

# MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK (M.S.W.)

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## Enrollment Policies

### Life Experience

No credit is given to students at GSS for work or life experience.

### Course Waiver

A course waiver is granted to a beginning student who can document having successfully completed the course content required in our Master of Social Work program. You should make waiver requests during the admission process. When a course waiver is granted by the GSS Admissions Department, you are expected to enroll in other courses in order to earn the required total number of M.S.W. course credits. The student is being waived from the course requirement but not the credit requirement. The Assistant Dean of Admissions will refer you to the appropriate faculty member if a course waiver is indicated.

### Transfer Credits

Transfer credits are credits for courses taken at another institution. Students may transfer graduate course work from a regionally accredited institution to Fordham University's Master of Social Work degree program.

### Eligibility

- Courses must have been completed at a graduate school.
- Course content must have been in a social science discipline and in the scope of social work education.
- A grade of B or higher must have been earned.

### Restrictions

- Transfer credits will not be granted for courses taken more than five years before applying to GSS.
- Transfer coursework accepted for credit may apply towards the M.S.W. degree for up to 5 years from the term the student first begins the degree.
- Transfer credits will not be awarded for courses under three credit hours.
- Transfer credits will not be awarded for courses used toward the receipt or conferral of another degree.
- A maximum of 12 transfer credits can be awarded.
- Transfer credits are not granted for life or work experience.
- You must request the credits when you apply to Fordham's M.S.W. program.

### Applying for Transfer Credits

M.S.W. applicants who are eligible to apply for transfer credits must submit a Transfer Credit Application Form once they have been granted admission to the program. Your transfer credit application package must include:

- A Transfer Credit Application Form;
- Transcripts from those courses; and
- Course descriptions or syllabi of the courses for which you would like credit.

An addendum to your acceptance letter from GSS will indicate how many transfer credits you will receive. If you do not receive this notification, please contact the Office of Admission at [gssadmission@fordham.edu](mailto:gssadmission@fordham.edu) or 212-636-6600 before registration.

## Advanced Standing Students

To ensure that applicants who hold a B.S.W./B.A.S.W. degree do not repeat content that has been mastered, GSS only accepts applicants who have a B.S.W./B.A.S.W. degree from a CSWE-accredited social work school or program to the Advanced Standing plan of study of the M.S.W. degree program.

B.S.W./B.A.S.W. graduates are ineligible for all other plans of study offered within the M.S.W. degree program.