Pathway Program for MSW Program Admission

Through the MSW Admission Committee Review, individual applicants are identified who meet or exceed required admission standards with the exception of the requisite undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0. For those applicants who receive a favorable review from the Admission Committee, the School of Social Work is offering a pathway for admission to the MSW program.

**MSW Pathway Program Objective:**
Provide an alternative for applicants who lack the required undergraduate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 but show promise of successful completion of the MSW program and have received a favorable review by the MSW Admissions Committee.

**Pathway Program Requirements:**
Participants are required to complete the steps outlined below and meet MSW program standards in advance of attending the required Summer Semester courses. These courses must be completed as a “non-matriculating student” in the summer prior to the academic year of the application to the MSW program.

Applicants who apply to this pathway are required to:

1. Provide in writing a brief explanation of undergraduate academic difficulties,

2. Meet all the other admission requirements of the MSW Program,

3. In general, applicants would need to have a cumulative undergraduate GPA between 2.75 and 3.0 for admission to the MSW Pathways Program, and

4. Demonstrate a readiness and capability for successful completion of graduate education through transcript review by the School of Social Work and submission of 2 references attesting to the applicant’s ability to meet graduate level academic standards.
Required courses include:

1. Psychosocial Theory (SW7010): 3 credit course, offered in the First Half Summer Semester


A grade of “B+” or better must be earned in each class to be eligible to move forward, be formally admitted into the MSW program, and matriculate into courses in the Fall Semester. Once formally admitted into the MSW program, credits earned in the summer courses will be applied to the student’s MSW program.

Once accepted into the MSW Pathways Program, the School of Social Work MSW Program will provide a formal letter of understanding to each Pathway Program participant verifying the terms of the program. In addition, the MSW Program will provide advising services and will monitor progress over the summer semesters to determine eligibility for admission to the MSW Program for the following Fall Semester.

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