



As you use this 4-year plan, please note the following:

- All major pre-requisite courses and major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
- You must apply to the Social Work major and be admitted to complete the BSSW program.
- Apply to the BSSW program the semester before you complete your final requirements for admission.
- Most General Education requirements can be fulfilled by other courses. HOWEVER, courses marked as “major pre-req” are specifically noted so that you can fulfill both major pre-requisite coursework and the general education requirement.
- To review the full list of approved General Studies classes, use the Undergraduate Catalog: <https://www.msudenver.edu/catalog/>

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Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) 4-Year Degree Plan

FRESHMEN YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
It's important to complete Written Communication in your freshmen year. Social Work is a writing intensive program		Stop by the Social Work department, attend an event, follow on social media to get connected!	
Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs	Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs
Written Communication CO1 Course General Studies: Written Communication (1 of 2), major pre-requisite	3	Written Communication CO2 Course General Studies: Written Communication (2 of 2), major pre-requisite	3
Oral Communication General Studies: Oral Communication	3	Historical General Studies: Historical; Can overlap with Global Diversity, if needed	3
MTH 1080: Mathematics for Liberal Arts or MTH 1210: Into Statistics General Studies, major pre-requisite	3	BIO 1000 or BIO 1030 or BIO 1080 General Studies: Natural & Physical Sciences (1 of 2), major pre-requisite	3
PSY 1001: Introductory Psychology General Studies: Social & Behavioral Science (1 of 2), major pre-requisite	3	PSC 1010: American National Government General Studies: Social & Behavioral Science (2 of 2), major pre-requisite	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15
SOPHOMORE YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Check in with your advisor to be sure you're on track to apply to the program.		Apply to the BSSW program during this semester.	
Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs	Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs
SWK 1010: Introduction to Social Work Major pre-requisite	3	SWK 1600: Community Engagement & Civic Responsibility Major pre-requisite	3
ANT 2330: Cross-Cultural Communication Ethnic Studies & Social Justice (ESSJ), major pre-requisite	3	Natural Science General Studies: Natural & Physical Sciences (2 of 2)	3
Arts & Humanities General Studies: Arts & Humanities (1 of 2); Can overlap with Global Diversity, if needed	3	Arts & Humanities General Studies: Arts & Humanities (2 of 2); Can overlap with Global Diversity, if needed	3
General Elective	3	SWK 3000+ Elective Major required elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15

JUNIOR YEAR

All junior year courses must be completed before you can take senior year courses.

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Begin BSSW program sequential coursework.		Attend an Internship Placement information session.	
Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs	Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs
SWK 3050: Theories for Individual and Social Change Major required course; Pre-requisite: Admitted to major	3	SWK 3120: Unraveling Inequalities in Social Work Practice Major required course; Pre-requisites: Written Comm, SWK 1010	3
SWK 3090: Critical Reflection: Exploring Social Work Thinking & Knowledge Major required course; Pre-requisite: SWK 1010, SWK 1600, Written Comms	3	SWK 3420: The Power of Groups in Social Work Major required course; Pre-requisites: Admitted to major, SWK 3050, SWK 3410	3
SWK 3350: Social Work Experience, Practice, and Communication Major required course; Requires ~3 hrs/week volunteer service for 45 hrs/semester Pre-requisites: Admitted to major	3	SWK 3780: Social Policy Practice Major required course; Pre-requisites: SWK 1010, SWK 1600, PSC 1010, Written Comms	3
SWK 3410: Engaging for Social Change Major required course; Pre-requisites: SWK 1010, SWK 1600, PSY 1001, SOC/ANT, Written Comms, BIO	3	SWK 3000+ Elective Major required elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Begin Internship coursework and practice.		Officially apply for graduation and RSVP to attend the Social Work Department's Graduation Celebration!	
Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs	Class, What it Fulfills, Pre-requisites	CR. Hrs
SWK 4300: Introduction to Social Work Research Methods Major required course; Pre-requisites: Completion of all junior year courses, Quantitative Literacy	3	SWK 4310: Research Applications and Data Analysis Major required course; Pre-requisite: SWK 4300	3
SWK 4500: Senior Internship Experience I Major required course; Requires ~14 hrs/week fieldwork for 200 hrs/semester Pre-requisites: Completion of all junior year courses; Co-requisite SWK 4400	3	SWK 4510: Senior Internship Experience II Major required course; Requires ~14 hrs/week fieldwork for 200 hrs/semester Pre-requisite: SWK 4500	3
<i>SWK 4500 and SWK 4510 are linked courses. Must enroll in the same section both semesters. These classes also fulfill the senior experience requirement for graduation</i>			
SWK 4400: Macro Magic: Co-Creating Change in Communities and Organizations Major required course; Pre-requisites: Completion of all junior year courses. Co-requisite SWK 4500	3	SWK 4430: Partnering with Families for Change Major required course; Pre-requisites: Admitted to major, SWK 3050, SWK 3410	3
SWK 3000+ Elective Major required elective	3	SWK 3000+ Elective Major required elective	3
General Elective	3	General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15

Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) degree requires 120 total credit hours. The Social Work major requires 51 credit hours.

Visit the BSSW Program website for details on online and on-campus degree completion options, full-time and part-time options, as well as the approved social work electives.

<https://www.msudenver.edu/social-work/social-work-bs/program-options-and-curriculum/>

This 4 Year Degree Plan assumes full-time enrollment. For financial aid purposes, 12 credit hours per semester qualifies as full-time enrollment (6 credit hours in summer). Summer and winterim classes are a great way to stay on track to graduate when 5 classes each semester is not possible.