DL Program Information Sessions

- October 6th
- November 3rd

Visit the DL website at:
http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/distributed-learning/index.shtml
Students interested in the DL BSW or MSW program should contact the DL team for pre-admission advising:

Celeste A. Jones, MSW, PhD, Program Coordinator, by email at cajones@csuchico.edu

-or-

Melissa Cheatham, DL Advisor, by email at mjcheatham@csuchico.edu
What is the CSU, Chico School of Social Work Distributed Learning (DL) Program?

• Provides greater access to professional social work programs
• Reaches geographically isolated counties
• Educates & professionalizes social workers in Northern CA
• For people who are who are passionate about social justice and change, and want to help support their communities
• DL MSW Program – began 2006
• DL BSW Program – began 2012
• 85 BSW grads, plus 24 more graduating spring 2021
• 120+ MSW grads, plus 54 more graduating spring 2021
• Provides student support, academic advising, and internship placement, and more
DL BSW & MSW
Program Highlights

- Distance/Distributed Learning
- Hybrid model program – online & in person
- Online – synchronous and asynchronous learning
- Blackboard Learn platform
- **Zoom** video conferencing –
  - 2 Zoom sessions per hybrid course each semester
    - MSW: Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm (PST)
    - BSW: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (PST)
- On-campus, face-to-face weekends at CSU Chico
  - 2 weekends per semester (Saturday and Sunday)
- Weekend & Zoom Schedules [Click Here](#)
BSW DL Program
Undergraduate Degree
What is a BSW Degree?

• An undergraduate professional degree for generalist practice at the baccalaureate level
• Expand one’s knowledge and skills beyond direct practice
• Prepares you for an advanced professional MSW degree program
BSW Program Highlights

- Admission every year
- Application opens every fall semester
  - August 1 – September 15
- Cohort model, starts every spring
- Two program pacing options:
  2-year BSW DL program (accelerated)
    - Two-Year BSW DL Course Sequence
  3-year BSW DL program (part-time)
    - Three-Year BSW DL Course Sequence
- BSW Distributed Learning Course Planning Worksheet (PDF)
BSW Pre-Requisites Overview

- 8 prerequisites (BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, SOCI, plus the 3 Social Work Core Courses)
- The 3 “Social Work Core Courses” (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202) are offered at several community colleges and Chico State
- All prerequisites must be completed with a “C” grade or higher
- All prerequisites must be completed (BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, SOCI) or in progress (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202) at the time you apply to the Professional Sequence Application during the fall semester
- **NOTE:** Some community colleges offer equivalent courses to the CSU, Chico “Social Work Core Courses”. Please refer to this equivalency handout: [https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/prerequisites-to-the-csu-chico-ba-in-social-work.pdf](https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/prerequisites-to-the-csu-chico-ba-in-social-work.pdf)
- Additionally, A1, A2, and A3 GE requirements must be completed
- Please note: Applying to the BSW program while currently enrolled in the social work core courses (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, and SWRK 202) is common.
Prerequisites to the CSU, Chico BA in Social Work
Community College Course Equivalency

The complete equivalency handout is located on our website:

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- Must be completed prior to the start of Social Work Core Courses (SWRK 170, SWRK 200 & SWRK 202) and by the end of summer preceding applicant’s junior year.
- Equivalent SWRK core courses can be taken at the listed community colleges or at CSU, Chico and must be completed by the end of fall.
BSW Courses & Field Highlights

Once accepted into the SWRK Professional Sequence, you become a Social Work Major and have the following requirements for the major:

- 12 - Professional Sequence Courses
- 1 - Social Work elective
- Field practicum (the heart of social work)
- 480 hours - field practicum during senior year (16 hours per week) in Chico State's School of Social Work service region

Other remaining university requirements – GE upper division pathways, diversity requirements, US history, US constitution, science lab, etc. Consult your degree progress report (DPR) and academic advisor and/or DL advisor each semester for complete review of requirements and to ensure on-time graduation.
GE Upper Division Pathways

- As an undergraduate, you will need **three Upper Division Pathway courses** at Chico State, one course from each area:
  - UD-B Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning (formerly Natural Sciences)
  - UD-C Arts & Humanities
  - UD-D Social Sciences

- **Spring 2021 GE Schedule**
- As a DL student, you can take three pathway courses across the TEN Pathways.
- Review your [GE Planning Sheet](#) every semester
Mandatory Pre-Admission Advising

Each Student is Individualized.
The University requires 120 semester units to receive a bachelor's degree.

Transfer Students:

• Not all of your community college/transfer units will be considered (this is an Admission decision)
• Apply to the School of Social Work BSW DL Professional Sequence program during the Fall semester
• **Please note: Applying to the BSW program while currently enrolled in the social work core courses (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, and SWRK 202) is common.

Current Chico State Students:

• Please contact the DL Coordinator or DL Advisor to review your educational plan
• Apply to the School of Social Work program (BSW program application) during fall semester of their junior year.
BSW Application Timeline

1. Contact the DL Coordinator or DL Advisor to schedule an advising meeting via Zoom, face-to-face, or phone to review your prerequisites and current academic standing

2. Complete the University Admission Application through CalStateApply:
   - October 1 - November 30 for the following Fall semester (Fall Admit)
   - August 1 - August 31 for the upcoming Spring semester (Spring Admit)
   - Select “Pre-Social Work Distributed Learning” as your major
   - Admission to CSU, Chico does not guarantee acceptance to the BSW Professional Sequence

**Once you have determined that the DL program is suitable for your academic journey, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you contact the DL program ASAP to schedule an advising session.**

3. Once accepted to Chico State as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL Student complete BSW Professional Sequence Application – opens every Fall semester (August 1st – Sept. 15th)
   - Complete remaining prerequisites or Upper Division Pathway Courses
   - Complete 60 hours of VOLUNTEER or EMPLOYMENT SERVICE by end of Fall semester, prior to start of BSW Professional Sequence in the spring

Refer to the Supplemental Criteria for Admission to the CSU Chico BSW Professional Sequence: [http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/supplemental-criteria-for-admission-to-the-bsw-professional-sequence-points.pdf](http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/supplemental-criteria-for-admission-to-the-bsw-professional-sequence-points.pdf)
BSW DL Program – Application Steps

**STEP ONE**
Apply for admission to CSU Chico through Cal State Apply

*Prior to transfer, must be eligible for junior standing (60 transferrable units)*

**STEP TWO**
Read the BSW Application Instructions site

Read What items do I need to begin the professional sequence application?

Meet all 5 pre-requisites with letter grade “C” or better by end of Summer, prior to Fall term:
- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology
- Statistics
- Human Biology (or Physiology or Anatomy)
- Economics

**STEP THREE**
Accept Admission to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL student

Fall semester:
Register for “Social Work Core Courses” (must earn “C” or better) or UD Courses

Consult with DL Coordinator or Advisor

Complete BSW Program application online

Complete 60 hours of human sector work via volunteer or employment by end of fall semester (Junior Year)

Note: If you are currently employed in a social service agency/setting, your work experience may count towards these hours. Please consult with the DL program.
Priority Points for BSW Admission

• We welcome all applications to our Social Work program!
• Applicants to the BSW program are given extra points on the application scoring if they meet specific criteria.
• Priority is given for the following criteria:
  ❑ Students who reside or transfer from one of the community colleges located in the 18 Northern California counties included in the CSUC catchment area and/or served by the Superior Region Partnership: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity or Yuba (see map)
  ❑ Veterans
  ❑ People with Disabilities
  ❑ Fluency in priority languages
  ❑ Paid experience in social and/or tribal services
  ❑ Volunteer experience as caregiver to other persons
  ❑ Volunteer experience in social services (minimum 60 hours)
MSW DL Program
Graduate Degree
What is an MSW Degree?

- Advanced professional degree with specialization/concentration that prepares you for advanced generalist practice at the graduate level
- Expand one’s knowledge and skills beyond direct practice
- A requirement for social workers who want to pursue licensure
MSW Program Highlights

Three-Year MSW DL cohort beginning fall 2021

- Cohort model starting 2021, 2024, 2027, etc. – Admission every three years
- Application opens October 1, 2020 – January 15, 2021
- MSW Three-Year DL Course Sequence 2021-2024 (PDF)

One-year MSW DL cohort beginning summer 2023

- Application opens October 1, 2022
- Must have a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work within previous 5 years
- Requires 3 Summer Courses 2023
- MSW One-Year DL Course Sequence (PDF)
MSW Field Program Highlights

• Field practicum (the ♥ of social work)

• MSW DL 3-year students must fulfill the 1200 field practicum hours requirement as outlined:
  - First year - 0 hours
  - Second year - 480 hours (or 16 hours per week)
  - Third year - 720 hours (or 24 hours per week)

• MSW DL 1-year students must complete 720 field hours (24 hours per week)

• MSW field practicum site/internship placement:
  - The Field Program assists students in field placements
  - Possible employment-based internship for students who are currently employed in a social service agency and meet the requirements
  - [Field Placement Requirements Information](#)

• Field practicum hours must be completed in one of the following [Northern California Superior Region 18 counties](#): Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba
MSW Pre-Requisites Overview

- Applicants will be asked to list each course prerequisite title, year, and semester attended, indicate college/institution, units earned, and list if this course has been completed or is in progress.
- Courses may be counted more than once where applicable.
- MSW Program Pre-requisites:
  - Statistics
  - Human Biology
  - Ethnic Diversity or Multi-Cultural Studies
  - These three prerequisites require a grade of C or higher, and may also be used to meet the Liberal Arts requirements below.
- Liberal Arts Pre-requisites:
  - Quantitative Reasoning
  - Written & Oral Communication
  - Reasoning
  - Humanities
  - Natural Science
  - Behavioral & Social Sciences
  - Personal Development & Lifelong Learning
- Please visit the application website for more detailed information about the pre-requisites and a pre-requisite worksheet.
How to apply to the 3-Year MSW DL program

**STEP ONE**
Have at least a Bachelor’s degree
Have a GPA of 3.0 (lower than 3.0 may be accepted with conditional status)
Meet all pre-requisites with C or better:
- Human Bio/Physio/Anatomy
- Human Diversity
- Statistics

**STEP TWO**
Fully read the MSW Application site and FAQs
Read the Application Guidelines (PDF)
Review Application Walk Through

**STEP THREE**
Complete CSU Graduate Admissions Application for Chico Campus) through Cal State Apply & receive student ID #

Note: If you are a first-time Chico State applicant, you must submit your Cal State Apply application at least 5 business days prior to beginning and submitting your MSW program application. This allows time for your account and student ID # to be created, which you will need to begin your MSW program application.

**STEP FOUR**
Complete School of Social Work MSW Program Application online. You will need your student ID #.

The application is open October 1 through January 15

*The next 1-Year MSW Advanced standing DL Application Opens Fall 2022**
Things to consider before applying to a DL Program...

- Am I open minded about sharing life, work, and educational experiences as part of my learning process?
- Am I willing and able to commit to 8 to 9 hours per week per (3 unit) course?
- Do I feel that high quality learning can take place without going to a traditional classroom?
- Am I able to communicate through writing?
- Am I self-motivated and self-disciplined?
- Do I have access to a computer and internet and a willingness to learn new technologies?
- Am I willing to "speak up" if problems arise?
- Do I recognize that we all have different lived experiences and worldviews and believe that everyone has something valuable to teach us?
What you need to be successful in the DL program:

- A computer less than 3 years old
  - Preferably a laptop in order to transport to campus for DL weekends
- Word processing software
- USB headset with a mic
- Hi-speed internet connection
- Time management skills & self motivation
- An open mind and desire to learn
Student Support

**Writing Tutoring & Academic Support:**
- MSW student coaches are available to provide peer writing support
- Chico State Student Learning Center / Writing Center
- BSS Success Center

**Academic Advisor:**
- Assists with planning degree
- Provides support and guidance
- Mentorship

**DL Coordinator:**
- Assists with planning degree
- Support in the online program & DL weekends
- Solution-focused strategies

**Tech Support:**
- Technology Support Services to help troubleshoot any technological issues you may experience. Email: itss@csuchico.edu or call: (530) 898-HELP
## Tuition & Fees

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*Limited to Masters in Social Work, Distance Learning BA in Social Work, Education Grad Programs, and limited English internships. All other summer courses are administered through Regional & Continuing Education.

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The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or in student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun.

The estimated fees stated above vary each year. Please refer to the following link for more details: [https://www.csuchico.edu/sfin/student-accounts/registration-fees.shtml](https://www.csuchico.edu/sfin/student-accounts/registration-fees.shtml)
Possible Funding Opportunities

Child Welfare (BSW and MSW students)


- Part-time BSW/MSW/Pathway support for books, tuition, fees up to $10,164 (plus some travel); to be eligible student must be employed/work for Child Welfare Services or Indian Child Welfare and have a letter of support from the agency of employment.

- BSW: Full-time BSW stipend $15,000 for senior year

- MSW: Full-time Stipend of $18,500 in each year of the two year or advanced standing programs

For more information contact the Chico State Title IV-E Project Coordinators, Meka Morano-Klungtvet, MSW, by email at mklungtvet-morano@csuchico.edu or Chelsea Cornell, MSW, by email at ccornell1@csuchico.edu.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Office

Inquire about grant aid, scholarships, and federal student loans.

Visit https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/
Student Services Center, Room 250
530-898-6451
Fax: 530-898-6883
finaid@csuchico.edu

Other Financial Resources

Mental Health Loan Assumption Program
https://oshpd.ca.gov/loans-scholarships-grants/

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
https://www.csuchico.edu/eop/
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