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Master of Social Work

Department of Social Work

MSW Prerequisite Requirements and Completion Options

2023 Admissions Cycle Prerequisite Overview

Prerequisite Requirements:

- At least 3 credits of course work in **social and behavioral science** (sociology, psychology, economics, political science, cultural anthropology, etc.) centrally organized around **contemporary multicultural or diversity issues**
- At least 3 credits of course work in **social and behavioral science** centrally organized around **American Government** (not U.S. History). This will typically be a political science course.
- At least 3 credits of course work in **human biology** **OR**
At least 6 credits of course work in **natural and physical science** (chemistry, physics, geology, etc.)
- At least 3 credits of course work in basic **statistics** (not research methods)

Prerequisites will be individually evaluated for each applicant based on the transcripts submitted to the Office of Social Work Student Services. Courses must be completed with a grade of “C-” or better to fulfill prerequisite requirements.

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.



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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, 1020, 2000*, 2100, 2200*, 2300, 3220*, 3300*, 3400, 3630*, 3700*, 3910*, 4010*, 4160*, 4490*; **ANT** 1310, 2330, 2350, 2360*, 3300*, 3310*, 3320*, 3340*, 3350*, 3361, 3370*, 3375, 3379*, 3395*, 3480*; 3490*, 3540*; **CHS** 1000, 2000*, 2100, 3100*, 3200*, 3210*, 3300*, 3460*, 3600*, 3660*, 3870*, 4010*, 4050*, 4210*; **COMM** 2010, 2030*, 3000; **CJC** 3710*, 3720*, 3810*, 4160*; **ECE** 3860; 4360; **ECO** 3600*, 3800*; **EDS** 1001, 3150*; **EDU** 1111, 3111, 3200*; **GEG** 1000, 1300, 3300*; **GWS** 1001, 1020, 1200*, 1550, 2100, 2200*, 2770, 3050*, 3070*, 3170*, 3220*, 3280*, 3300, 3310*, 3350*, 3395*, 3490*, 3500*, 3510*, 3530*, 3540*, 3550*, 3560*, 3600*, 3650*, 3660*, 3700*, 3920*, 4160*, 4200*, 4210*; **HCM** 2010*, 3700; **HSP** 3490*, 4160*, 4250*; **ITP** 2810*, 3920*, 4800*; **NAS** 1000, 3090*, 3110*, 3200*, 3240* 3300*; **NUT** 3300*, 3350, 3375; **PSC** 1030, 2200*, 2230, 2240*, 3110*, 3200*, 3300*, 3379*, 3400, 3530*, 3540*, 3630*, 3910*; **PSY** 2850*, 3030*, 3050*, 3070*, 3170*, 3700*, 3920*; **SED** 2200; **SOC** 1020, 1040, 2000*, 3140*, 3220*, 3280*, 3410*, 3430*, 3440*, 3460*, 3490*, 3660*, 3780, 3920*; **SWK** 3110*, 3120*, 3500*, 3570*, 3590*, 3600*, 3660* 4160*

* May have prerequisite requirements

For a full list containing course names, please email socialwork@msudenver.edu

To take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled

2. Colorado Community College System – **ANT** 1001, 2115, 2130; **COM** 2270, 2300; **EDU** 2341; **ETH** 2000, 2024; **GEO** 1005, 1006; **PSY** 2105, 2107; **SOC** 2016, 2018; **POS** 2005; **WST** 2100



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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 1011 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 the **AP Government and Politics (U.S.)** 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.

AP Exam scores can be submitted to:

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Denver, CO 80217-3362



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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/General Biology (1 course required)

1. MSU Denver Courses – **BIO** 1000, 1030, 1080, 2310, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **BIO** 1005, 1006, 1111, 1112, 2101, 2102
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the Biology CLEP Exam to be accepted
4. 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](#) – Natural and Physical Sciences general studies courses will fulfill this requirement; to take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – Natural and Physical Science Guaranteed Transfer courses (GT-SC1 or GT-SC2) will fulfill this requirement.
3. [CLEP Exam](#) – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: Biology, Chemistry, Natural Sciences
4. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed the **AP Biology, 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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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 for instructions on getting enrolled

2. Colorado Community College System – **MAT 1260** Introduction to Statistics
3. Submit [College Board AP Exam Scores](#) – if you completed the **AP Statistics** 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.

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