



## MSW Prerequisite Requirements and Completion Options

### Prerequisite Overview

#### Prerequisite Requirements:

- At least 12 units of course work in **social and behavioral sciences** (sociology, psychology, economics, political science, cultural anthropology, etc.)
  - One course must be centrally organized around American Government (not history)
  - One course must be centrally organized around contemporary multicultural or diversity issues
- At least 3 units of course work in **written or oral communication**
- At least 3 units of course work in **arts and humanities** (literature, art, music, history, philosophy, etc.)
- At least 3 units of course work in **human biology** **OR**  
At least 6 units of course work in **natural and physical science** (chemistry, physics, geology, etc.)
- At least 3 units of course work in basic **statistics** (not research methods)

**Prerequisites will be individually evaluated for each applicant based on the official transcripts submitted to the Office of Social Work Student Services.**

**If an applicant wishes to petition for a course to count for a prerequisite after the evaluation is completed, the Office of Social Work Student Services will review course descriptions, syllabi, and/or learning objectives to determine if the course can fulfill the prerequisite requirement.**



## MSW Prerequisite Requirements and Completion Options

### Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science

**Courses Required:** 2 courses (6 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Courses must be a social or behavioral science course such as psychology, sociology, geography, social work, gender and women's studies, political science, economics, criminal justice and criminology, Africana studies, Chicano studies, cultural anthropology, human services, etc.

**Suggested Completion Options:**

1. [MSU Denver Courses](#) – Courses listed under the Social and Behavioral Science I or II categories will fulfill this requirement.  
To take courses through MSU Denver, email [socialwork@msudenver.edu](mailto:socialwork@msudenver.edu) for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **AGE** 102; **ECO** 101, 201, 202, 211, 245; **POS** 105, 125, 205, 215, 225; **GEO** 105, 106; **AGR** 260; **ANT** 101, 102, 103, 104, 107, 108, 201, 215, 225, 250; **CRJ** 110; **JOU** 105; **PSY** 101, 102, 205, 217, 226, 227, 235, 238, 240, 249, 265; **SOC** 101, 102, 205, 207, 215, 216, 218, 220, 231, 237; **WST** 200, 225, 240, 249
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: Introductory Psychology; Introductory Sociology; Human Growth and Development; Principles of Macroeconomics; Principles of Microeconomics
4. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
  - Economics (Macro)
  - Economics (Micro)
  - Geography – Human
  - Psychology

AP Exam scores can be submitted to:

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## MSW Prerequisite Requirements and Completion Options

### Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science – Diversity

**Courses Required:** 1 course (3 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Courses must be a social or behavioral science course such as psychology, sociology, geography, social work, gender and women’s studies, political science, economics, criminal justice and criminology, Africana studies, Chicano studies, cultural anthropology, human services, etc.
- Courses must focus on one or more of the following:
  - One or more regions or countries outside the U.S. (including aspects such as the historical, political, social, cultural, legal, or business contexts of these regions)
  - One or more of the four groups of color in the United States
  - Global interdependence
  - Gender and/or sexualities
  - Effects of bias, prejudice, and discrimination

**Suggested Completion Options:**

1. MSU Denver Courses – **AAS** 1010, 2100, 2200\*, 3220\*, 3700\*; **ANT** 2330, 3310\*, ANT 3340\*, 3480\*; **CAS** 3760\*; **CHS** 1000, 2100, 3100\*, 3200\*; **CJC** 3720\*; **ECE** 3860; **ECO** 3600\*, 3800\*; **EDS** 1001, 3150\*; **EDU** 1111, 3111, 3200\*; **GEG** 1000\*, 1300\*; **GWS** 1001, 1200\*, 1550, 2100, 2770\*, 3070\*, 3170\*, 3220\*, 3395\*, 3600\*, 3650\*, 3660\*, 3700\*; **HCM** 2010\*, 3700; **HSP** 3490\*; **IND** 2810\*; **NAS** 1000, 3200\*, 3300\*; **NUT** 3300\*, 3550; **PSC** 2200\*, 2230, 2240\*, 3200\*, 3300\*; **PSY** 3030\*, 3700\*; **RECR** 2010\*; **SED** 2200; **SOC** 1020, 1040, 3410\*, 3220\*; **SWK** 3110\*, 3500\*, 3660\*; **TTM** 3700

\* May have prerequisite requirements

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2. Colorado Community College System – **ANT** 215; **COM** 220; **ETH** 200, 212, 224; **SOC** 218; **POS** 205



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### Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science – American Government

**Courses Required:** 1 course (3 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Courses must be a social or behavioral science, typically must be a political science course
- American or U.S. History courses are not accepted
- Courses must focus on the U.S. political system of representation at the national level

**Suggested Completion Options:**

1. MSU Denver Courses – **PSC** 1010 American National Government  
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2. Colorado Community College System – **POS** 111 American Government
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: American Government (<https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams>)
4. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
  - Government & Politics (U.S.)

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### Requirement: Communication

**Courses Required:** 1 course (3 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Course must be focused on written or oral communication, such as composition, research and argument writing, public speaking, interpersonal communication, etc.

**Suggested Completion Options:**

1. MSU Denver Courses – **CAS** 1010, 1020, 1710; **ENG** 1010, 1020, 3525  
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2. Colorado Community College System – **COM** 115, 125; **ENG** 121, 122



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### Requirement: Arts and Humanities

**Courses Required:** 1 course (3 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Courses must be an arts and humanities course such as art history, music, theatre, humanities, history, literature, philosophy, upper division language courses, etc.

**Suggested Completion Options:**

1. [MSU Denver Courses](#) – Courses listed under the Arts and Humanities or Historical category will fulfill this requirement; Upper Division Foreign Language courses taken at MSU Denver may also be accepted. To take courses through MSU Denver, email [socialwork@msudenver.edu](mailto:socialwork@msudenver.edu) for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **ART** 110, 111, 112, 207; **DAN** 125; **MUS** 120, 121, 122, 123, 125; **THE** 105, 108, 211, 212, 215; **HUM** 115, 121, 122, 123; **LIT** 115, 201, 202, 205, 211, 212, 221, 222, 225, 246, 259, 268; **PHI** 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 205, 214, 218, 220; **FRE** 211, 212; **GER** 211, 212; **ITA** 211, 212; **JPN** 211, 212; **RUS** 211, 212; **SPA** 211, 212
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: American Literature; English Literature; Humanities
4. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
  - Art History
  - French Language
  - French Literature
  - German Language
  - German Literature
  - Philosophy
  - Spanish Language
  - Spanish Literature

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### Requirement: Natural and Physical Science

**Courses Required:** 1-2 courses (3-6 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Students must complete either:
  - One (1) Natural and Physical Science course focused on human biology, anatomy and physiology, general biology, or biopsychology (3 credits required) **OR**
  - Two (2) Natural and Physical Science course in other areas such as chemistry, geology, physics, astronomy, biological anthropology, environmental science, etc. (6 credits required)

**Suggested Completion Options:**

**Human Biology (1 course required)**

1. MSU Denver Courses – **BIO** 1000, 1030, 1080 + 1090, 2310
2. Colorado Community College System – **BIO** 104, 105, 106, 111, 112, 201, 202
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the Biology CLEP Exam to be accepted
4. [University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work](#) – Human Biology for Social Sciences (Biology of Humans: Concepts, Applications, and Issues)
5. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed the **AP Biology** Exam in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review.

**Other Science Courses (2 courses required)**

1. [MSU Denver Courses](#) – Courses listed under the Natural and Physical Sciences will fulfill this requirement; to take courses through MSU Denver, email [socialwork@msudenver.edu](mailto:socialwork@msudenver.edu) for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **AGY** 240; **ANT** 111; **AST** 101, 102, 150, 160; **BIO** 103, 116, 204, 208, 220, 221; **CHE** 101, 102, 105, 111, 112; **ENV** 101, 110; **GEO** 111, 112; **GEY** 108, 111, 112, 135; **MET** 150; **NRE** 251; **PHY** 105, 107, 111, 112, 211, 212; **SCI** 105, 155, 156
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: Chemistry; Natural Sciences
4. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed the **AP Chemistry, Physics (B), Physics (C-Mechanics), or Physics (C-Magnetism, Elec)** Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review.

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## MSW Prerequisite Requirements and Completion Options

### Requirement: Statistics

**Courses Required:** 1 course (3 credits)

**Course Requirements:**

- Courses must be either a math or social and behavioral science course focused on statistics
- Research methods courses are not accepted

**Suggested Completion Options:**

1. MSU Denver Courses – **MTH 1210** Introduction to Statistics; **PSY 2310** Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences  
To take courses through MSU Denver, email [socialwork@msudenver.edu](mailto:socialwork@msudenver.edu) for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **MAT 135** Introduction to Statistics
3. [University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work](#) – Statistics for the Social Sciences (Statistics for People Who [Think They] Hate Statistics) ([https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event\\_page.aspx?ek=0015-0015-59a0aa8e52fc49da8308e7c85b83395a](https://reg.abcsignup.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0015-0015-59a0aa8e52fc49da8308e7c85b83395a))
4. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
  - Statistics

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