*Our Advanced Generalist focused curriculum is crafted to ensure students meet the nine competencies as outlined by our accrediting body, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). You can* [*read more about those here.*](https://www.cswe.org/getmedia/94471c42-13b8-493b-9041-b30f48533d64/2022-EPAS.pdf) *The following questions are designed to ascertain your interest in, understanding of, and experience related to social work as a profession.* *All responses are confidential and will be used solely for USU MSW admission application purposes. Please respond thoroughly to each question.*

**Advanced Generalist Practice, Career Goals, Previous Academic Experience**

1. Please describe your understanding of what it means to be an Advanced Generalist social worker? (Word limit: 250)

1. Why are you interested in obtaining an MSW from Utah State University's Advanced Generalist program and what do you plan to do with your degree? Describe how your career goals align with the advanced generalist practice framework. Describe how your past and present life experiences have influenced your decision to pursue a career in social work. (Word limit: 250)

1. Discuss your previous academic experience and reflect on your academic strengths and limitations. How do you hope to balance the additional demands of the academic program and field (practicum) requirements?  You may refer to the MSW Student Manual on the [socialwork.usu.edu](http://www.socialwork.usu.edu/) website for more information about the program schedule. (Word limit: 250)

Ethical and Professional Behavior

1. What personal and professional qualities do you have that will contribute to your success in

graduate school and the profession of social work? Describe limitations and challenges that may take additional effort to work through on your path to success. (Word limit: 250)

1. Please provide your perspective on key elements of ethical and professional behavior in social work practice. Discuss specific examples or principles that you believe illustrate these qualities and how you integrate them into your professional conduct. (Word limit: 250)

**Practice Informed Research and Policy**

1. Discuss your experience with, interest in, and ideas about engaging in social work research and

policy practice. (Word limit: 250)

**Engagement, Assessment, Intervention, and Evaluation**

1. Social workers must competently practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Discuss your experience with, interest in, and ideas about engaging with, assessing, intervening, and evaluating these various populations. (Word limit: 350)

**Advancing Human Rights, Social Justice, Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI)**

A defining feature of social work is the profession’s dual focus on individual well-being in a social context and the well-being of society and its emphasis on promoting social justice and social change. With this focus in mind please respond to the remaining questions.

8. Discuss the fit between your personal values and social work's commitment to anti-racism, diversity, equity and inclusion in practice. (Word limit: 250)

9. Please discuss your experience with and reflect on your comfort level related to working with diverse and vulnerable populations. (Word limit: 250)

10. Describe any human rights, and/or social, racial, economic and environmental justice work you are currently involved with or have been involved with in the past.  (Word limit: 250)