Master’s of Social Work (MSW) On-Campus and Online/Hybrid Programs

School of Social Work

SJSU SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY
MSW Programs at SJSU

- Campus program founded in 1969
- Online/Hybrid program founded in 2016
- Both programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

**Guiding vision:**
Provide leadership that advances social justice from a transcultural perspective for the health and wellbeing of those who are marginalized in an increasingly diverse society.
MSW Program Options
On-Campus

• Option to choose the 2-Year/Full-Time or 3-Year/Part-Time Program

• In the 3-Year/Part-Time Program, the foundation year is completed over a 2-year time period and field education begins in Year 2. Year 3 is equivalent to a full-time final year.

• We use a cohort-based/learning community model of education for the foundation year curriculum
MSW Program Options
On-Campus

- For the On-Campus MSW Program, our School is using a cohort-based enrollment and learning community strategy where students in foundation courses will be taking classes with the same group of students (a cohort). Also, 2-year Full-Time students will be expected to take foundation classes primarily in the daytime hours (9:00AM to 6:00PM), and 3-year Part-Time students will be expected to take foundation classes primarily in the evening hours (6:00PM to 9:00PM).
MSW Program Options
On-Campus

• Internships are traditionally during regular agency business working hours. In the final year of classes, students will not be in cohorts or restricted to certain class times since enrollment in advanced courses will depend on chosen fields of practice. Therefore, all students in the final year of the On-Campus MSW Program are expected to be available for classes Mondays and Tuesdays anytime between 9:00AM and 9:00PM.
MSW Program Options
On-Campus

• If you are admitted to the On-Campus Program, please expect to do some summer reading and writing preparation, attend field internship fair, and to attend as many as five days of MANDATORY orientation 1 to 2 weeks prior to the start of your first semester of classes in August.
MSW Program Options
On-Campus

• Attending graduate school also involves significant financial planning. Please visit the Bursar's Office page for the latest fees and tuition: http://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/
A 2-year program that requires continuous “part-time” enrollment over 2 calendar years including summer and winter.

Currently our Online/ Hybrid MSW Program is ONLY ACCEPTING CALIFORNIA students and residents, meaning if admitted, online students must be able to study and do internship in California.

Academic courses are completed online (synchronously and asynchronously)

Field education is completed in-person at an agency near your geographic location

We use a cohort-based/learning community model of education for the foundation year curriculum
For the Online/Hybrid MSW Program, our School is using a cohort-based enrollment and learning community strategy where students in foundation courses will be taking classes with the same group of students (a cohort). Synchronous class times are usually on the weekday evenings. Internships are traditionally during regular agency business working hours. In the final year of classes, students will not be in cohorts since enrollment in advanced courses will depend on chosen fields of practice. Those synchronous class times are also usually on the weekday evenings.
Attending graduate school and the Online/Hybrid Program involves more significant financial planning compared to the On-Campus Program. Fees are currently $475 per unit ($28,500 total for 60-unit degree plan) but are expected to increase to $550 per unit very soon ($33,000 total for 60-unit degree plan).
If you are admitted to the Online/Hybrid Program, please expect to do some summer reading and writing preparation, attend field internship fair (if you are available), and to attend a MANDATORY in-person, one-day orientation session currently scheduled for Saturday August 17, 2019.
Curriculum - Foundation Year(s)

- Year 1 for On-Campus 2-Year/Fulltime students and Online/Hybrid students
- Years 1 and 2 for On-Campus 3-Year/Part-Time students
- A focus on competencies and generalist skills within 5 content areas
  - Field Education
  - Human Behavior in the Social Environment
  - Social Policy
  - Social Work Practice
  - Social Work Research
Final Year for all MSW students
A focus on competencies and advanced skills within one Concentration (Transcultural Multisystems) and choosing one of three fields of practice:
- Health and Mental Health
- Children, Youth, and Families
- Aging (On-Campus students only)
Additional Curriculum

• **Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC)**
  - For California residents only
  - For On-Campus students only
  - Consider Post-master's PPSC option (especially for Online/Hybrid MSW Students)

• **Title IV-E Child Welfare Training and Stipend Program**
  - Mainly for On-Campus program
  - Part-time option for current County employees
  - Pilot for some Online/Hybrid MSW students in Bay Area counties

• **Spanish Language Counseling Certificate**
  - Option for On-Campus and Online/Hybrid Programs
  - An option within any of the fields of practice
Field Education

- Organizations are approved by the Field Education Department
- Student placement with an organization is a collaborative process
- Wide range of field education opportunities
- For our internship placement process, students have a significant role in partnership with the School to find qualified agencies. Internship placement is not guaranteed. In some cases, internship placement can be delayed.
Field Education

- Field Instructor
- Faculty Field Liaison
- Social work learning opportunities:
  - Prepares students for practice from a transcultural multi-systems perspective.
  - Direct service experiences
  - Indirect service experiences
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### MSW On-Campus & Online/Hybrid Programs

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<td>1,200 hours (total) required</td>
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<td>480 hours in year 1 (16 hours per week)</td>
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<td>720 hours in year 2 (24 hours per week)</td>
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| In-person field education required? | Yes | Yes |
## MSW On-Campus & Online/Hybrid Programs

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### * Cost per unit and total cost for the program

**On-campus**
- $4,615.00 per semester
- Total estimated cost = $18,460.00 for 2-Year/FT
- $24,678 for 3-Year/PT

**Online/Hybrid**
- $475 per unit (anticipated to increase to $550 per unit)
- Total estimated cost = $28,500 ($33,000 anticipated)
- Cost-savings given living expenses and travel

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* Estimates are based on Fall 2018 information and are subject to change according to State, University, and/or School budgetary considerations. Please see the SJ SU Bursar’s Office webpage for more information.
What is involved in on-line learning?

• Strong time-management skills
• Strong organizational skills
• Self-motivations
• Enjoy working independently
• Comfortable working with technology (there are specific technology requirements)
• Enjoy a challenge
Application Information

• Remember there are TWO applications:
  ▪ Cal State Apply (University-level application)
  ▪ MSW Program (School-level application)

• Due Date: February 1, 2019

• Visit the admissions information page:
  http://www.sjsu.edu/socialwork/prospectivestudents/msw/admissions/

• Read and follow the directions carefully
Thank you for your interest in our MSW Program!