

## **USU MSW Admissions Criteria and Rating System**

Admissions Criterion	Admissions Points	Standard/Alternatives/Scoring
GPA (overall)	0-10	3.0* (3.75-4.0 = 10 points, 3.5-3.74 = 8 points, 3.25 -3.49 = 6 points, 3.0-3.24= 4 points, if below 3.0 use GRE/MAT score) *If overall GPA is below 3.0 then the score will replace the GPA in our admissions scoring system- below 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile = 0 points, 40 <sup>th</sup> to 60 <sup>th</sup> = 5 points, 61+ = 10 points.
GPA for the most recent 4 semesters/6 quarters of coursework, including any graduate work.	0-15	3.0 (3.75-4.0 = 15 points, 3.5-3.74 = 12 points, 3.25 -3.49 = 8 points, 3.0-3.24= 4 points, otherwise 0)
Personal Statement	0-20	Students evaluated on written communication skills, commitment to the social work profession, career plans, compatibility with our advanced generalist concentration, personal characteristics and self-assessment.
Relevant Coursework	0-15	21* semester hours of social/behavioral science course work is expected. Strong liberal arts background is expected. Points will be deducted for fewer hours. Coursework can include graduate work. *Coursework <u>must</u> include at least 1 introductory social or behavioral science course AND a research methods OR statistics course.
Relevant Experience (Resume)	0-15	Paid or volunteer human services work experience. 10+ years= 15 points, 5-9 years= 10 points, 3-4 years= 7 points, 1-2 years= 5 points, no experience= 0 points
Admissions Test (GRE or MAT)	0-10	Scores above 40 <sup>th</sup> percentile= 10 points. Scores below= 0 points.
Reference Letters (3)	0-15	Each letter will be scored on a scale of 0 to 5.
Student interview	Program discretion	At program's discretion. Not all applicants will be interviewed.
4-year Degree	Required	Applicants must have a 4-year degree from an accredited college/university. Proof of degree will be required of all students admitted to the MSW program before they can take courses.
English Language Proficiency	Required only for Foreign Students	Meet School of Graduate Studies' criteria on the TOEFL.