

## UTEP BSW HONORS PROGRAM

### How To Apply

The BSW Honors Program application is open to current BSW Juniors who are interested in continuing to the Advanced Standing Program at UTEP. This program is intended to help students have a smoother, more prepared transition from the Bachelors of Social Work degree to the Advanced Standing Masters of Social Work degree program. Students in the Honors program will take three Master's level courses (Theory and Practice with Individuals; Groups; and Families) as electives over three semesters beginning in the summer before their Senior year. Honors students complete these classes alongside MSW students, to better prepare them to enter the MSW Program in its second year. Honors students will also register for a special field seminar—which replaces the regular field seminar—that will be tailored to increase knowledge and practice skills.

To be eligible for the Honors program, students must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.3 and a minimum BSW GPA of 3.5. This program is competitive, and will only admit a maximum of 10 BSW Junior students per cohort.

The application links are available on the Department of Social Work website (<https://www.utep.edu/chs/sw/> → Programs drop down menu → Bachelor of Social Work link → scroll down and click the Current Students tab → and below will be the Honors Program applications),

Two parts:

1. Honors Program Application
  - a. This document has an application cover sheet with what must be included for a complete application, statements to initial, and a list of courses that must be completed before you may enter the Honors Program.
  - b. This document also contains the Experience Summary Form, which was previously filled out to apply to the BSW program. Please update your experience, if applicable, or resubmit the original form if nothing has changed.
  - c. No personal essay is required.
2. Fast Track Combined Bachelor's/Master's Program Application
  - a. **Application should not be submitted until receiving notification of acceptance into the Honors Program.**
  - b. **Once notified of acceptance to the Honors Program, students MUST apply to the UTEP Graduate School.** The Fast Track application has fewer requirements than the regular Graduate School application for a Master's program, and is much quicker to complete.
  - c. The Fast Track Application form on the Social Work website has been pre-filled with the information pertaining to the MSW classes completed by Honors students; all you need to do is fill in your information and sign it.
  - d. **THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY your BSW advisor, the MSW Coordinator, and the Dean BEFORE you can submit it to the Graduate School. Make sure you do not do this last minute!**

- e. The Graduate School application link can be found here:  
<https://www.utep.edu/graduate/apply-now/apply-now-international.html#>. Then scroll down to the bottom to select the link under “Fast Track Program”. Students need to create an account before continuing.
- f. There is a one-time \$45 fee associated with the Fast Track Graduate School application. For students planning to apply to the Advanced Standing or regular-track MSW program, you will not have to pay a second time. The \$45 must be paid when your application is submitted.

### **Questions?**

Email Matthew Bryan, Department of Social Work Graduate Assistant, at [mcbryan@miners.utep.edu](mailto:mcbryan@miners.utep.edu) or stop by office hours in HSSN 318: Monday 9am-3:00pm, Wednesdays 9am-1pm & Thursdays 9am-2pm. An appointment is highly recommended.

***ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019..***

***ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.***

***APPLICATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, OFFICE 431 OR 318***