Renowned for our strong tradition of clinical excellence and dedication to social justice, **NYU Silver School of Social Work** is moving the practice forward, training MSW students in integrated health, palliative and end-of-life care, and other innovative and emerging areas of social work. Students also have the opportunity to pursue global learning with NYU Silver programs in New York, Shanghai, Buenos Aires, and other cities around the world.

Founded in 1960, NYU Silver has been a pioneer in training over 20,000 social work practitioners and leaders in every area of the field. The School offers a full continuum of education in social work—BS, MSW, post-master’s, DSW, and PhD programs.

*Fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education*
Class Size

Small class sizes predominate. Most courses have a maximum of 25 students, while Practice I and II classes have a maximum of 15 students.

2021 INCOMING MSW STUDENT PROFILE

521 Full- and Part-Time MSW Students

3.43 Average Undergraduate GPA

27 Average Age

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

A commitment to diversity is a governing philosophy reflected in every aspect of your educational experience here. We actively recruit students from diverse backgrounds, and seek to foster equity and inclusion within and beyond our classrooms.

At NYU Silver, you can become involved in a range of student affinity groups, such as the Students of Color Collective, Trans + Queer = Collective, Chinese Student Support Group, and Latinx Social Work Student Organization. NYU Silver has adopted and is actively pursuing an Action Against Racism agenda. Learn more at socialwork.nyu.edu/silveraction.

WHERE STUDENTS COME FROM

- 69.5% US Outside Tri-State Area
- 23.8% Tri-State Area (NY, NJ, CT)
- 6.7% International

STUDENT RACE AND ETHNICITY

- 55.7% White
- 19.2% Hispanic
- 8.8% Asian
- 8.6% Black
- 4.4% Two or More Races
- 3.3% Unknown

STUDENT GENDER IDENTITY*

- 85.3% Woman Identified
- 10.2% Man Identified
- 4.5% Non-Binary

* Data based on optional MSW application responses
Inclusive Engagement and Student Life

The Office of Inclusive Engagement and Student Life provides support for the School’s undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students. In addition to promoting students’ socioemotional well-being, the office fosters community engagement, advises student groups, engages students on social justice issues, and manages transition events, including orientation and graduation.

There are many student groups and leadership opportunities, including:
- Animal Assisted Therapy in Social Work
- API/A Social Work Students for Change
- Black Women Social Work Coalition
- Graduate Student Association
- Macro Social Work Student Network
- Phi Alpha National Honor Society
- Silver Peer Support
- Student Leadership Council
- Silver Mindfulness Collective

Career & Professional Development

NYU Silver’s Office of Career & Professional Development partners with NYU’s Wasserman Center for Career Development to help students launch successful social work careers. Together, they provide specialized career services, including one-on-one coaching, resume review, job search workshops and seminars, alumni career panels, and more. The School also offers Silver Strong, flexible online career and professional development modules that guides students through the career exploration and job search process. According to data collected by NYU Wasserman, 88% of 2020 MSW graduates obtained a position or continued their education within 6 months of program completion.

Alumni

NYU Silver alumni are improving lives around the world, and many remain actively engaged with the School through continuing education programs, networking activities, and mentoring opportunities.

To learn more about how Silver alumni support current students visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/the-silver-community/alumni-as-guides
The curriculum emphasizes links between theory and practice, research and policy. A global perspective as well as a focus on social and economic justice and working competently with diverse and at-risk populations are integrated throughout the program.
In the classroom you will learn from outstanding faculty who are some of the best instructors in the profession. Through closely supervised field internships you will gain real world, professional experience.

8 Pathways to the MSW Degree

- Two-Year
- Advanced Standing
- 16-Month Accelerated
- Two-Year Shanghai and New York
- 32-Month
- Extended
- Extended One-Year Residence
- Extended Shanghai and New York

Dual-Degree Options

- MSW/MA in Child Development with Sarah Lawrence College
- MSW/JD with the NYU School of Law
- MSW/Executive MPA with the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
- MSW/MPH with the NYU School of Global Public Health

For more information about MSW program options, visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/degree-programs/msw

Develop Expertise in a Specialized Field of Practice

Through our expansive range of electives and field placement agencies, you are able to concentrate your education on specific aspects of social work. After completing the generalist curriculum, you can select from our rich and diverse offerings to develop specialized knowledge related to your professional interests.

Field placements are available across a spectrum of practice areas including:

- Adult Services
- Aging
- Evolving Justice and Forensic Social Work
- Child, Youth and Family Services
- Disabilities
- Mental Health
- Healthcare
- Macro Practice in Organizations, Policy, Program Planning & Development
- Substance Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders
- Palliative & End-of-Life Care
- School-Based Services

For more information about fields of practice and placement settings, visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/field-learning/placement-settings
An extraordinary range of faculty research and scholarship contributes to social work practice, social policy, and your education at NYU Silver. Faculty members are tackling society’s most pressing problems by developing innovative theories, policies, and evidence-based interventions.
NYU Silver faculty are particularly known for pioneering research on poverty; children, youth, and families; health; and mental health. They are also known for teaching and developing qualitative and quantitative research methods and analysis.

In addition, the faculty conduct research around the world—including in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Europe.

The Silver School is the home of Information for Practice (IP), the only centralized web resource covering professional news and new scholarship from around the world. Visit IP, created and maintained by Professor Gary Holden, at ifp.nyu.edu.

To learn more about current research initiatives at NYU Silver, visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/faculty-and-research/pioneering-research.

Research Centers

The School’s affiliated centers and institutes foster and disseminate research targeting issues important to social work.

- Center for Health and Aging Innovation (CHAI) - nyuchai.org
- Center on Violence and Recovery - centeronviolenceandrecovery.org
- McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research - mcsilver.nyu.edu
- Center for Drug Use and HIV (CUHR) - cduhr.org
- Constance and Martin Silver Center on Data Science and Social Equity - coming soon
NYU Silver offers exciting global learning opportunities, through which students are immersed in different cultures and examine the values, ethics, ideologies, and approaches used in social work practice.

**Intensive courses have recently been offered in:**
- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Glasgow, Scotland
- Paris, France
- Puebla, Mexico
- Tel Aviv, Israel
- Shanghai, China
- Washington, DC
- Wiesbaden, Germany

**MSW Program at Shanghai and New York:** The only MSW program of an American university in China, it educates students for global social work in a deep way, reflecting on cultural, social, political, and economic similarities and differences across these two countries.

To learn more about global learning opportunities, visit: [socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/global-opportunities](http://socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/global-opportunities).

*Note: The University is continuing to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on future travel.*
MSW General Requirements for Admission:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum of 60 liberal arts credits
- A strong academic record and demonstrated intellectual capacity for graduate education
- Evidence of emotional maturity, concern for people, and capacity for self-awareness and personal growth
- Demonstrated concern and commitment to the values underlying professional social work
- Respect for diversity and difference

For more information about admission requirements and to access our MSW application, please visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/admissions-and-aid
Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Silver School of Social Work is committed to providing financial assistance in the form of scholarships to our most competitive applicants.

Applicants should indicate in their applications that they wish to be considered for our merit-based Silver School scholarships. Applicants are also strongly encouraged to review over 50 named scholarships that MSW candidates may qualify for.

- Over $12 million in scholarships awarded each year
- Approximately 95% of students receive some form of scholarship
- Scholarships for students range from $2,000-$15,000 annually
- Discounted tuition up to $5,000 per year is available for full-time agency employees enrolled in certain programs such as Extended or Extended OYR
- Scholarships are offered to alumni of national community and service organizations, including: Peace Corps, Segal Americorps, City Year, and the Yellow Ribbon Program

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/admissions-and-aid/paying-for-your-education/msw

Tuition Breakdown

Example of a two-year MSW tuition and financial aid package:*  
- **Tuition:** $1,468 per point/credit on average  
- **Total:** approximately $51,763/year (based on 33 points/credits)

Financial Aid Package:

- Silver School Scholarship: $10,500 (average award, if received)**  
- Child Welfare Scholarship: $5,000**  
- Unsubsidized Stafford Loan: $20,500  
- Graduate PLUS Loan: $13,000  
- Federal Work Study: $3,000  
- Total: approximately $52,000/year†

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/admissions-and-aid/paying-for-your-education/msw

* The Board of Trustees of New York University reserves the right to alter the schedule of fees without notice.
** Students must be eligible for scholarship to be considered for award. Please refer to: socialwork.nyu.edu/admissions-and-aid/paying-for-your-education/msw/scholarships.
† Financial aid and scholarship amounts vary depending on need, merit, and competitive scholarship application process. This example does not factor in housing/living expenses for the student; the Office of Financial Aid (nyu.edu/admissions/financial-aid-and-scholarships) does take miscellaneous/living expenses into account when creating an award package. Prospective students should contact the Office of Financial Aid at financial.aid@nyu.edu for more information on federal and private loans.

MSW Students awarded an NYU Silver scholarship must adhere to the minimum credit enrollment requirements as defined by the MSW program, and maintain good academic standing (minimum GPA of 3.0) in order to receive their scholarship for the duration of the program. Please note that federal funding such as federal loans are based on a different set of credit criteria for full-time and part-time status. Please refer to the Office of Financial Aid at NYU for these details.
How to Apply:

Applicants for the MSW program may complete an application online. We encourage you to submit your application well before the deadline date.

Our admissions committee, made up of faculty, strives to evaluate complete applications within an average of six to eight weeks.

Please note that the committee does not evaluate incomplete applications.

For application deadlines, event listings, and to apply now, visit: socialwork.nyu.edu/admissions-and-aid