

SOCIAL WELFARE, PH.D.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website.

Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	December 1
Spring Deadline	The program does not admit in the spring.
Summer Deadline	The program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Required.*
English Proficiency Test	Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency).
Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT)	n/a
Letters of Recommendation Required	3

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Due to COVID-19, there have been challenges for students attempting to take the GRE. For students applying for Fall 2024, the GRE requirement is optional. Regardless of whether GRE scores are submitted, all applications will be held in equal regard.

Online applications are available through the Graduate School Electronic Application (<http://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>). Admission to the Social Welfare PhD program requires an undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale) on the equivalent of the last 60 semester credits. Applicants are required to have completed a statistics course; 30 semester credits of social science courses and Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores taken within five years of application date; if appropriate, English proficiency exam (TOEFL) scores, taken within two years of application date. Applicants must also submit a statement of reasons for graduate study, three letters of recommendation, official transcripts, a writing sample, and a resume or CV. Details about what is expected in the writing sample and statement, information about acceptable letters of recommendation, and other specific details can be found on the PhD Application (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/admissions/phd-application/>) page of the School of Social Work website.

PhD program details are fully described on the PhD Program in Social Welfare (<https://socwork.wisc.edu/programs/phd/>) page on the School of Social Work website.