DL Program Information Session

May 4, 2021

More dates are listed on the [DL website](#)
Students interested in the Social Work Distributed Learning 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 passionate about social justice and change, and want to help support their communities
- DL MSW Program – began 2006
- DL BSW Program – began 2012
- The DL program has graduated 109 BSW students and 174 MSW students
- Provides student support, academic advising, and internship placement, and more
DL BSW & MSW Program Highlights

- Hybrid model program – combines online & in person learning
- Online courses – completely asynchronous
- Hybrid courses – asynchronous and synchronous with a Zoom meeting pattern and class time on campus
- **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 DL Program Highlights

- Admission every year
- Application opens every fall semester
  - August 1 – September 15
- Cohort model, starts every spring
- 2-year BSW DL program
  - Two-Year BSW DL Course Sequence
- BSW Distributed Learning Course Planning Worksheet (PDF)
BSW Prerequisites Overview

- **8 prerequisites:** Human Biology, Micro or Macro Economics, Statistics, Intro Psychology, Intro Sociology, 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
- Please refer to this [community college equivalency handout](#)
- 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
- Additionally, **A1, A2, and A3** GE requirements must be completed to transfer
- 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 and acceptable.
- BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, and SOCI must be completed by the summer prior to the fall entering the junior year.
## 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.

• The University requires 120 semester units to receive a bachelor’s degree.
GE Upper Division Pathways

- All undergraduates will need **three Upper Division Pathway courses** at Chico State, one course from each area:
  - UD-B: Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning (also called Natural Sciences)
  - UD-C: Arts & Humanities
  - UD-D: Social Sciences

- **Fall 2021 GE Schedule**
- DL students can take three pathway courses across the TEN Pathways.
- Students should review the **GE Planning Sheet** every semester
Mandatory Pre-Admission Advising

- Each Student is Individualized
- Please encourage your students to contact the DL program for pre-admission/transfer advising
- We want to check the progress of their prerequisite coursework and make sure they have a solid course plan to transfer, to apply to the DL SWRK program, and to graduate on time
- Once admitted to Chico State, students can also consult their [degree progress report (DPR)](#) and should meet with the DL advisor each semester for complete review of requirements and to ensure on-time graduation
BSW DL Program – Application Process

PART ONE
- Contact the DL Coordinator or DL Advisor to schedule an advising meeting via Zoom, face-to-face, or phone to review prerequisite coursework and current academic standing.
- The DL program will help students develop a plan to transfer and to be ready to apply to the BSW program.
- Thoroughly read the BSW Application Instructions site.

PART TWO
- Complete the University Admission Application through Cal State Apply:
  - August 1 – August 31 for the upcoming Spring semester (Spring Admit)
  - October 1 – December 15 for the following Fall semester (Fall Admit)
- Select “Pre-Social Work Distributed Learning” major.
- Prior to transfer, must be eligible for junior standing (60 transferrable units).
- Admission to CSU, Chico does not guarantee acceptance to the BSW Professional Sequence.
- Complete 5 prerequisites with letter grade "C" or better by end of Summer, prior to Fall term:
  - Human Biology (or Physiology or Anatomy)
  - Economics
  - Statistics
  - Intro to Psychology
  - Intro to Sociology

PART THREE
- Accept Admission to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL student.
- Complete BSW Professional Sequence Program application online – opens every fall semester August 1st – September 15th.
- Consult with DL Coordinator or DL Advisor about your academic plan.

PART FOUR
- Complete 60 hours of human service work via volunteer or employment by end of fall semester prior to start of BSW Professional Sequence in the spring.
  - More info, click here.
  - 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.
- Fall semester: Register for “Social Work Core Courses” (must earn "C" or better) and/or UD GE Courses.
- Upper division students: Complete remaining prerequisites or Upper Division Pathway Courses.
Chico State Hardship Application

Are you a transfer student who has completed the SWRK prerequisites and is ready to transfer, but missed the Chico State application deadline?

• Email the DL program directly and ask about the University’s Hardship Application process!

Melissa Cheatham, DL Advisor, by email at mjcheatham@csuchico.ed

-or-

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

• We will need to review your unofficial transcripts before applying.
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)
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

Spring 2021

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For tuition due dates, please check our deadlines page. 

In addition to the fees listed above, additional per unit fees will be assessed if enrolled in the MBA Program or are a non-resident of the State of California. Please see Professional Program Fee (MBA Fees) and/or Non-resident Tuition for additional information and amounts.

You can find a complete breakdown of the tuition and registration fees listed above on University Budget website.

For additional information regarding tuition and registration fees, refer to the CSU, Chico Course Catalog or the CSU documentation.

Summer 2021

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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.

The School of Social Work Distributed Learning Program is a state-supported program, and therefore, follows the same fee schedule as the traditional program.

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
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.

Click Here
Student Services Center, Room 250
530-898-6451
finaid@csuchico.edu

**Scholarships for Social Work Majors**

Click Here

**Other Financial Resources**

Mental Health Loan Assumption Program

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
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

Next Three-Year MSW DL cohort beginning fall 2024
• Cohort model starting 2024, 2027, 2030, etc. – Admission every three years
• Application opens fall 2023 (for cohort starting 2024)
• MSW Three-Year DL Course Sequence 2021-2024 (PDF)

Next One-year MSW DL cohort beginning summer 2023
• Application opens fall 2022 (for cohort starting 2023)
• 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)
MSW Field Program Highlights

- **Field practicum (the heart 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 Prerequisites 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 Prerequisites:
  - 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 Prerequisites:
  - 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 prerequisites and a prerequisite 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)

Complete all prerequisites with a grade C or better:
- Human Bio/Physio/Anatomy
- Ethnic Diversity
- Statistics

**STEP TWO**
Fully read the MSW Application site and FAQs

**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**
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