



## Begin Your Journey at Yeshiva University

Let your passion to serve begin to take shape with the [online Master of Social Work \(MSW\)](#) program at Yeshiva University. To help you get started on the application process, we have listed below the admissions requirements and application materials you'll need to submit.

Be sure to review the [application deadlines](#) for your intended first semester before [submitting your materials](#)!

## Application Requirements

- ☐ [Completed application](#)
- ☐ An undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- ☐ One personal statement (500 words):
  - Topic: Why do you want to work in the social work profession?
  - Write a personal statement on what qualities you possess that would help you succeed in this program and ultimately as a social worker. It should be 500 words maximum in 12 point, Times New Roman font double-spaced. Please focus on quality over quantity
  - A second, optional personal statement may be included to provide additional relevant admissions information, such as gaps in academic or employment history, GPA, etc.
- ☐ Letter of recommendation for non-advanced standing students can come from either professional or academic reference, and does not need to come from Program Director (only required for Advanced Standing applicants)
- ☐ Unofficial transcripts from academic institutions where nine or more credits were earned can be submitted via the online application to start the review process. If admitted, official transcripts provided directly from academic institutions where nine or more credits were earned must be submitted no later than one month prior to the first day of class via email to [onlinemsw@online.yu.edu](mailto:onlinemsw@online.yu.edu). We recommend this option as it is the quickest and easiest way. If your academic institutions can only submit the transcript via mail, please have the sealed copies of official transcripts sent to:
  - Transcripts from Yeshiva/seminary study in Israel are NOT required for the application
  - YU students will need to indicate they attended on the app but will NOT need to upload their transcript

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- ☐ Addendum: If you wish to provide additional information to the admissions committee, please upload your document as a PDF under the "Additional Information" section of "Supplemental Items & Documents" once you have submitted your application. Topics can include: addressing academic discrepancies, additional qualifications/accomplishments highlighting your candidacy, etc.

- ☐ \$50 nonrefundable application fee submitted by credit card. Fee may be waived by university, talk to an admissions outreach advisor for more information
- ☐ International students: All transcripts and letters of recommendation must be translated by an accredited service provider
- ☐ For non-native English speakers: Evidence of English proficiency through a minimum TOEFL score of 90–91 on the internet-based test, 223 on the computer-based test, or 577 on the paper test

Applicants who have been awarded a bachelor's and/or graduate degree from an international higher education institution outside of the United States or a non-English speaking Canadian institution will need to submit a course-by-course [NACES transcript evaluation](#) including all official transcripts confirming the degree is equivalent to U.S. standards. An applicant's international credentials will not be reviewed for admission consideration until a transcript evaluation is completed. All transcripts will need to be submitted from each institution where nine or more credits were earned. If admitted, all official course-by-course transcripts and official transcript evaluations and unofficial transcripts are due before the first day of class

## Advanced Standing Requirements

For students applying for [Advanced Standing](#), the following additional requirements must be met:

- ☐ A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), with a minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale), from a CSWE-accredited program
- ☐ Field Evaluation: You must submit a field evaluation from your bachelor of social work program signed by the agency and program director
- ☐ Advanced standing applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from the program director or academic advisor of your bachelor of social work program