



ADMISSIONS

- **How do I apply?** - You must apply online: <https://graduateadmissions.stonybrook.edu/apply>
- **When is the Application Deadline?**
 - Priority Deadline: January 15, 2024
 - Final Deadline: May 1, 2024
- **What are the [Admission Requirements](#)?** Applicants to the Undergraduate Program must have completed a minimum of 57 credits that must be earned prior to beginning the program with a letter grade of C (preferably B or better), unofficial transcripts* from all institutions where you received any college credit, minimum combined overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, 3 letters of recommendations, resume and personal essay. Within the required 57 credits, students must also complete the required program prerequisite courses.
- **What are the program [prerequisite courses](#)?** Student must successfully complete the below courses which provide a broad liberal arts base with core content in the following areas*:
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in English Composition
 - A minimum of one 3 credit introductory course in human biological sciences
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in mathematics (not College Algebra)
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in the humanities
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in the fine arts
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in foreign language
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in American political systems
 - A minimum of one 3 credit introductory course in sociology or anthropology
 - A minimum of one 3 credit introductory course in psychology
 - A minimum of one 3 credit course in Modern American History (post-Reconstruction era)

*Consult School of Social Welfare for equivalent courses.
- **What parts of the application are weighed most heavily?** All parts of the application are considered in the application review (i.e. academic record, personal statement, reference letters, activities, etc.) but the personal essay is an important component in the review process.
- **What is the cost for the application fee?** All applicants are required to pay a Stony Brook University application fee. This application fee for undergraduate students is \$50. Payment must be made by credit card. The application fee may be waived in rare cases according to the policy located within the application. Your application will not be processed until full payment is received or a fee waiver request is approved by the Health Sciences Office of Student Services.
- **What makes a complete application?**
 - Submission of the on-line application: <https://graduateadmissions.stonybrook.edu/apply>
 - Payment of the non-refundable \$50 application fee.
 - Three references must be submitted through the application system. References should be solicited from former professors, employers, supervisors, or volunteer experiences. To the extent possible, one from each of these areas provides a well-rounded perspective of your abilities. References from personal friends or relatives are not acceptable.



- Unofficial transcripts from all institutions attended (including institutions that granted college credit while you attended high school and those that granted credit for courses not relevant to the intended program).
 - Official transcripts are only required upon acceptance of an offer of admission.
- For institutions attended abroad, an evaluation by appropriate agency to determine U.S. equivalencies, official transcript and translation are required. Transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. must be evaluated by an organization such as World Education Services (www.wes.org). If you select the new WES ICAP service, we will accept the copies of the transcript(s) WES sends to us as official. If your native or primary language is not English, you must take an English proficiency test. To be considered for admission, an applicant must present an acceptable score on the TOEFL or IELTS test. The minimum scores are as follows: IBT: Internet-based test 90 with no subsection below 22 IELTS: Overall score of 7 with no subsection below 6. The Stony Brook institutional code for the TOEFL test is 2548. For the IELTS test, it is 5366.
 - Unofficial WES evaluations are acceptable for application review. Official WES evaluations and transcripts are only required upon acceptance of an offer of admission.
- **Where do I send my unofficial transcripts?**

Stony Brook University
School of Social Welfare, Student Services Office
Health Sciences Tower
Level 2, Room 092
Stony Brook, NY 11794
- **How will I know my application is received?**

You will receive immediate acknowledgement of your application submission to your email address. Instructions will be included so that you may track your application documents on-line using the "Status Portal" link.
- **When will I know if I am accepted?**

Admissions decisions will be released on a rolling basis starting January and sent to your email used on your application.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

- **What is the tuition cost per semester?**

You can visit our [Student Financial Services Office](#) for more information.
- **How do I apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships?**

You can visit our [Financial Aid Office](#) for more information. As the school receives scholarship opportunities for matriculated students, we distribute them to our students.



GENERAL

- **Can I work a full-time job and do the program?**

Many students work while attending our program; and some choose to work full-time. This works best if there is flexibility in work hours that may fit around the requirements of the program including the required field education hours in the second year.

- **Do you offer night or weekend classes?**

Classes are currently scheduled to give students the opportunity to enroll in either day or evening and Saturdays.

- **Can I take a class before I am admitted?**

You may consider taking courses as a non-matriculated student. Courses are designated each term depending upon availability. You may contact our Admission Office, ssw_admissions@stonybrook.edu to inquire about this option.

- **Does the SSW BSW Program offer a Part-time or Online Program?**

The Undergraduate Program is strictly full-time. The school does not offer a part-time program and currently there are no online programs.

EMPLOYMENT

- **What opportunities do BSW graduates have after completing the program?**

Many BSW graduates immediately begin working in the Human Service field as case managers, counselors, direct service providers and other job titles. The majority return to pursue an MSW degree at some point in their career in order to be better prepared for supervisory and higher-level positions or to seek professional social work licensure.

The US Department of Labor provides useful information regarding employment opportunities, job outlooks and salary ranges within the social work profession. Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2020 to 2030, faster than the average for all occupations. Growth will be due to an increase in demand for health care and social services but will vary by specialty.

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Community-and-Social-Service/Social-workers.htm>

- **Do some students get offered a job where they did their field education?**

This does occur but is dependent upon availability and timing. Field placements may result in employment and certainly, placements provide the opportunity for networking with other professionals.

- **Does the University have a Career Center?**

Yes, you will be able to visit the [Career Center](#) for more information.