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**OUR STUDENTS HAVE LOTS OF REASONS WHY THEY CHOSE SSA, BUT HERE’S OUR TOP TEN:**

1. **UCHICAGO: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH.**
   You'll continue to be able to access everything the University has to offer, including classes offered by SSA professors who represent over a dozen different disciplines. Our faculty also represent the largest number of women and minority educators at UChicago, providing a diverse set of voices. And the comprehensive and interdisciplinary nature of our AM degree, which is equivalent to an MSW, will give you greater flexibility and choice in your future career.

2. **OUR FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM.**
   You don't have to declare a concentration at the time of application to the Social Work, Social Policy, and Social Administration Program (SW)—you’ll choose a Clinical Practice or Social Administration concentration during the Winter quarter of your first year. Either way, all SSA students receive a firm grounding in both areas while taking electives from SSA and across the University of Chicago.

3. **AFFORDABLE.**
   The AB/AM Program will save you a year in school, and you'll be able to tap into the same College financial aid during your fourth year. For your fifth, you'll be eligible for full and partial tuition SSA scholarships as more than 95 percent of our master’s students receive merit- and need-based aid.

4. **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SSA AND A PUBLIC POLICY SCHOOL? IN A WORD, DEPTH.**
   We start by focusing on the individual (micro), examine top level systems (macro), and everything in between (mezzo). Every student, regardless of concentration, receives a thorough grounding in administration and clinical practice. Our mantra is ‘how does it work in theory AND practice’?
5. FIELD WORK IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO.
SSA has relationships with over 600 agencies—and all of the most influential ones in the Chicago area. You’ll be able to keep your existing networks alive while creating new ones at two field placements—hands-on, real-world apprenticeships that will set you up for a career in social change. You’ll be mentored by professionals who will guide you in developing a social work identity and in preparing for a successful career.

6. WE ARE THE HISTORY OF SOCIAL WORK. AND THE FUTURE.
When you read the history of SSA, you’re reading the history of social work. The founders of our School were founders of the discipline, and the professors you’ll learn from today continue to shape theory and practice through their interdisciplinary research. Many of the standard texts for the field were written by SSA professors.

SSA is leading the emerging field of violence prevention and has the largest group of child welfare experts of any school of social work in the nation. Many of our faculty are examining and testing solutions in the areas of home visitation, health disparities, youth empowerment and development, school reform, community violence prevention, and advocacy.

7. YOUR CAREER.
SSA’s Career Office specializes in serving the career interests of SSA students, providing access to job postings and alumni contacts, personal counseling, and networking events.

8. DO RESEARCH. GET PUBLISHED.
Opportunities are available to work with some of the nation’s leading scholars on cutting-edge research projects. SSA is also one of the few schools of social work that has a student journal for master’s level students. Get published in our Advocates’ Forum.

9. TOP RANKED.
SSA is one of the top ranked schools of social work and social welfare in the world and our peers have always considered us to be one of the best.

10. OUR MISSION.
We live our mission working toward a more just and humane society through research, teaching, and service to the community.

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Callie Freitag, AM ’15
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Here’s how it works...

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