

Cohort Overview & Applicant Declarations

In agreement with the Master of Social Work (MSW) cohort program, I understand that I will be automatically registered for the first semester. I acknowledge that I may not request specific weeknights, times, or professors. By signing this form, I understand that I must be available for weeknight/evening (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) Web- Conferencing sessions, and class nights and times will vary by semester. The MSW program is designed around a cohort model and, students are registered for specific cohorts.

Students are expected to follow the sequence and timing of courses in their cohort. Required courses are offered only in the semester indicated. Due to the cohort nature of the program, students are required to take courses in sequence. Saturday Cohorts ONLY, must be available to participate in the Web-Conferencing sessions on Saturdays.

The Saint Leo University MSW program requires completion of 512 (Advanced Standing Students) or 1,024 (2/3 year students) hours of clinical field experiences in order to meet the requirements for graduation in the program. In accordance with its policies and processes, the MSW program assists students in identifying appropriate clinical field experience sites. However, each clinical field placement site has its own student health and vaccination, insurance, compartment or other human resource requirements. While the MSW program will use its best efforts to identify alternate field clinical field sites, Saint Leo University cannot guarantee students a field placement that meets the requirements of their program which may result in a student's inability to graduate in their intended major.

I understand that the courses I am registered for cannot change after the university's drop/add period and to be registered for future courses, my student account must be in good standing. Throughout the MSW program, I understand that I must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA, cannot have more than two final grades of a C or lower, or fail a course. If I do not maintain these academic criteria, I may be subject to termination from the program. I acknowledge that I am financially responsible for all charges in the event of withdrawal from classes as outlined in Saint Leo University's current tuition refund policy.

I acknowledge that the MSW program will work with me to find a suitable field placement that provides an optimal learning experience; however, it does not guarantee a specific placement or placement type. While my preferences will be considered regarding location, scheduling, and client population, I will be matched with the affiliated agency deemed most likely to meet the mutual learning needs, opportunities, and expectations for myself, the agency, and MSW program.

I acknowledge that field education experiences with some populations or that offer only nights and weekend hours are extremely limited and often provide a limited learning experience. I am expected to be available to complete 16 hours a week during each semester of their internship. A more restricted time frame of availability limits the available options for placement and may impact my status in the program.

I understand that while past convictions do not necessarily preclude admission to the MSW Program, they may affect the availability of practicum placements and future employability. I am responsible for updating the MSW Program on any convictions and/or criminal charges after I am admitted to the program.

I understand that in my final year of the program, I will attend the required on-campus weekend residency at the University Campus or at the program designated location.

I understand my signature indicates that I must attend the mandatory MSW program Orientation(s), I have thoroughly reviewed all MSW program information (including the [student handbook](#)), all components of my application, and to the best of my knowledge, my application is accurate and complete.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Please mail or email to:

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