

## INTRODUCTION

**Applicants are required to complete a minimum of ten full-course equivalents to be eligible to apply to the professional Social Work program.** Students apply to the School of Social Work by March 1 for admission to the professional program the following September. The professional Social Work program is mainly offered on a full-time basis; however, there are a limited number of spaces for Extended Study students (part-time). Students admitted to the Extended Study program must remain registered on a part-time basis. Please consult the School for details.

### **Professional Suitability for the Social Work Profession**

The School of Social Work recognizes its responsibility to the social work profession to uphold standards of academic and professional excellence and to operate within the standards and practices of King's University College, Western University, and the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW). Students in the School of Social Work are subject to the provisions of the codes of ethics of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW), the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW), and the University Student Code of Conduct, and may be required to withdraw from the School for violating these provisions. Students may also be required to withdraw from the School when ethical, medical, or other reasons interfere with satisfactory practice in the profession. Social Work students convicted of, or admitting to, serious illegal activities that are inconsistent with the practice of social work or likely to harm clients will be subject to the School's Professional Conduct policy.

## NON-ACADEMIC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS - FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 (worth up to 40 points out of 100; minimum non-academic score of 24 points required)

### **Personal Profile – worth up to 30 out of 40 points:**

**Work Experience:** This is paid and unpaid work in both non-social work and social service related fields. "Paid work" is work for which remuneration was received and "unpaid" work is work for which no remuneration was received, and may include a personal or family experience, such as raising children or caring for elderly parents, as well as co-ops and practica undertaken in previous education.

**Volunteer Experience:** This is experience in both non-social work and social service related fields. A volunteer experience takes place in the "outside" world, not within your family.

**Diversity Experience:** These are experiences with marginalized, oppressed, and/or diverse populations. They may be personal, or from a work and/or volunteer experiences already noted above. Examples could include experiences with: visible minorities; ethno-specific clubs or programs; persons with disabilities; indigenous persons; camps or services for disadvantaged children; women and children who have experienced violence or abuse; the elderly; newcomers to Canada; having lived in developing countries; or other related activities.

### **Two Non-Academic References – worth up to 10 points (5 points per reference):**

From persons who can provide statements concerning your personal qualifications for entry into undergraduate social work education. If possible, both references should be from work and/or volunteer experiences, preferably in the social services. If not, choose someone who knows you well, but not a relative. References should not be from faculty or instructors.

**Three Supplemental Questions:** The supplemental questions are important components of the non-academic requirements for admission and are an opportunity for candidates to express their interest in the field of social work, while highlighting their experiences and competencies.

**ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION IN SEPTEMBER 2020**  
(worth up to 60 points out of 100)

Applicants must meet **ALL** the academic criteria noted below in order to be considered for admission. The BSW Application deadline is March 15. Applicants have until **July 1<sup>st</sup>** to complete academic criteria prior to admission in September.

- Completion of first-year requirements.
- A minimum average of 70% in the following 10.0 courses, with no failures, prior to admission.

**10.0 courses with an overall average of 70%, with no grade below 60%, consisting of:**

**2.0 courses with a minimum grade of 70% in each:**

**Grades:**

- SW 1025A/B *Intro to Social Work and Social Welfare* **and**  
SW 1026A/B *Intro to Social Work Practice and Communication Skills*

- SW 2216A/B *Intro to Generalist Social Work Practice and Theories*

- Writing 1020F/G or 2101F/G (or Writing 1002F/G + 1022F/G)

**0.5 course with a minimum grade of 60% in:**

- SW 2206A/B *Research Methods for Social Workers (or equivalent)*  
  
(King's or Western Approved Equivalent Courses: Sociology 2206A/B ; Thanatology 4401F/G); Psychology 2840F/G; Psychology 2820E; Psychology 2800E; Psychology 2855F/G; Health Sciences 2801A/B; Nursing 3319A/B, Childhood and Social Institutions 3311F/G  
Other courses will be considered upon request and provision of a detailed course syllabus.

**7.5 additional courses with a minimum grade of 60% in:**

- 0.5 course from [Category B](#) (Arts and Humanities) **in addition to the Writing Course**  
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- 1.0 course from [Category C](#) (Science)  
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6.0 additional courses in any subject:


**Average of 10.0 courses listed above:**

