

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

100% ONLINE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Program Requirements



Thank you for your interest in the online Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program at Wilfrid Laurier University. Laurier's online MSW program is part-time, available to students without a Bachelor's degree in social work, and the only one of its kind in Canada. Our MSW integrates social work theory, concepts and perspectives with practical applications. Laurier's online Master of Social Work program helps you develop a genuine, personal path to practice and intervention with a flexible, contemporary approach. Before proceeding with the application process, it's important to know if you meet the requirements for this program.

The requirements for the online Master of Social Work regular track are the following:

- A minimum of B+ average (77%-79%) in your last 5 full credit/10 half credit courses of a four-year undergraduate degree.
- Academic background must include at least four full (or eight half) social science courses. Social science courses include, but are not limited to: anthropology; child, youth and family studies; criminology; economics; environmental studies; gender studies; global studies; history; political science; psychology; social justice and peace; and sociology.
- Academic background must include a half-credit course in qualitative research methodology.
- Submit all transcripts from all universities or colleges attended.
- Prepare a personal statement.
- Submit a resume.
- Submit three reference letters (one academic; two professional).

Experience Profile

- Prepare a summary of experience in human service organizations.
- Two years of paid and/or volunteer experience (3500 hours) is the minimum experience that is strongly recommended for the program. Students with a three-year degree will need to have a minimum of three years of acceptable paid and/or volunteer experience in human services organizations. Assessment will be based on documented, equivalent hours (1,750 hours equal one year).

If you have an international undergraduate degree (Bachelor's degree), please note that [World Education Services International Credential Advantage Package \(WES ICAP\) evaluation](#) will need to be submitted prior to applying for the Master's in Social Work program.

Please ensure you meet the minimum requirements and have the experience profile required for the program.

Do not submit an application for the online part-time MSW program until you have spoken with an enrolment advisor. If you decide to submit an application prior to connecting with an enrolment advisor and learn that you do not meet the minimum requirements for the program, please note that the application fee is non-refundable.