



Master of Social Work Women's Program FAQ's

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What is a Master of Social Work?

The Wurzweiler Master of Social Work program is an affordable and rigorous graduate program designed for a student who wishes to enter the field of Social Work. This 60-credit graduate degree will shape your passion for social work through a methods-based curriculum and guide you toward new opportunities to live your purpose in social and clinical casework, social group work and community social administration.

Which college have you partnered with to offer this degree?

We are proud to have partnered with Wurzweiler School of Social Work, a prestigious college featuring a world-class Social Work department. Founded as part of Yeshiva University in 1957, the Wurzweiler School of Social Work is proud to be part of a university system that has ranked No. 1 in New York and No. 2 in the nation for students in advanced degree programs.

Will this degree lead to licensure?

The MSW degree program provided by Wurzweiler School of Social Work is fully accredited by NYS and the CSWE. Students in the MSW program at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work are continuously preparing for state license exams throughout their course of study, and both current students and graduates have access to their continuing professional education (CPE) programs. Immediately upon graduation, students are eligible to submit an Application for Licensure and First Registration. Once the application and fees are processed and approved, students are able to schedule and complete the licensure exam for their state.

How long will it take to earn the MSW degree?

This degree can be completed in just four semesters (Online - Spring, Summer, Fall, Spring = 16 months, In-Class - Fall, Spring, Summer, Fall = 16 months,) provided the student meets the Social Work Program requirements. Students who wish to proceed at a slower pace, have that option as well.

What are the admission requirements?

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Minimum undergraduate 3.5 GPA.

Can I transfer credits from another institution toward this degree?

The Office of the Registrar at Wurzweiler School of Social Work grants up to twelve (12) transfer credits to students who have completed courses at accredited institutions and have provided their official transcripts for evaluation. The Office of the Registrar evaluates and accepts only credits that are applicable to the student's program of study and reflect a final grade of 'C' or above.

Do you have online and in-class locations for women?

Yes. We have both separate online and in-class programs for women.

- The **live-online** program begins in Spring semester which starts in January.
- The **in-class** program begins in Fall semester which starts in September. In-class locations are in Brooklyn and Monsey.

Where are classes offered?

Live-Online

To ease the travel burden on our students while retaining the essential in-class component of successful social work programs, this program is offered **fully online** utilizing our unique Sara Schenirer Anywhere **live-online** platform. A sample of this online format can be viewed [here](#).

This platform allows us to offer all classes online in a synchronous format where students and professors see, speak, and hear each other in real time. Classes take place at set times, and students enjoy all the benefits of a live classroom without the hassle and expense of travel, parking, and inclement weather.

*At the commencement of the program, students are required to attend a **two-day** on-site orientation session at Sara Schenirer's flagship location in Brooklyn, NY. Policies, fieldwork requirements, and program requirements are reviewed and discussed, and students meet their professors, fellow classmates, and senior Sara Schenirer and Wurzweiler faculty.*

In-Class

Students who prefer a true in-class experience, are advised to consider joining our in-class program. Please note that in-class locations are in Brooklyn and Monsey only.

*At the commencement of the program, students are required to attend a **one-day** on-site orientation session at Sara Schenirer's flagship location in Brooklyn, NY. Policies, fieldwork requirements, and program requirements are reviewed and discussed, and students meet their professors, fellow classmates, and senior Sara Schenirer and Wurzweiler faculty.*

When are classes offered?

Live-Online - Classes are offered Sundays from 9:30am-2:00pm and one evening per week from 8:00-10:00pm in our live-online format.

In-Class - Classes are offered Sundays from 9:00am-3:00pm.

How many hours of fieldwork are required?

Fieldwork is an integral component of a successful social work program. Each semester, students taking a full course-load will be required to perform 21 hours of fieldwork per week under the supervision of their on-site supervisor.

How can I be assured of a quality fieldwork experience?

Wurzweiler's experienced fieldwork coordinators maintain a vast network of contacts and will do their utmost to ensure suitable placements for you. We recognize that the quality of the fieldwork experience is important to you from a professional and *hashkafic* standpoint, and every effort is expended to locate opportunities for our students that will complement their needs and standards. Students will also benefit from ongoing contact and support from our highly attentive field coordinators.

How much does the degree cost?

Students who enroll through Sara Schenirer are eligible to receive a substantial **tuition discount** which reduces the price to just \$825 per credit. The cost of the full program is only \$49,500. There is also a one-time fieldwork fee of \$1,500.

Qualifying students are eligible to apply for the [HRSA](#) grant and receive a \$10,000 grant. Wurzweiler offers a ten-month **payment-plan** option, as well.

Can I receive financial aid?

At the graduate level, the only aid available is in the form of loans. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be completed online at <https://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

Wurzweiler's FAFSA school code is 002903.

Additionally, there are a number of scholarships open to Jewish graduate students that students are encouraged to apply for:

- **Rose Biller Scholarship Fund** – The [Rose Biller Scholarship Fund](#) is open to Jewish residents of NYC's five boroughs, Westchester, and Long Island with financial need. It provides scholarships to Jewish men and women with significant economic need attending undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools.
- **Helen B and Lewis E Goldstein Scholarship Fund** – This [fund](#) is open to Jewish full-time students enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate school in the United States.
- **Samuel Lemberg Scholarship Loan Fund** - The [Samuel Lemberg Scholarship Loan Fund](#) provides interest-free loans to aid Jewish undergraduate and graduate college students who exhibit exceptional academic achievement and face financial difficulties pursuing a higher education. These loans must be repaid within ten years of graduation or termination of studies.

Will the environment and education be suitable for a Bais Yaakov student?

Wurzweiler School of Social Work prides itself on offering superior education and student support in a culturally sensitive environment. They are very understanding of the unique requirements and religious sensitivities of students who attend through Sara Schenirer and have worked diligently to provide an environment suitable for a Bais Yaakov graduate while meeting all academic standards.

I've heard that Social Work is a *hashkafically* problematic field. Is that true?

It certainly can be. In fact, that is the primary reason we refrained from promoting it until now despite repeated requests from students, parents, and *mechanchim* alike.

The reason we feel comfortable promoting it now is because of our partnership with Wurzweiler School of Social Work. They have worked with us to understand the potential problems inherent in this field and tailored their program to avoid them. Furthermore, the faculty is drawn from within our community and great effort is made to review all material to ensure appropriateness and proper presentation. In regards to fieldwork, every attempt is made to place students in suitable environments for their supervised fieldwork.

Nevertheless, the nature of the subject matter under discussion can at times mandate exposure to topics, lifestyles, and attitudes, that may conflict with our accepted cultural norms. Students are encouraged to consult a mentor/*halachic* advisor before embarking upon this field of study.

What makes Sara Schenirer different?

For students and parents alike, the world of college and degrees can be confusing, costly, and difficult to navigate. We pride ourselves on our high-quality educational partners who offer an accredited degree, uncompromised environment, and first-rate faculty at affordable prices. We complement that by providing exceptional warmth and support to every single Wurzweiler student

at Sara Schenirer, and work diligently to offer personal guidance to each student to ensure their success and timely graduation. Most of all, we operate under guidelines set for us by prominent rabbonim with whom we regularly consult to ensure conformance with Torah standards.

What if I get married or relocate during the course of the program?

For students of the fully-online program, location is not an issue. Our intent is to offer this program at times that are suitable for most locations and time-zones. Students of the in-class program will have the option of transferring to the fully online program in the event of a relocation.

What do I need in order to apply?

Registration is now open for all programs. If you are new to Sara Schenirer, please click on this [link](#) to complete your online application. If you are a previous Sara Schenirer student, please click on this [link](#) to complete your application.

Applicants will be asked to submit an:

- Unofficial copy of their undergraduate transcript
- Essay explaining why they wish to attend Sara Schenirer/Wurzweiler
- Personal photograph.

Even if you do not have these available at the time of application, we recommend submitting your application immediately and submitting the requested documents as they become available.

Upon receipt of your application, students will be contacted to arrange an interview to continue the admissions process. Applicants who live outside the tri-state area will be interviewed utilizing our online teleconferencing technology.

What if I still have more questions?

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to call our office 718-633-8557 ext. 28, or email bhalpern@sarasch.com, and as always, we will be happy to assist you further.