

**The University of Mississippi
School of Applied Sciences
Department of Social Work**

BSW Admission Policy

Students may declare a major in social work without formal application to the program. Students declaring a major prior to formal admission to the program will be assigned an advisor in the social work department. At the initial advising meeting, majors will complete the social work contract, review the NASW Code of Ethics, and review the policy for progression through the program. After successful completion (successful completion is defined as earning a “C” or better) of SW 315, SW 321, and SW 330 the student makes formal application to the department for admission to the program prior to enrolling in SW 335, Practice I. Students who do not earn a “C” or better may repeat a course one time for credit. Students who do not make satisfactory academic progress will be advised to choose a different major. Requirements for formal admission include:

1. Overall GPA of 2.0 and successful completion of SW 315, SW 321, and SW 330.
2. Request for voluntary disclosure of misdemeanor, felony, or substantiated case of abuse of a child or vulnerable adult; the purpose is to discuss the possible impact of a felony or other legal misconduct on the ability to complete an internship, take the license examination or practice social work;
3. Completion of the application, including an essay/personal statement identifying why the student wants to be a social worker;
4. Completion of an interview with the admissions committee at the discretion of the committee;
5. Consensus of admissions committee for recommendation of unconditional admission, conditional admission (with clearly identified concerns with a plan developed for addressing the concerns), or no admission.
6. Submission of the complete application to:
University of Mississippi
Social Work Department
P.O. Box 1848
University, MS 38677-1848
7. Submission of the application after successful completion of SW 315, 321, and 330.
8. Deadlines for admission:
 - a. October 15, for admission the following spring semester.
 - b. March 1, for admission the following fall semester.



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION: BSW Program

Date: _____

Desired admission term

Year: _____

Semester (circle one):

Spring Fall

Campus (check one):

Desoto _____

Oxford _____

Tupelo _____

Personal Data:

Name: _____

First

Middle

Last

Student ID: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Phone Number: _____

Present Address (If different): _____

City

State

Zip

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation? (e. g., a misdemeanor or felony, related to drugs, DUI, threats, assault, domestic violence/child maltreatment) _____ Yes _____ No (If yes, enclose an explanation. Applications will not be processed without an explanation).

Please Note: Background information is required to determine your ability to obtain a field placement and a social work license. The purpose is to discuss the possible impact of a felony or other legal misconduct on the ability to obtain and complete an internship, take the social work license examination, and practice social work.

Professional/volunteer experience:

Emergency Contact:

Name

Relationship

Address

Phone Number

PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

The application process for admission to the social work major includes a two-page, double-spaced essay, in 12pt font and 1" margins to address the following:

1. Describe how you became interested in social work, and the personal or professional experiences that influenced your decision.
2. Describe your career goals and expectations/hopes for your first professional position after obtaining the BSW degree from the University of Mississippi.
3. What personal attributes do you possess which you believe might make you an effective social worker? What personal limitations might make it difficult for you to have a successful social work career? Talk about how you came to discover these things about yourself and how to you plan to improve these limitations.
4. Describe how your personal values are combatable with social work values and ethics. Discuss your personal values as they relate to working with diverse populations.
5. Describe the current activities in which you are involved (i.e. classes, clubs, organizations, and volunteer experiences) that you believe will benefit your future career in social work. Discuss these benefits and their impact on you.

The essay will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Essay structure: begins with introduction, followed by a minimum of five paragraphs corresponding with numbers 1-5 above, and a conclusion.
- Quality of organization and clarity of ideas expressed
- Use of appropriate grammar and free of spelling errors/typos
- The use of at least one citation and reference in correct APA format