



Distance Education Master of SOCIAL WORK

FALL 2025 ADMISSION AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

The following outline provides tentative information regarding the admission and application requirements for the Distance Education MSW Program at CSULB for Fall 2025 admission. This information is subject to change. Please refer to our School of Social Work website at the following link for the most up-to-date information: <http://www.csulb.edu/college-of-health-human-services/school-of-social-work>.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the 3-Year Distance Education MSW program:

- Completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college/university no later than Spring 2025
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of an approved prerequisite course in Elementary Statistics with a letter grade of “C” or better no later than Spring 2025; a grade of “C minus (C-)” is not sufficient to meet this requirement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please refer to the “MSW Application Guidelines” posted on the School of Social Work website. Applying to the MSW program has two distinct steps, submitted simultaneously via the Cal State Apply application (www.calstate.edu/apply).

STEP 1: Apply to the University (CSULB), Quadrants One through Three:

- Apply to the University as a graduate student by completing Quadrants One through Three
- Indicate your intended major as “Social Work - Distance Learning” when you apply to the University
- Pay the \$70.00 application fee for the University application
- Submit original transcripts from the postsecondary school where your undergraduate degree was complete directly to University Enrollment Services

STEP 2: Apply to the School of Social Work MSW Program, Quadrant Four:

Complete the School of Social Work specific questions, recommendation requests and document uploads in Quadrant Four via Cal State Apply. The application must include the following:

- Quadrant Four School of Social Work Questions
- Professional, Volunteer and Social Services Experience/Résumé Document
- Personal Statement Document
- Unofficial Transcript Document (if Elementary Statistics course not completed at undergraduate degree institution)
- At least three (3) References, submitted via Cal State Apply
- Elementary Course Syllabus (if applicable, submitted via email)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2025

The MSW application process opens on Oct. 1, 2024 while the submission deadline for University Enrollment Services and the School of Social Work is January 15, 2025.

- The Cal State Apply application closes at 11:59pm on January 15, 2025.

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