



Department of
Social Work

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK (BSSW) PROGRAM

ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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3 STEPS TO BSSW PROGRAM ADMISSION

- 1 Achieve admission to MSU Denver and declare your major as “pre-social work”.
- 2 Complete the required pre-requisite classes.
- 3 Submit your application to the BSSW program the semester before you want to start in the BSSW program.



BSSW PROGRAM REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE COURSEWORK

(All courses below must be completed before you can start in taking social work major classes.)

SOCIAL WORK PRE-REQUISITES

SOCIAL WORK (complete both with grade C- or higher)
SWK 1010: Introduction to Social Work
SWK 1600: Community Engagement and Civic Responsibility
(requires ~3 hrs/week of volunteer work, for 45hrs/semester)

GENERAL STUDIES PRE-REQUISITES

NATURAL SCIENCE (choose one)

BIO 1000: Human Biology for Non-Majors, or
BIO 1030: General Biology for Non-Majors, or
BIO 1080+1090: General Biology I + General Biology I Lab
(overlaps with General Studies, Natural Science requirement)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (complete both with grade C- or higher)

ENG 1010: Composing Arguments
ENG 1020: Freshman Composition: Analysis, Research &
Documentation
(other classes may fulfill Written Communication General Studies
requirement. See [catalog](#) for details.)

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES (2 classes)

PSC 1010: American National Government
PSY 1001: Introductory Psychology or 6 total credits of PSY
coursework
(overlaps with General Studies, Social & Behavioral
Sciences requirement)

SOCIAL CULTURAL (choose one)

SOC 1010: People, Power, and Progress, or
ANT 1310: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, or
ANT 2330: Cross-Cultural Communication
(overlaps with Multicultural requirement)

BSSW Program Application Dates

- Fall 2025:
Early March - August 8th, 2025
- Spring 2025:
October 28, 2024 - January 10, 2025