The School of Social Service Administration (SSA) offers students an opportunity to begin their professional training in social work and social welfare administration and policy while still in the College. Qualified students who wish to pursue a joint MA degree at SSA should consult with their College adviser and with the director of admissions at SSA as soon as their second year, but no later than early in their third year.

Students will need a GPA of 3.25 or higher and to have completed both their general education requirements and the requirements for their College major by the end of their third year.

BA/MA students take nine courses in their fourth College year: seven SSA Core courses and two electives. Students will also complete two field placements (an evaluated internship): one in the first year (College year four) and one in the second year of joint residence. The nine graduate-level courses together with field work constitute a demanding curriculum; therefore students are encouraged to complete their BA projects before beginning their graduate course work.

BA/MA students enter joint residence status during the three quarters prior to the anticipated date of College graduation, during which time they will be charged tuition at SSA’s graduate rates.

For more information, contact Ron Martin, director of admissions for SSA, at 773.702.1492 or admissions@ssa.uchicago.edu, or visit ssa.uchicago.edu/ab-am-program (http://www.ssa.uchicago.edu/ab-am-program/).