Visit the DL website at:
http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/distributed-learning/index.shtml
What is the CSU, Chico School of Social Work Distributed Learning (DL) Program?

The Distributed Learning Program was created with the goal to make BSW and MSW education more accessible to geographically-isolated counties. The DL program educates and professionalizes social workers in the Northern California Chico State Service Area, who are passionate about social justice and change, and want to help support their communities.

The DL MSW program began in 2006, and in 2012 the BSW DL program was added to the CSU, Chico School of Social Work.

Social Work faculty and staff provide an abundance of student support through academic advising, internship placement, and overall program assistance.

With a thoughtfully-designed hybrid model that combines online and in-person learning, 85 students have earned their BSW and over 120 students have earned their MSW degrees through the School of Social Work Distributed Learning Program at Chico State.
BSW DL PROGRAM
(UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE)

If interested in the BSW DL Program, please contact the DL Program Coordinator, Celeste A. Jones, MSW, PhD, by email at cajones@csuchico.edu or Melissa Cheatham, DL Advisor, by email at mjcheatham@csuchico.edu.
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 DL Program at a Glance

- **BSW DL Program – usually begins every Fall semester**
  - Prior to the starting the Spring semester BSW Professional Sequence
    - all 8 prerequisites (BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, SOCI, plus the Social Work Core Courses)
    - The 3 “Social Work Core Courses” (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202) are offered at several community colleges and CSU, Chico
  - All 8 prerequisites must be completed with a “C” grade or higher
    - **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/community-college-prerequisite-equivalency-sheet.pdf

- All prerequisites must be completed or in progress at the time you apply to the Professional Sequence Application (Fall term)
Prerequisites to the CSU, Chico BA in Social Work

This table lists the prerequisite courses for entering the BSW Professional Sequence of the Social Work program at CSU, Chico. All courses listed under the respective community college are equivalent to the courses on the left-hand column under CSU, Chico. All prerequisites must be completed with a minimum grade of “C” or higher. Applicants must complete BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, and SOCI by the end of summer prior to entering their junior year. SWRK 170, 200, and 202 must be completed by the end of December, of the applicant’s junior year. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA for the traditional BSW program or 2.1 GPA for the BSW Distributed Learning program. All applicants must submit a BSW Professional Sequence application in September of their junior year and complete a minimum of 60 hours of employment or volunteer hours in a social service setting prior to starting the BSW Professional Sequence.

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🌟 Must be completed prior to the start of Social Work Core Courses: SWRK 170, SWRK 200 & SWRK 202

🟢 Equivalent courses can be taken at the listed community colleges or at CSU, Chico
BSW DL Program at a Glance

- We offer two program options:
  - TWO year BSW DL program (accelerated) or
    - Two-Year BSW DL Course Sequence

  or

  - THREE year BSW DL program (part-time):
    - Three-Year BSW DL Course Sequence

- Modalities:
  - Hybrid courses consisting of online (synchronous and asynchronous) via Blackboard Learn, video conferencing/webinar via Zoom platform, and on-campus, face-to-face weekends
  - On-campus Weekends: meets at California State University, Chico 2 weekends each semester (Saturday and Sunday)
How do I apply to the BSW DL program?

**Step 1**
Apply for admission to CSU Chico through [Cal State Apply](https://apply.csuchico.edu)

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

**Step 2**
Read the [BSW Application Instructions](https://www.csuchico.edu/bsw/application) site

- Read [What items do I need to begin the professional sequence application?](https://www.csuchico.edu/bsw/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/Physiology/Anatomy
  - Economics

**Step 3**
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](https://www.csuchico.edu/bsw/program) online

**Step 4**
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.*
STEP 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

STEP 2:
University Admission Application (Apply for Admission to CSU, Chico):
  • 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

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

STEP 3:
Once accepted to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL Student
(Admission to CSU, Chico does not guarantee acceptance to the BSW Professional Sequence)
  • Complete remaining **prerequisites** or Upper Division Pathway Courses
  • Complete **BSW Professional Sequence Application** – opens every Fall semester (August 1st – Sept. 15th)
  • Complete **60 hours of VOLUNTEER or EMPLOYMENT SERVICE** by end of Fall semester, prior to start of BSW Professional Sequence

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
Priority Points for BSW Admission

We have changed our admissions criteria to give preference to students from the North State, but not to restrict applications outside our region. **We welcome all applications to our Social Work program!**

Applicants to the BSW Professional Sequence are given extra points to 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 WET Regional Partnership: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity or Yuba (see map) – 4 points
- Veterans – 4 points
- People with Disabilities – 4 points
- Fluency in priority languages – 4 points
- Paid experience in social and/or tribal services – 6 points
- Volunteer experience as caregiver to other persons – 3 points
- Volunteer experience in social services (minimum 60 hours) – 1 point
Consult with the DL Coordinator to Review Your Academic Standing

Each Student is Individualized

_The University requires 120 semester units to receive a bachelor’s degree._

**For 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.**

**For Non-Transfer Students (CSU, Chico 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.
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
- **480 hours** - field practicum during senior year (16 hours per week)

All BSW DL students must complete 480 hours of field education practicum during their senior year in one of the following 18 Northern California Superior Region counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba
Upper Division Pathways

- As an undergraduate, you will need three Upper Division Pathway courses at Chico State, one course from each area:
  - Area B – Natural Sciences
  - Area C – Social Sciences
  - Area D – Arts and Humanities

- As a DL student, you can take three pathway courses across the TEN Pathways.
If interested in the MSW DL Program, please contact the DL Program

Celeste A. Jones, MSW, PhD, DL Program Coordinator, by email at cajones@csuchico.edu
or
Melissa Cheatham DL Advisor, by email at mjcheatham@csuchico.edu
What is a MSW Degree?

- An 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 wish to be licensed
MSW DL Program at a Glance

- **Three-Year MSW DL cohort beginning fall 2021**
  - Cohort model starting 2021, 2024, 2027, etc. – Admission every three years
  - Application opens October 1, 2020
  - 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 Courses in Summer 2023
  - MSW One-Year DL Course Sequence (PDF)

- **Modalities:**
  - Hybrid courses consisting of online (synchronous and asynchronous) via Blackboard Learn, video conferencing/webinar via Zoom platform, and on-campus, face-to-face weekends

  - On-campus, face-to-face weekends:
    - Location: CSU, Chico
    - Duration: 2 weekends per semester (Saturday and Sunday)
MSW DL Program at a Glance

- **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 (or 24 hours per week)

- MSW field practicum site/internship placement:
  - Employment site (you must meet Field Placement requirements)
  - Non-employment site
  - Field practicum hours must be completed in one of the following [Northern California Superior Region](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_California_Superior) 18 counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba
How do I apply to the MSW DL program?

**Step 1**
- 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 2**
- Read the MSW Application site
- Read the 2019-2020 Application Guidelines (PDF)

**Step 3**
- Complete CSU Graduate Admissions Application (for Chico Campus) through Cal State Apply

**Step 4**
- Complete School of Social Work MSW Program Application online
Application is open October 1 through January 5

**NEXT 3-Year MSW DL Application Opens Fall 2020**
**NEXT 1-Year MSW Advanced standing DL Application Opens Fall 2022**

**Note:** First, apply to CalState Apply ([Cal State Apply](#)). Then, use the same user ID and password to apply to School of Social of Work program ([MSW Program Application](#)).
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.
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-Klungvet, MSW, by email at mklungvet-morano@csuchico.edu or Chelsea Cornell, MSW, by email at ccornell1@csuchico.edu.

Other Financial Resources

- Mental Health Loan Assumption Program
  [www.oshped.ca.gov/HPEF/MHLAP.html](http://www.oshped.ca.gov/HPEF/MHLAP.html)
- Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
  [https://www.csuchico.edu/eop/](https://www.csuchico.edu/eop/)

Financial Aid & Scholarship Office

[https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/](https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/)
Student Services Center, Room 250
530-898-6451
Fax: 530-898-6883
finaid@csuchico.edu
Student Support

• Writing Tutoring
• Academic Advising
• DL Coordinator
• Tech Support

Writing Tutoring & Academic Support:
• MSW student coaches are available to provide peer writing support
• Student Learning Center and 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
  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
Weekly Live Online Class Sessions

Live class sessions are held via Zoom, an online webinar platform.

Students will use their Chico State username and password to sign in. Click here to join a meeting or to find more information about Zoom.

MSW: Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm (PST)

BSW: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (PST)

DL Program Calendar and Important Dates: http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/distributed-learning/calendars.shtml

What you need:
• A computer less than 3 years old
• Word processing software
• USB headset with a mic
• Internet connection (wired preferred)
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?
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Information Meeting Dates

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE AND SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY? DO YOU WANT A CAREER TO CREATE SOCIAL CHANGE AND HELP PEOPLE? ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR A DEGREE PROGRAM THAT WILL FIT YOUR BUSY LIFESTYLE?

JOIN A ZOOM INFO MEETING & LEARN MORE!

Meetings are held via Zoom and in person on the Chico State campus in Butte Hall, Room 509.

- February 20th, 1-2pm
- March 5th, 12-1pm
- April 9th, 12-1pm
- August 11th, 12-1pm
- August 11th, 4-5pm (Zoom only)

Use the Zoom address: https://csuchico.zoom.us/j/5508642396 and follow the prompts.

Or join by telephone:
Dial: +1-669-900-6855 (US Toll) or +1-646-558-8656 (US Toll)

Meeting ID: 530 864 2396

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