and quantitative reasoning sections of the exam, you will only complete the Analytical Writing Measure portion of the exam for admission to the SFSU School of Social Work. The deadline for taking the GRE is December 30, 2015.
Q: Do I need to complete the Statement of Purpose on the CSU Mentor application?
A: No, you do not need to complete the Statement of Purpose on the CSU Mentor application. In the space provided, simply state “MSW program”.

Q: I am a transfer student interested in enrolling in the MSW program. How can I go about doing that?
A: If you are transferring from an accredited MSW program, you can transfer up to 12 units to the SFSU MSW Program. However, you must submit an application to the university (CSU Mentor) and to the School of Social Work. If you are admitted, you can meet with an advisor who will determine which prior courses meet the requirements for the SFSU MSW Program.

Q: Can I apply to the MSW program in the Spring semester?
A: No, we only accept admission applications during the Fall semester for the following school year.

Q: I applied to the MSW program last Fall and was not accepted into the program. I want to re-apply to the program this year, do I need to re-submit the documents again?
A: If you want to re-apply to the program, you will need to complete the 2016 MSW Admission Reactivation Form. You may use documents you submitted for 2015 MSW admission, but you will need to specify on the form which ones you would like us to review. We recommend that you submit a revised Statement of Purpose. In addition, you will need to reapply to CSU Mentor [csumentor.edu]

Q: How would an applicant fill out the Verification of Employment/Volunteer Forms?
A: The Verification of Employment/Volunteer Form should be completed by all of your employers or supervisors listed on your application, and mailed with the other completed application documents.

Q: Does your program offer rolling admissions?
A: We do have rolling admissions, which means that qualified applicants can be accepted to the program anywhere from March until August, depending on space availability. We only accept students into our program in the Fall semester.

Q: When is the MSW information session? Do I need to RSVP to attend?
A: The MSW Information Session for prospective applicants will be held on Monday, September 28, 2015, from 5-6:30 pm in the Library Events Room 121. Any student interested in the MSW program is welcome to attend, and there is no RSVP list.

Q: Do you offer financial aid for students who are admitted?
A: Yes. For more information about financial aid, go to [http://www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/](http://www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/)

Q: I am an international student interested in the MSW program, how do I apply and is there a separate process?
A: Yes. For more information about applying as an international student, go to [http://grad.sfsu.edu/content/prospective/international/international-admissions](http://grad.sfsu.edu/content/prospective/international/international-admissions)

Q: How long is the MSW program?
A: The MSW program is a two year, cohorted program.

Q: When is the deadline to send my transcripts?
A: Official transcripts must be sent to Graduate Studies. Submit official transcripts from every college or university ever attended, including study abroad coursework, community college coursework even if
transfer credit appears on your degree transcript to the address listed above. Make sure your financial obligations are settled at previously attended institutions so they will release your transcripts. (Please note: If you previously attended SF State University, you do not need to submit a SF State transcript). SF State accepts electronic transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities sent through third-party delivery services such as eSCRIP-SAFE, Docufide, and Parchment. We also accept electronic transcripts sent directly to us from your university. All electronic transcripts must be sent directly to: graddocs@sfsu.edu. The deadline to send transcripts to Graduate is December 15th, 2015, postmarked before 11:59 PM.

Q: I am an Alumni at SFSU, do I need to send my transcripts?
A: No, the University already has your transcripts on file. However, if you have taken additional coursework at another university that you want to be considered, you will need to supply transcripts from that institution.

Q: What if I submit my documents after the deadline?
A: No exceptions will be made for documents submitted after December 15th, 2015, postmarked after 11:59 PM.

Q: What are the costs of attending San Francisco State University?
A: For more information on fees, go to http://www.sfsu.edu/~bursar/index.html

Q: I applied to your program. When will I be notified of an admission decision?
A: Graduate Studies will notify you of your admission status after your application is accepted by the University and reviewed by the School of Social Work. Admission decisions will be made by April 2016.

Q: How do I look up my SFSU ID number?
A: http://www.sfsu.edu/online/idlookup.htm

Q: I submitted my MSW application. How do I check my application status?
A: Please visit the website http://www.sfsu.edu/future/appcentral/appcentral.html for all information regarding your application status.