M.S.W. Program Bulletin
School of Social Work

Inspiring Change...

Building Communities...

Making a Difference!
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The University

Jackson State University is one of the nation’s premier Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), noted for its accomplishments in providing educational preparation to enable and empower graduates to succeed in an increasingly complex and competitive world. The seventh largest among the 117 HBCUs and the fourth largest public institution in the state, Jackson State University provides programs at the baccalaureate, master’s, specialist, and doctoral levels. In 1979, Jackson State University was officially designated as the Urban University of the state of Mississippi. Located in Jackson, the state’s largest urban area and its capital, the University is surrounded by a population of approximately 400,000 in the metropolitan area.

As the Urban University in the state, Jackson State University is ideally positioned to provide academic and public service programs to address issues and concerns in both urban and rural environments. The University emphasizes the development of persons who can and will assume prominent roles in the dynamics of societal growth and change. Thus, the establishment of degree and non-degree offerings, training programs, and the provision of technical assistance are evidence of the University’s role in providing human, cultural, and physical resources in communities throughout the state, nation, and world.

Jackson State University is in the forefront among Mississippi institutions of higher learning in increasing its graduate degree offerings in a variety of disciplines, a number of which resulted from the historic Ayers desegregation case.

Mission of the University

A Historically Black Carnegie Doctoral/Research Intensive public institution of higher learning located in the metropolitan area of Jackson, Mississippi, Jackson State University educates a diverse student population from Mississippi, most other states and many foreign countries by providing a broad range of baccalaureate programs and a variety of master’s and doctoral programs in its six Colleges: Business, Education and Human Development; Liberal Arts; Lifelong Learning; Public Service; and Science, Engineering and Technology. The learning process at Jackson State is enhanced through experiential learning in urban and rural areas throughout the city, state, nation, and global communities. Jackson State is a learning community for highly capable, as well as capable but underprepared students who require a nurturing academic environment.
The School of Social Work

History
The Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning authorized the establishment of the School of Social Work on July 21, 1994. There are three degree programs in the School of Social Work—the baccalaureate, the master’s, and the doctorate. The baccalaureate program began social work course offerings in the Department of Sociology in the late 1960s and became a separate department on September 1, 1975. The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) conferred full accreditation status on the baccalaureate program (B.S.W.) in 1975. The Council on Social Work Education granted candidacy to the M.S.W. program in February 1995, and the inaugural class matriculated August 21, 1995. At its February meeting in 1998, the Commission on Accreditation, Council on Social Work Education, granted full accreditation status to the M.S.W. Program retroactive to the first graduating class. The charter class of the Ph.D. Program in Social Work began on August 22, 1997.

Philosophy
The School’s philosophy is based on the belief in the dignity and worth of the individual, the right to self-determination, and the provision of opportunities to allow each person to develop his or her full potential. In addition, the philosophy of the School encompasses a belief that all people should have a quality of life free of political, economic, and social injustice. We believe that empowerment is a vehicle to self-sufficiency and is a necessary step toward achieving a quality life. Fundamental to the School are acknowledgement and appreciation of diversity among individuals, families, organizations, and communities. Focusing on these factors facilitates students’ appreciation of social and cultural diversity and provides them with greater awareness of their ethnic identity and place in the global community. This philosophy equally incorporates the value of self-help and mutual aid in an interdependent world. It recognizes the value of economic development and self-sufficiency as critical components of community sustainability and family stability. It embodies the belief that economic parity must accompany social and political change at all levels to enhance the functioning of society.

Mission
The mission of the School of Social Work is to provide opportunities for a multicultural student population to earn social work degrees at the baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral levels. Students are provided a supportive academic environment in which to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values and ethics of the social work profession.
The M.S.W. Program

Mission

The mission of the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) Program is to prepare graduate level social workers for advanced direct social work practice with children, youth, and families in both urban and rural areas. The Program produces leaders who demonstrate and build upon the knowledge and skills of advanced direct social work practice; who exemplify the values and ethics of the profession; and who are responsive to the need for services which promote social, economic, and political justice for all groups, especially those confronting discrimination and oppression. Thus, the Program works to increase the pool of master’s level social workers by providing a nurturing academic environment for promising students who reflect the diversity of the state, the nation, and the global community. The Master of Social Work Program supports the implementation of the missions of the University, the College of Public Service, and the School of Social Work.

Goals of the MSW Program

1. Prepare students for advanced direct social work practice with children, youth, and families in local, national, and global settings with systems of all sizes;
2. Prepare students for leadership roles in the profession of social work and the social welfare arena;
3. Prepare students to identify patterns, dynamics, and consequences of social, economic, and political discrimination and oppression and promote appropriate change when necessary;
4. Prepare students for advanced direct social work practice in diverse organizational and social contexts, with an understanding of the ways in which these contexts influence social work practice and with the ability to promote appropriate change when necessary; and
5. Provide students with a challenging educational experience that develops self-awareness and assures the acquisition of the knowledge, skills, and values and ethics necessary for competent advanced direct social work practice.

Objectives of the MSW Program

1. Demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and values and ethics relevant to direct practice with children, youth and families in diverse environments;
2. Demonstrate self-awareness and the effective use of self in direct social work practice;
3. Evaluate their own practice in social work settings;
4. Evaluate and apply theoretical perspectives and research findings to practice;
5. Demonstrate the ability to use supervision and consultation appropriate to direct social work practice;
6. Integrate into direct practice a knowledge of the historical development of the profession and the differential impact of social, economic, and political policies;
7. Demonstrate the ability to advocate for social, economic, and political justice and promote appropriate change in organizational and social contexts;
8. Practice without discrimination and with sensitivity when serving diverse populations;
9. Utilize effective oral and written communication skills;
10. Apply critical thinking skills within the context of direct social work practice; and
11. Demonstrate leadership skills and abilities in practice settings.
M.S.W. Program Curriculum

The M.S.W. program offers a two-year full-time program, a three-year part-time program, and an advanced standing program. Students in the two-year program complete foundation courses in the first year, while the second, or concentration year, focuses on advanced direct practice with children, youth and families. The two-year program is designed for students who are able to devote the majority of their time to completion of degree requirements. Full-time employment is not recommended for students in this program. The part-time program is designed for students who wish to work full-time while completing the degree. The coursework, which is offered primarily in the evening, requires six semesters and three graduate summer terms to complete. Both the two-year and part-time programs require two block field placements, which are described below.

The M.S.W. program accepts a limited number of advanced standing students each year. Advanced standing students must enroll in a continuous plan of study and begin coursework in the graduate summer term prior to the regular academic year. Students enroll for 9 credit hours in the summer and 30 credit hours in the academic year. Applicants must meet all other requirements for the M.S.W. Program and the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University in addition to the following requirements:

- Must have graduated within the last five years from a baccalaureate program in social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education; and
- Must have attained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for their undergraduate coursework, and a letter grade of “B” or higher in all social work courses.

Field instruction in the two-year full-time and three-year part-time curricula consists of two block field instruction courses (i.e., four days per week), one in the foundation year, and one in the concentration curriculum, the latter of which all students take in the final spring semester in which they are enrolled in the program. Both foundation and concentration field placements require courses 450 hours of field instruction. Students must complete a total of 900 hours in field instruction, which is the CSWE required minimum. The foundation field instruction course is SW 595, while SW 594 is designated as the concentration field instruction course. Supplementing field instruction is an integrative field seminar for each field course, designed to integrate field material and classroom learning with field experience. The integrative seminar is conducted once each month for a two-hour period. Students in field are monitored by a faculty field instruction liaison on a weekly basis, and have access to their designated faculty liaison as needed. Advanced standing students complete a concurrent field placement (two days per week), SW 593, during the graduate summer term, and a block placement in their final semester.

All M.S.W. Program students must take the Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) Examination in the final semester of enrollment in the program as a prerequisite for graduation clearance.

Two-Year Full-Time Curriculum

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### Advanced Standing Curriculum

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| Total Hours | 9 |

#### Fall Semester Courses

- SW 562* Psychopathology: 3
- SW 584 Intervention w/ Children: 3
- SW 586 Family Intervention: 3
- SW Advanced Direct Practice Elect.: 6

| Total Hours | 15 |

#### Spring Semester Courses

- SW 556 Advanced Research Methods: 3
- SW 588 Advanced Direct Practice Seminar: 3
- SW 594 Field Instruction: 6
- SW Social Work Elective: 3

| Total Hours | 15 |

### Three-Year Part-Time Curriculum

#### 1st Year Graduate Summer Term

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#### 1st Year, Fall Semester Courses

- SW 510 Ethics in SW Practice: 2
- SW 581 Social Work Practice I: 3
- SW 580 Practice Skills Lab: 1

| Total Hours | 6 |

#### 1st Year, Spring Semester Courses

- SW 572 Social Welfare Policy II: 3
- SW 555 Research Methods I: 3

| Total Hours | 6 |

#### 2nd Year Graduate Summer Term

- SW Social Work Elective: 3
- SW 561 Human Diversity: 3

| Total Hours | 6 |

#### 2nd Year, Fall Semester Courses

- SW 582 Social Work Practice I: 3
- SW 595 Field Instruction I: 6

| Total Hours | 9 |

#### 2nd Year, Spring Semester Courses

- SW 556 Advanced Research: 3
- SW Adv. Direct Practice Elec.: 3

| Total Hours | 6 |

#### 3rd Year Graduate Summer Term

- SW 562 Psychopathology: 3
- SW Advanced Direct Practice Elec.: 3

| Total Hours | 6 |

#### 3rd Year, Fall Semester Courses

- SW 584 Interv. w/ Children & Youth: 3
- SW 586 Family Intervention: 3

| Total Hours | 6 |

#### 3rd Year, Spring Semester Courses

- SW 588 Adv. Direct Practice Seminar: 3
- SW 594 Field Instruction II: 6

| Total Hours | 9 |
Admissions criteria have been established for the M.S.W. Program to facilitate the selection of students who show the greatest potential to meet the academic and professional expectations of the program and of the School of Social Work. To be considered for admission, applicants must forward all admissions materials to both the Jackson State University Division of Graduate Studies and the School of Social Work/M.S.W. Program. Please note that admission to the M.S.W. Program will begin November 1 and will continue until classes are filled for the academic year.

Admissions Requirements - Two Year Full-Time and Three-Year Part-Time Programs

♦ a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university

  "Students may be admitted with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than social work or social welfare. Transcripts will be evaluated for a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and for the presence of courses that meet program requirements for a liberal arts background, inclusive of courses in human biology and statistics."

♦ evidence of volunteer and/or work experience in the field of social work

♦ a personal statement of five double-spaced typewritten pages, which includes: (1) understanding of social work as a profession; (2) reasons for seeking graduate social work education and professional social work career goals; and (3) strengths that will contribute to success in this graduate program. The personal statement outline is provided on page 14 of this application.

♦ three letters of reference (from instructors, employers or supervisors, or professional colleagues), one letter must be from an instructor

♦ satisfactory performance on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for international students for whom English is a second language

♦ an interview with the Admissions Committee may be required.

Admission Requirements—Advanced Standing (same as above with additional requirements listed below)

♦ A baccalaureate degree in social work from a college or program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education

♦ A grade of “B” or better in all social work courses. A cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for undergraduate coursework.

Transfer Credits

The M.S.W. Program will accept a limited number of transfer students each year. Transfer credits, up to 30 semester hours, may be accepted from a master’s degree program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, based on a review by the M.S.W. Admissions Committee. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

  o admission requirements of the MSW Program and the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University;

  o a letter of recommendation from the dean or dean’s designee of the previous or current M.S.W. Program relative to the student’s status during enrollment; and

  o within 30 days of notification of acceptance into the Program and prior to enrollment, the student must submit a written statement of intent to transfer credit and the specific credit(s) for which transfer is requested to the M.S.W. Program Director.

The request for transfer of credit(s) must be accompanied by an official copy of the graduate catalogue from the institution at which the course(s) were taken that covers the year(s) the course(s) was/were taken. For each course for which transfer credit is requested:

♦ the course must have been taken within five years of the date of the request;

♦ the student must have earned a minimum grade of “B” or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; and

♦ the name of the course and the course syllabus (including the bibliography) must be provided.
Academic Credit for Life Experience and Work Experience

No academic credit for life or work experience is given.

Duplication of Courses in the Foundation Curriculum

Students who have earned a B.S.W. degree from a CSWE-accredited program may be exempt from courses in the foundation curriculum that represent duplication of course content previously taken. The courses must have been taken within five years of the date of the request for exemption, with a minimum grade of “B” or 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Each request for exemption must: (1) be made in writing to the M.S.W. Program Director and submitted within 30 days of being notified of acceptance into the Program; (2) specify the course for which an exemption is requested; (3) be accompanied by an official copy of the graduate catalogue from the institution at which the courses were taken that cover the year(s) the course was taken; and (4) be accompanied by a copy of the course syllabus, including bibliography and course assignment(s). Requests received after the deadline stated above that do not meet the requirements stated in this section will not be considered.

Following receipt of the request, a proficiency examination will be administered to determine the student’s mastery of the content of the specified course. Proficiency will be determined by the student earning a grade of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the examination administered.

The M.S.W. Program Director will notify students of the proficiency examination results in writing. The results of the examination are final and there is no appeal of the grade received on the examination. Students who do not earn a grade of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the examination administered must take the course for which exemption was requested.

To earn the M.S.W. degree: Sixty (60) semester credit hours are required for completion of both the two year full-time and three year part-time programs and thirty-nine (39) hours are required for the advanced stand program. Therefore, students who achieve a grade of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the examination administered and are exempted from a specified course or courses are required to take such additional courses as may be required to meet the compulsory, sixty credit hours to earn the M.S.W. degree. The courses must be approved by the M.S.W. Program Director.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Graduate Application Instructions

The application bulletin contains: (a) an application check list, (b) the application for admission, (c) instructions for completion of the personal statement, (d) three reference forms, (e) the field instruction application, and (e) signature form.

For admission consideration, compile and collect all required documents, complete the application materials and mail to the School of Social Work in one packet. To ensure the accuracy of information submitted, read and follow instructions carefully and begin the process early. It may take several weeks to complete the application and collect the necessary documents. The complete application packet should be mailed to:

MSW Admissions Committee
School of Social Work
College of Public Service
Jackson State University
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39211

The following materials constitute a complete application:

1. The application form.
2. One official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. Official transcripts are unopened, and bear the official seal or signature of the college or university. Some schools sign the flap of the official envelope. College seniors must submit a final transcript upon completion of all degree requirements.
3. Three references, using the forms provided. References should be submitted from persons qualified to judge your potential for graduate study. Current students or persons who have graduated within five years should seek one reference from a college instructor. References should also be sought from supervisors, co-workers, college advisors, volunteer supervisors or other persons with whom you have been professionally involved. Do not seek references from friends or relatives. References should be unopened and signed across the seal by the person providing the reference. The unopened, signed and sealed envelope should be included in the packet along with the other application materials.
4. A personal statement that explains your interest in social work and career goals. This should be a typewritten statement at least five (5) double-spaced pages long. The personal statement should be carefully and thoughtfully prepared since it is evaluated carefully when admission decisions are made. The personal statement outline is provided on page 14 of this application.
5. A current resume that is chronological and includes employment, volunteer, or internship experiences.
6. The Field Instruction Application.
7. One copy of the Jackson State University, Division of Graduate Studies application (this is a separate application not contained within the M.S.W. Program Bulletin) and applications for financial aid.

Please Note:

1. Jackson State University, Division of Graduate Studies requires a completed Graduate Application that includes two official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended and proof of immunization for measles and rubella, if born after December 1957. Out of state and international students must include an application fee of $20.00 (money orders). International students must also include their TOEFL Score (for applicants whose native language is not English). The Division of Graduate Studies materials should be mailed directly to:

   Division of Graduate Studies
   Jackson State University
   P.O. Box 17095
   1400 Lynch Street
   Jackson, MS 39217-0195

2. If you have not successfully completed a statistics course within the last six (6) years, you are required to successfully complete a statistics course before entering the program. You may take the course at any accredited college or university and it may be taken Pass/Fail.

3. The Admissions Committee may request personal interviews. Such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis. Applicants may not request interviews.

4. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Application materials should be mailed to:

MSW Admissions Committee
School of Social Work
College of Public Service
Jackson State University
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, Mississippi 39211
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
M.S.W. PROGRAM*

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please check this list to make sure you have submitted the materials, and/or arranged for the proper source to send the materials directly to the M.S.W. Program. Please return the checklist with notation indicating the materials enclosed.

☐ Copy of Jackson State University Division of Graduate Studies Application for Admission

☐ M.S.W. Program Application for Admission

☐ Official copy of undergraduate transcript(s) forwarded directly from colleges and universities attended (Personal copies of transcripts are not acceptable.)

☐ Three completed recommendations from instructors, employers or supervisors, and/or professional colleagues (sealed and enclosed with application materials.) One recommendation must be from a former instructor if you graduated within the past 5 years.

☐ Copy of TOEFL score (for applicants whose native language is not English)

☐ Personal Statement

☐ Copy of Current Resume'

☐ Signature Form

☐ Original Division of Graduate Studies Application for Financial Aid

☐ M.S.W. Program First-Year Field Instruction Application

Mail to:
Admissions Committee, M.S.W. Program
School of Social Work
College of Public Service
Jackson State University
Universities Center
3825 Ridgewood Road, Suite 9
Jackson, MS 39211

If you have any inquiries related to M.S.W. Program, please call (601-432-6819) or fax (601-432-6827).

____________________________________  __________________________
Signature                            Date

*Important: The MSW Program is not located on the same campus as the Division of Graduate Studies.
Application for Admission

Name (Ms., Mrs., Mr.) ___________________________________   Social Security ____________________

Present Address ________________________________________ Telephone ______________________
___________________________________ Zip ____________________ Cellular Phone _________________

Permanent Address ____________________________________ Telephone ______________________
___________________________________ Zip ______________________

Email Address ________________________________________ Date of Birth ______________________

Business Address ____________________________________ Fax _____________________________

Please check the program for which you are applying:
__ Full-Time           __Part-Time         __Advanced Standing

List all colleges and universities attended (attach separate list if necessary)
List full-time professional experience (attach separate list if necessary)

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I certify that the above information is correct. I understand that admission to the Division of Graduate Studies does not imply acceptance in the M.S.W. Program of the School of Social Work.

_____________________________ ______________________________
Signature                     Date

Jackson State University recruits, admits, and provides services, financial aid, and instruction to all students without regard to race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law.
Guidelines for Preparing the Personal Statement

This statement must be included in your application for admission. The personal statement should be a carefully prepared document that is double-spaced and typewritten. Please place your name at the top right hand margin on each page and number pages at the bottom center. The personal statement should be a minimum of five (5) pages.

The personal statement should address the following:

1. Describe in detail your understanding of social work as a profession. How did your interest in social work develop and what factors influenced your decision to seek graduate social work education at Jackson State University?

2. Describe your special interests and career goals. If you have worked or trained in another field, why are you now considering a career change?

3. How have your life experiences, career experiences, economic, ethnic, racial, spiritual and/or other diverse experiences contributed to your desire and capacity to practice social work?

4. Describe the intellectual and personal qualifications that will enable you to practice social work successfully. What limitations do you see in your work experiences, attributes and skills that would need to be addressed to practice social work?

5. How will you balance outside responsibilities with academic responsibilities?
INSTRUCTIONS: (applicant complete this section)

Type or print your full name, social security number, and the name of your reference on this form and give it to that person. Your reference must return this form in a sealed, signed envelope to you to be included in your application packet.

_________________________________________        ____________________________________________
Applicant’s Name           Recommender’s Name

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to their educational records. Students, however, are entitled to waive their right of access concerning recommendations. Please check and sign the following statement only if you wish to waive your right of access to this recommendation.

□ I waive my right of access to this recommendation.

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INSTRUCTIONS: (applicant complete this section)

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Optional Questions*

Race:     Marital Status:          Gender:
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__American Indian                  __Divorced
__American White, Not Hispanic     __Widow/Widower
__Asian American
__Other

Number of Dependents:______

*Optional: You are not required to answer these questions; however, and answer will be appreciated.
Section II

Present Employment, if any____________________________________________________

Full-time_____ Part-time_____

Will you be employed while in graduate school? Yes___ No___

If yes, Full-time _____ Part-time_____

(Note: Full-time employment is strongly discouraged for full-time students; success as a full-time student requires significant time and effort.)

Will you be enrolled full-time or part-time? Full-time _____ Part-time_____

Do you have transportation? Yes___ No___

(Some agencies require that you have an automobile.)

If yes, do you have automobile insurance? Yes____ No__

(The State of Mississippi requires motorists to have proof of insurance.)

Do you have a valid driver’s license? Yes____ No__

Do you have any disability or health problems that will require special accommodations?

Yes___ No____ If yes, explain.________________________________________________________

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Describe briefly your paid social work experience:

Describe briefly your volunteer services:

What are your areas of interest in social work and why?

What attributes do you have which should be considered in the selection of your field internship?

List your first, second, and third preferences of fields of practice.

___ Adoption and Foster Care
___ Services to families and Children
___ Medical Setting
___ Retardation Services
___ Rehabilitation Services
___ State Department of Human Services
___ State Department of Health
___ Mental Health (Inpatient and Outpatient Substance Abuse)
___ Education Setting (Public Day Schools, Private Boarding Schools)
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SIGNATURE FORM

Please sign and return this form with your application packet.

I certify that the answers to all questions and other information contained in these application documents are true and complete. I understand that misrepresentation or, false information given as part of this application may be cause for canceling further consideration for admission to the M.S.W. Program at Jackson State University. I also understand that all credentials and documents that I submit become the property of Jackson State University.

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