Fall 2014 Admissions Overview

THE BERKELEY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WELFARE is one of the oldest and most prestigious social work graduate programs in the nation. Located within the world’s leading public university, the School is creating a new generation of social workers, scholars, advocates and policy-makers dedicated to serving the most vulnerable members of society.

What sets the Berkeley School of Social Welfare apart?

Focus on Research. The School’s high caliber faculty, doctoral candidates, and MSW students use empirical evidence to inform practice and transform lives.

Commitment to Community. Through our field placement program, our 200 master’s students contribute over 130,000 hours of vital support to 85 human service agencies and their low-income clients throughout the San Francisco Bay Area each year.

Multidisciplinary Approach. Through its innovative curriculum and world-class research institutes, the School of Social Welfare educates practitioners to think critically and change the systems that perpetuate poverty and social disadvantage.

Our Programs

- MSW
- PHD
- Combined MSW/PHD
- Social Welfare/Public Health (MSW/MPH)
- Social Welfare/Public Policy (MSW/MPP)
- Pupil Personnel Services Credential (PPSC)
- Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program

THE FIELD EDUCATION PROGRAM is where knowledge and experience are integrated and skills are tested and refined. Working with hundreds of outstanding social service agencies and social work practitioners throughout the Bay Area, we maintain a field education program that emphasizes preparation for practice with and on behalf of the neediest and most disadvantaged groups in our society.
Admissions Requirements At a Glance
Deadline for all programs: December 3, 2013

Academic preparation
- The minimum requirement of the University is a B average or a 3.0 G.P.A. for all course work taken after the first two years of baccalaureate study.
- Applicants must have acquired a broad liberal arts education consisting of knowledge drawn from history; philosophy; the behavioral and social sciences; and humanities.
- A course in research methods or statistics.
- Graduate Record Examination (GRE). No minimum score required.

Appropriateness for the MSW program
Knowledge of the field and professional commitment to social work are evaluated in the personal statements and letters of recommendation. The statements should address reasons for undertaking graduate work in this field and development of your interest in social work. The letters of recommendation should address your capacity to succeed in the program.

Personal Qualifications
Knowledge and commitment to this field are demonstrated by significant (at least the equivalent of one full year) paid or volunteer experience related to social welfare or human services.

Application Key Features
- Graduate Online Application
- Concentration Choice

Uploaded PDF copies of:
- 3 written statements
- Transcripts
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Résumé

Recruitment Schedule
July 25 – UCB MSW Info Session
Aug. 15 – UCB MSW Info Session
Sept. 12 – UCB PhD Info Session
Sept. 16 – Idealist.org – New York
Sept. 21 – UCB Recruitment Presentation
Oct. 1 – Idealist.org – Wash. DC
Oct. 3 – Idealist.org – Ann Arbor
Oct. 10 – UCB MSW Info Session
Nov. 6 – UCB MSW Info Session
Nov. 7 – UCB MSW Application Workshop
Nov. 14 – UCB PhD Application Workshop

FALL 2013 ADMISSIONS STATISTICS QUICKLOOK:
- 595 Applications
- 78% Women, 22% Men
- 87 Admitted MSW Students
- 30% Underrepresented Students
- 2 Admitted MSW/PHD Students
- 3 Admitted MSW/MPH Students
- 1 Admitted MSW/MPP Student
- 5 Admitted PhD Students

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