



MADRAS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Criterion 5 - Student Support and Progression

5.3.2. Presence of an active Student Council & representation of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of the institution

Describe the Student Council activity and students' role in academic & administrative bodies within a minimum of 500 characters and maximum of 500 words

Students are the prime stakeholders at MSSW. MSSW facilitates a meaningful learning experience and holistic progression for its students. An active student council called Student Development Council promotes cultural, intellectual and social life of students.

- **Student Development Council (SDC)** – is one of the most important student bodies at MSSW and works for the improvement of both the student community and the institution. Student members actively participate, organize and share the responsibilities of the Council with mutual respect for others. In addition to the primary activities of the Council including promoting student leadership and work for student welfare, the Centre is involved in developing and promoting the tradition of service and to inculcate a sense of social responsibility among the students
- **MCJ Counseling Centre** – extends counseling services to students. Two counselors, Mr. Daniel Benjamin and Ms. Minita, are available on all days to provide counseling services to the students of MSSW.
- **The Equal Opportunity Centre** – aims to provide information and act as a counseling-cum-guidance centre for students belonging to the marginalized sections, especially with regard to academic, financial and other matters. It coordinates different scholarships for the students and disseminates information related to welfare programmes for **socially weaker sections** as well as notifications/memoranda, office orders of the Government, or other related agencies/organizations issued from time to time. The Centre organizes sessions on issues of contemporary significance for empowering, educationally and culturally, the students belonging to the marginalized sections.
- **Student Clubs** - Students also actively take part in the activities of the different associations and clubs of the college, including:
 - Anti-narcotics club
 - Eco-club
 - English Drama and Debating club
 - Consumer Club
- **Entrepreneurship Development Cell** – This Cell primarily focuses on motivating the students to pursue entrepreneurship and in sharpening entrepreneurial traits and behavior.
- **Social Entrepreneurship Incubation Centre** – It aims at creating a social entrepreneurship ecosystem in the college by encouraging students across the courses to get involved.
- **Library** - College has a **well-stocked library** which caters to the learning requirements of students and research scholars. Students make the best use of UGC – Network Resource Centre and the exclusive Digital Library section to access the e-resources.
- **Youth Resource Centre (YRC)** - The students are also part of the Youth Resource Centre (YRC) and help in finding job opportunities to the unemployed.
- **Women's Cell** - Functions for the specific needs of girl students, keeping their interest and overall well-being as a priority

Students are given **adequate representation** of students on academic & administrative bodies/committees of the institution.

- **Placement Cell** – MSSW facilitates placements for its students in different domains including Human Resources, Community Development, Counseling, Development arena or Social Enterprises. Student coordinators are actively involved in Placement Cell activities.
- **IQAC** - The students are also internal members of the IQAC. They give valuable feedback about the faculty and curriculum.
- **Extension Centre** - established by MSW (Aided) department in collaboration with MCJ-Guild of Service has students of I & II years MSW as its members.

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