

Statement of Purpose

Instructions:

All USC MSW applicants are required to write and submit a Statement of Purpose to support their application. Respond to each of the prompts below; collectively they will comprise your Statement of Purpose. Type the prompts with your responses and include your full name in the header. Your Statement of Purpose should be free of grammatical, spelling, and syntax errors; include well-supported ideas; and illustrate your passion for and commitment to social work knowledge, skills, and values.

Your Statement of Purpose must be:

- at least four (4) pages but not to exceed five (5) pages,
- your own words/work,
- double spaced using 12-point sans serif font (e.g., Arial, Calibri, Helvetica) with one-inch margins, and
- uploaded as a single PDF.

Required Prompts:

1. Review the [NASW Code of Ethics](#). After thoughtful consideration, choose one Ethical Principle as a lens to explain why you are interested in social work as a profession.
2. Discuss a social justice problem of great concern to you. Share your ideas for how the problem may be addressed, and what role social workers should play.
3. Describe how you see yourself contributing to the vibrancy of the cohort, school community, and social work profession. Tell us why the College of Social Work is a good fit for your educational and professional goals.
4. After reviewing the [tuition](#) and [curriculum](#) for your plan of study, including [field education](#), summarize your strategy for successfully completing the Master of Social Work program. Include strengths and limitations that might influence your success in the program.



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