

**Indiana State University
College of Health and Human Services
Department of Social Work
Master of Social Work Program**

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Master of Social Work program is a competitive process.

- Simply meeting the minimum requirements listed here does not guarantee admission:

- A minimum final undergraduate grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale;
 - or have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work.
- Provide a 2-3 page statement of purpose. The following items should be addressed in the statement of purpose:
 - Reasons for choosing the MSW program of study.
 - Interest in a rural focus.
 - Interest in one of the two concentrations: mental health and addiction or health.
 - Plans upon achieving an MSW.
 - Career goals
 - Commitment to the social work profession
- Complete the department application form for admission to the MSW program.
- TOEFL of 550 or greater, if English is not the primary language spoken.
- Resumé
- Three letters of reference
- Criminal background check
- Baccalaureate degree requirements
 - Evidence of liberal arts course work, demonstrated by the successful completion of a minimum of six courses in social or behavioral sciences.
 - Courses are accepted from the following disciplines: Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Criminal Justice, and Social Work.
 - An applicant may have no more than 3 pre-requisites from Economics or Political Science. Other listed majors may have all six pre-requisites from the discipline.

- Evidence of successful completion of one course in statistics. This course can be taken in any discipline and on any level (graduate or undergraduate) as long as it was taken at an accredited college or university.
 - A student may also be conditionally admitted to the MSW program provided the statistics class is successfully completed prior to SOWK 608 (Advanced Research I).

[Criminal Background Check and Sex Offender Policy](#)