



# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK (BSSW) PROGRAM

## ADMISSIONS GUIDE

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Social Work

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### 3 STEPS to BSSW Program Admission



- 1 Apply for admission to MSU Denver and declare your major as “pre-social work”. <https://connect.msudenver.edu/apply/>
- 2 Complete the required pre-requisite classes listed below. Most pre-requisite classes overlap with required general studies classes.  
Learn more about MSU Denver’s general studies requirements <https://www.msudenver.edu/general-studies/>  
Transferring? Check out the BSSW Program transfer guide <https://www.msudenver.edu/social-work/social-work-bs/transfer-guide/>
- 3 Submit your application to the BSSW program the semester **before** you want to start in the BSSW program. <https://www.msudenver.edu/social-work/social-work-bs/apply/>

Apply to the BSSW program the semester you are registered for your last pre-requisite classes. All pre-requisite classes must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.

## BSSW PROGRAM REQUIRED PRE-REQUISITE COURSEWORK

### AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

PSC 1010: American National Government  
(PSC 1025: American State and Local Government can fulfill the pre-requisite for social work but does not count for general studies.)

### BIOLOGY (Choose One)

BIO 1000: Human Biology for Non-Majors, or  
BIO 1030: General Biology for Non-Majors, or  
BIO 1080+1081: General Biology I + General Biology I Lab  
(BIO 2310: Human Anatomy & Physiology can fulfill the pre-requisite for social work but does not count for general studies.)

### PSYCHOLOGY

PSY 1001: Introductory Psychology or 6 credit hours of PSY coursework

### SOCIAL WORK (Complete Both)

SWK 1010: Introduction to Social Work  
SWK 1600: Community Engagement and Civic Responsibility  
(Requires ~3 hrs/week of volunteer work, for 45hrs/semester)

### WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (Complete 6 Credit Hours)

ENG 1010: Composing Arguments  
ENG 1020: Research and Argument Writing  
(Any combination of 6 credit hours of CO1/CO2 or CO2/CO3 coursework fulfills Written Communication and the social work pre-requisite)

\*Unless otherwise noted, all classes above fulfill general studies requirements.

### SOCIAL CULTURAL (Choose One)

AAS 1010: Introduction to Africana Studies  
ANT 3335: Asian American Experiences  
ANT 2330: Cross-Cultural Communication  
CHS 1000: Introduction to Chicano/a Studies  
COMM 3000: Diversity and Communication  
ECO 3600: Economics of Social Justice  
GWS 1200: Sexuality, Race, and Power  
PSY 3030: Multicultural Psychology  
NAS 1000: Introduction to Native American Studies  
RLG 1090: Religion, Justice, and Liberation Movements  
SOC 1040: Introduction to Social Gerontology

Either of the classes below can fulfill the pre-requisite for social work, though they do not fulfill ESSJ they do fulfill other general studies:

- ANT 1310: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (SBS, Global Diversity)
- SOC 1010: People, Power, and Progress (SBS)

\*Unless otherwise noted, all classes above fulfill the Ethnic Studies & Social Justice graduation requirement.

### BSSW Program Application Dates

- Fall Applications Accepted:  
Early February to early August
- Spring Applications Accepted:  
Early September to early January

Did you know by earning your BSSW degree you are eligible to apply for Advanced Standing in the MSW Program? Advanced Standing students can earn an MSW degree in 1 year of full-time study.

Learn more at: <https://www.msudenver.edu/social-work/master-social-work/apply/>