



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

# PART-TIME OPTIONS

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**The School of Social Service Administration offers Extended Evening (EEP) and Part-time Day programs to meet the educational needs of working adults.** These programs enable students to complete the Master of Arts degree requirements by attending classes part-time during three years of continuous enrollment. Both programs require the same number of hours and credits in class and fieldwork as the Full-time Program in Social Work, Social Policy, and Social Administration (SW).

## WHY A MASTER'S DEGREE?

If you wish to become a Licensed Social Worker or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker you will need a master's degree with a clinical concentration. If you wish to work in a management, policy or advocacy position in federal, state, county, and municipal government; nonprofit/for-profit organizations; public policy research and advocacy organizations; or community-based organizations, consider SSA's social administration concentration. You'll develop competencies and the analytical and research skills needed to plan, implement, and evaluate programs and policies at various levels of intervention.

## THE CURRICULUM

EEP required courses are typically scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 8:20 p.m., two evenings a week although some classes may also be available

on Saturdays. Students take their required concentration courses in a specified sequence. EEP students are encouraged to arrange their work schedules so that they can take advantage of courses offered during the day at SSA and other units across the University. EEP students are also welcome to participate in any daytime programming (lectures, presentations, student groups, committees, social activities) as their schedules may allow.

Students are encouraged to talk with their employers about the necessity of having some flexibility in their weekday schedules while in school. Students working in qualified agencies may be able to arrange one of the two field placements at their places of employment. The School will consider placing students in their agency of employment for first year Core or second year Concentration field placements

provided certain safeguards can be established to insure that the educational quality of the experience is not compromised.

Increasing numbers of field placements require background checks, proof of immunizations, and/or drug testing prior to beginning work at the agency. The Field Education Office informs students of these requirements before beginning the practicum.

Students in the Part-time Day program take two courses each quarter over three years. Core courses are completed during the first year, except for the core practice course which is postponed until the second year along with the first field placement. Part-time Day students complete two field placements during their second and third year on the same academic schedule as Full-time students.

## OUR STUDENTS HAVE MANY REASONS WHY THEY CHOSE SSA. HERE'S OUR TOP TEN:

### 1. TOP RANKED.

SSA is one of the top ranked schools of social work and social welfare in the world and our peers have always considered us to be **one of the best**.

### 2. OUR INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH AND DIVERSITY.

**SA professors represent over a dozen different disciplines** as well as the **largest number of women and minority faculty** at UChicago.

The comprehensive and interdisciplinary nature of **our AM degree**, which is equivalent to an MSW, will give you **greater flexibility and choice in your future career**. [ssa.uchicago.edu/masters-program-sw](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/masters-program-sw)

### 3. AFFORDABLE.

Financial aid and student loans are available for part-time study based on a combination of merit and need. **More than 95 percent** of our master's students **receive merit- and need-based aid**. [ssa.uchicago.edu/financial-aid](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/financial-aid)

### 4. CONCENTRATIONS IN CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

The difference between SSA and a public policy school? In a word, depth. We start by focusing on the individual (micro), examine top level systems (macro), and everything in between (mezzo). Every student, regardless of concentration, receives a thorough grounding in administration and clinical practice. [ssa.uchicago.edu/curriculum-sw](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/curriculum-sw)

### 5. HELP WITH YOUR CAREER.

SSA is one of few schools of social work with a Career Office. In addition, you'll tap into a network of more than 8,000 alumni throughout the world. [ssa.uchicago.edu/career-services](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/career-services)

### 6. THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

There's no better place to be a student of social welfare. Chicago has been at the center of **pioneering movements** in community organizing, women's rights, urban planning, labor organization, and African-American politics. Each year, SSA students provide more than a quarter-million hours of service at **more than 600 agencies** throughout greater Chicago. [ssa.uchicago.edu/ssa-chicago-and-civic-engagement](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/ssa-chicago-and-civic-engagement)

### 7. THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Take advantage of everything a **great research University** has to offer. Take classes from other schools, explore our state of the art libraries, and conduct research under the mentorship of some of the **nation's leading scholars**. [ssa.uchicago.edu/ssa-uchicago](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/ssa-uchicago)

### 8. WE ARE THE HISTORY OF SOCIAL WORK. AND THE FUTURE.

When you read the history of SSA, you're reading the history of social work. **The founders of our School were founders of the discipline**, and the professors you'll learn from today continue to shape theory and practice through their interdisciplinary research. [ssa.uchicago.edu/history](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/history)

SSA is leading the emerging field of violence prevention and has **the largest group of child welfare experts of any school of social work in the nation**. Many of our faculty are examining and testing solutions in the areas of home visitation, health disparities, youth empowerment and development, school reform, community violence prevention, and advocacy. [ssa.uchicago.edu/faculty-pages](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/faculty-pages)

### 9. GET PUBLISHED.

SSA is one of the few schools of social work that has a student journal for master's level students. **Get published** in our *Advocates' Forum*. [ssa.uchicago.edu/advocates-forum-student-journal](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/advocates-forum-student-journal)

### 10. OUR MISSION.

**We live our mission** working toward a more just and humane society through research, teaching, and service to the community. [ssa.uchicago.edu/our-mission-approach](http://ssa.uchicago.edu/our-mission-approach)



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**DEADLINE:** April 1.

SSA accepts applications on a space available basis after the deadline

**CONTACT:** [admissions@ssa.uchicago.edu](mailto:admissions@ssa.uchicago.edu).

**TO APPLY, YOU'LL NEED:**

Official transcripts

Candidate statement

Comprehensive resume

Three letters of recommendation

Application fee: \$75

**An interview and the GRE are not required for admission.**