

## **PART TIME PROGRAM FAQs**

### **1. When will the GSU PT Program start?**

Although some students go through our current program part time, in Fall 2009 the School will admit the initial cohort in a newly designed program for part time students. In this new program, a cohort of students will be admitted and a program of study has been developed specifically for part time students. This structure ensures that the classes that part time students need are offered in a way for continued progress to graduation.

### **2. How many credits are required for the MSW?**

The MSW degree requires the completion of a minimum of 60 credits. The program consists of 36 credits of course work and 24 credit of field education.

### **3. Which degree concentration can I pursue?**

The MSW Program at Georgia State University offers a sole concentration in Community Partnerships. This unique focus provides students with the opportunity to learn about social issues facing urban communities through a social and economic justice framework. Our graduates have become leaders in various service delivery sectors including health care, public child welfare services, nonprofit management and numerous other contexts.

### **4. What do the courses look like?**

The curriculum is virtually the same as the Full Time program, and the sole concentration is Community Partnerships. The program of study is listed below:

### **5. Can I take courses with Full Time students if I choose?**

Yes, there will be opportunities to take courses with FT students. Elective courses will be open to students in both MSW programs. In addition, there will be some seats in each program to allow cross enrollment.

### **6. When will the courses be offered?**

Courses will be offered in blocks in late afternoon and early evening. One course will be offered each night, and some course content will be provided online. Classes will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

## 7. Will I have to take classes in the summer?

As the program of study suggests, there is flexibility in taking courses in the summer. Elective courses will be offered, and you can decrease your academic term credit load by taking these courses in the summer.

## 8. Is it a distance education program?

This program is structured to offer hybrid courses, which are a mix of in class and online delivery. You can expect that 25%-40% of each course will be offered via electronic instruction. These hybrid courses will cut down on your travel to campus.

## 9. How do I apply?

The application process for the PT program is the same as the FT. Application to the social work graduate program is a two part parallel process requiring all applicants to:

- Submit a completed online application to the College of Health and Human Sciences
- Submit a completed School of Social Work application. The SSW application will require applicants to designate the program they are seeking admission: AS, PT, FT
- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university with a cumulative 3.0 GPA
- As part of the social work application, applicants must submit:
  - a personal statement.
  - Three letters of reference.
  - Courses in Statistics Research and Human Biology/Anatomy are required.
  - Application fee of \$50. The fee will be collected during the online process.

**PLEASE NOTE: The part time program will only admit students on an every-other year basis. That is, cohorts will begin in Fall 2009, Fall 2011, etc.**

## 10. What about field internships?

For Part Time students the program is designed in such a way as to give you at least a year and a half to possibly arrange a suitable work situation while also managing to meet the field education requirements of the MSW program. We are committed to *flexibility* as well as continuing a sound program of professional preparation. \*Please note that few field placement organizations offer evening and/or weekend hours. Most placements (16 hours per week for the 2st year requirement) are during the day. We do not wish to minimize the challenge of being in graduate school and balancing other necessities, but we seek to support each student to succeed as best we can.

