

Admissions Requirements

Applicants must apply to the Division of Graduate Studies and the Ph.D. Program in Social Work. Please visit www.jsums.edu/graduateschool/ and submit your application and materials via AdmissionsPRO. Please DO NOT EMAIL materials. Admission to the program is **highly selective** and is determined by the following criteria:

1. master's degree in social work from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education or a master's degree in a related discipline;
2. admission to the Division of Graduate Studies at Jackson State University;
3. 3.3 or above graduate GPA, above average undergraduate GPA;
4. satisfactory performance on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Miller Analogies Test (MAT) taken within the past five years;
5. for international applicants, satisfactory performance on TOEFL by demonstrating oral and written proficiency;
6. for applicants with M.S.W. degree, professional competence as evidenced by at least two years of post-M.S.W. experience preferred;
7. statement of purpose reflecting applicant's philosophy of social work and educational goals;
8. scholarly or professional paper (or other work) demonstrating the applicant's conceptual, analytical, or research ability;
9. curriculum vitae;
10. three recommendations (two academic and one professional); and
11. interview with Program Admissions Committee (contingent upon initial assessment of application).
12. Immunizations- <https://www.jsums.edu/healthservices/immunization-requirements/>- Student admitted to the University are not eligible to be registered for courses until the immunizations requirements are satisfied. Contact Health Services at 601-979-2260.

Admission to the Ph.D. Program is granted biennial basis (every two years). For full consideration, applicants must submit all required material by March 1 of an EVEN YEAR (i.e., 2022)