Yeshiva University’s Wurzweiler School of Social Work is your first step toward changing your world. Wurzweiler is dedicated to education, social work practice and research, and offers flexible programs for a diverse group of students in an intimate setting.

A range of plans accommodates the needs of full-time, employed and out-of-town students. Our nationally respected programs, dedicated faculty and international student body have earned Wurzweiler an outstanding reputation.

A hallmark of the school’s curriculum is its emphasis on ethics and social work values. Both in and out of the classroom, students are encouraged to explore their own values in relation to the moral and ethical foundations of social work.
ENRICHING THE LIVES OF OTHERS

The primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and to help meet the basic needs of all people, particularly the vulnerable and oppressed. Social workers may work in such diverse fields as mental health, health care, child welfare, aging, management or private practice—but they share a common commitment to social justice and human dignity. They believe in the capacity of people, institutions and society to change for the better.

DIVERSITY

Wurzweiler School of Social Work enrolls students from the United States, Canada, Israel, and many other nations. They represent diverse ethnic, religious and social backgrounds, and bring experiences from various generational perspectives and professional fields.

WARMTH

Small classes foster an intimate learning environment where students can contribute individual perspectives. Each student is given personal attention, from application interviews to meetings with faculty advisors conducting field visits and monitoring classroom performance.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY

In classes and one-on-one consultations, students have access to Wurzweiler scholars and practitioners who are continually expanding their expertise through publication and practice. They also advise, advocate, lead community organizations and present research at international conferences.

“Study with a diverse student body that is committed to high standards of clinical practice, human rights advocacy, cultural competence and professional values and ethics. Our graduates are known locally and in the global arena and are our best advertisement. Wurzweiler cares about its students and alumni in a very special way.”

Dean Carmen Ortiz Hendricks
Yeshiva University is consistently ranked among the top 50 universities by *U.S. News & World Report*, reaffirming a tradition of academic excellence for its students, faculty and alumni. Located on the University’s Wilf Campus in upper Manhattan, Wurzweiler is the first school of social work under Jewish auspices and one of the leading programs to offer a Certificate in Jewish Communal Service.

Students enjoy an inspiring graduate study experience that helps to prepare them for life. Our talented professors and supportive academic environment lay the foundation for one of the most important lessons students will learn: a commitment to social justice. Academic and professional advisers work with Wurzweiler students to apply classroom learning to real-life situations in agency settings. In addition, graduates network with more than 5,000 alumni who are working in and contributing to the social work profession.
THE MASTER’S PROGRAM

The Master of Social Work (MSW) prepares students for advanced social work practice in clinical settings, group work and community organizations. The program takes two years to complete full time, but can be extended up to four years.

**MSW Study Options:**
- Full time, traditional two-year program
- Extended, three- to four-year part-time program
- Advanced standing, for qualified BSW/BASW graduates of schools accredited by CSWE (may be completed in one year, over three semesters)
- Interdenominational Clergy MSW program, open to ordained or certified clergy of all faiths (a portion of required field work may be done at their religious institution)

*The MSW program is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the Council on Social Work Education.*

PROGRAM FOR EMPLOYED PERSONS (PEP)

The PEP program is designed for those already employed in social welfare or allied fields. Its flexible schedule and orientation to the needs of working people make it ideal for those seeking to develop and advance their professional standing. Field instruction is located at the work setting, provided that the work assignment meets the educational requirements of the school and that the student is supervised by a qualified and approved social worker. PEP can be completed full time in two years, or part time in three years. Classes meet one evening a week and on Sundays.

THE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

The PhD in Social Welfare furthers the education of professionals for scholarly and career advancement in social work practice, education, social policy, planning, research and administration. The program is designed for the working professional, with classes offered several evenings per week, including some on-line offerings.

THE BLOCK PLAN

With an international student body, the Block Plan is a unique opportunity to earn a master’s degree in social work. The program is comprised of eight weeks of classes in New York City during the summer months of June and July, followed by field work from September through May in hometown communities throughout the U.S., Canada, Israel and other countries. Diverse students bring an opportunity to learn about different experiences, cultures and religious backgrounds.

INTERDISCIPLINARY AND JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

- MSW/JD in conjunction with Yeshiva University’s Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
- MSW/MDiv in conjunction with Yale Divinity School
- Joint MSW/PhD in Social Welfare

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Certificates are offered in Gerontology, Jewish Communal Service, Social Work Practice with the Military, Child Welfare and Jewish Philanthropy.
LOCATION
New York City provides a rich environment where students can hone their skills and study ways to address emerging social problems. The mosaic of the city’s complex and diverse population affords the opportunity to work with many different communities and to practice compassion and tolerance.

FINDING THE FINANCES
The University offers both scholarships and loans to students. General scholarships are need based and require applicants to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Wurzweiler also provides scholarships based on academic excellence, community service and leadership potential.

CAREERS
The field of social work offers abundant career options. Social work is consistently featured by U.S. News & World Report in its annual tally of “best jobs for the future,” including the specialty areas of employee-assistance counseling, private practice psychotherapy, home health care, family counseling and gerontology.
WSSW’s PhD program offered me different perspectives on community, culture, policy and service. Faculty and staff offer many research opportunities to PhD students. Intimate classroom settings really foster a sense of collaboration and excellence. I have gained professional experience and invaluable knowledge here, as well as cultivated meaningful friendships and mentorships that I will treasure forever.

Aries Laio Sng, PhD ’12WSSW

My learning at Wurzweiler allowed me to add theory to practice. This enabled me to be a more effective worker and to impact the lives of even more young people. Receiving my MSW allowed me to qualify for the executive director position at my organization. I really appreciated the guidance and support from faculty and staff, and am honored and proud to be affiliated with Wurzweiler.

Esteban Ramos, ’08WSSW

The quality of faculty and material enabled me to go into the social work profession with confidence and security. I received support from every professor, and they were very willing to offer guidance, encouragement and expertise. I would definitely encourage people to choose Wurzweiler because I’ve learned so much in my time there and can see that I’ve grown professionally and personally. I feel like I will always be connected to Wurzweiler.

Stephanie Shapiro, ’12WSSW

While at Wurzweiler, I always felt ‘a part of’ rather than ‘apart from.’ The sense of community that is so prevalent at Wurzweiler is unparalleled. I am now the Director of Development at a Jewish addiction agency in Toronto. I am able to practice social work and give back to my community in a very meaningful way. I am honored to be counted among the alumni of the Wurzweiler School of Social Work.

Ori Goldstein, ’13WSSW, Toronto, Canada