

PH.D. IN SOCIAL WORK

Admissions

Admission/Application Process

Are you prepared to be a leader of change in social work education and research? Apply for the Ph.D. in social work program at Fordham University. We encourage applications from individuals committed to a tradition of learning, service, and social justice. Applicants are encouraged to attend an information session before starting the application process.

Prerequisites

- A **master's degree in social work** or in a closely related field with sufficient and relevant experience is required.
 - Candidates who are admitted without a social work degree may be asked to take an internship in a social work setting to gain the necessary base for advanced professional training and research.
- A grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 in the master's degree program is usually required for admission to the doctoral program.
- A **bachelor's degree** in liberal arts from an accredited undergraduate program, with a GPA of at least 3.0.
- **Demonstrated capacity** for satisfactory performance of advanced academic work as evidenced by published journal articles, book chapters, books, and/or reports.
- **Commitment** to the values of the profession.
- A **career objective** consistent with the goals and objectives of the program: leadership in teaching, research, policy, service, and practice development.

Application Requirements

- **Completed application form**
- **Undergraduate and graduate transcripts.** Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools you attended are required.
- **Two professional (employment) references**
- **Two academic references.** If you do not have two academic references, you may substitute a third professional reference for one academic reference.
- **Complete Resume or CV**
- **Publications, written reports, and presentations.** Please submit copies of your written work that demonstrates your capacity for doctoral study.
- **Statement of career activities and plans.** This brief essay should indicate why you are pursuing a Ph.D., explain your experience and scholarly interests, and state how the Ph.D. curriculum will help you achieve your career goals.
- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores,** including verbal, quantitative, and analytic writing scores, are required.
 - The school code for the Graduate School of Social Service is **2252**.
 - The Ph.D. department code is **5001**.
 - Further information on the GRE exam can be found at the GRE website.

- **Application fee of \$75,** payable by credit card via the online application page. If you must pay by check, please send a check payable to Fordham University to the address below.

Application Procedures

1. All applications must be submitted online. Access to online applications can be secured by going to the school's web page (fordham.edu/gss) and clicking on the Ph.D. link under Academics. International applicants for whom English is not their first language are expected to have taken the TOEFL exam to demonstrate competence in English to pursue doctoral work. Transcripts from colleges and universities located outside of the United States may have to be evaluated by World Educational Services Inc.
2. After the necessary transcripts, references, personal statements, and other documentation are reviewed by members of the admissions committee, an interview with one or more faculty members may be arranged. Interviews are **not** required for applicants to be admitted for doctoral studies.
3. Applicants are informed of admission decisions by a letter from the director of the doctoral program as soon as a decision is made.
4. Candidates who are accepted will be notified of the dates of registration by a letter from the director of the doctoral program.

Non-matriculated students may be permitted to take selected doctoral courses in order to assess their interest and capacity for doctoral work. Persons interested in taking courses on a non-matriculated basis must contact the director of the doctoral program to discuss their interest. Persons interested will be asked to complete an admission application and provide transcripts from the degree programs which the student attended.

Non-matriculated students may enroll in a maximum of two courses before they are admitted as matriculated students. **No assurance of acceptance to the degree program is implied by permission to take courses as a non-matriculated student.** If a student subsequently applies for admission and is accepted, credits for courses taken on a non-matriculated basis will be applied toward degree requirements.

Application Deadlines

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning in the spring of each academic year. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their materials, including all graduate and undergraduate academic transcripts, in the fall semester to ensure early review. Applications will be reviewed until the incoming class is full.

The deadline for all applications, including supporting materials, is **February 1** of the year the student plans to matriculate. Students are admitted in the fall semester only.

We encourage you to submit all materials via our online application. If you must send some items by mail, please send them to

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 New York, NY 10023

Questions?

Our Office of Admission is available to answer your questions and concerns throughout the application process. Please email us at gssadmission@fordham.edu or call 212-636-6600