

**UPPER DIVISION APPLICATION - PERSONAL STATEMENT  
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL WORK (BASW) PROGRAM  
DAEMEN UNIVERSITY**

The personal statement provides us with an opportunity to learn more about you as a potential student in the Social Work Program's Upper Division. It will be carefully evaluated as part of the admissions process.

The personal statement should demonstrate that you have carefully reflected on and given serious thought to your reasons for pursuing a degree in Social Work and your preparation for doing so. In addition, you will be asked to identify your personal goals related to the profession and to engage in a self-assessment to identify your personal strengths and areas in need of improvement.

Please be sure to answer each of the questions below carefully and completely using clear, concise, and professional writing. Identify each response by using the corresponding Roman numeral and letter given below. Your personal statement should be typed and double-spaced. There is no page limit but students are encouraged to be succinct when possible.

**I. Interest In Social Work**

- a. What makes you interested in pursuing a degree in social work?
- b. Why have you chosen social work for your career path instead of another helping profession?

**II. Preparation for Upper Division Coursework**

- a. What are some key things you have learned from your prerequisite courses in Sociology and Social Work (e.g., SOC 201, SW 218, SOC 224, SOC 303, PSY 219)?
- b. How have your extracurricular activities, service learning, and/or other experiences shaped your understanding of social work?

**III. Personal Goals Related to Social Work**

- a. Where do you see yourself in the future as it relates to social work?
- b. What areas of social are you interested in working in (e.g., youth, homelessness, hospitals, schools, courts)? Why?

**IV. Self Assessment Reflection**

- a. What are *three* strengths you identified through your self-assessment? How do you plan to develop these strengths as you further your education at Daemen University?
- b. What are *three* areas of improvement you identified through your self-assessment? How do you plan to improve in each of these areas?

**V. Assistance Needed**

- a. What type(s) of support will you need to be successful in completing your social work degree (e.g., academic accommodations, writing assistance, study skills, time management, one on one meetings, organizational help)?