DL Program Information Session

All Zoom meetings 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
- As of 2021, the DL program has graduated 109 BSW students and 175 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
• Expands 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
- BSW DL program (1.5-2 year program depending on the semester you transfer)
  - BSW DL Course Sequence
  - Alternate 3-Year BSW DL Course Sequence
  - BSW Distributed Learning Course Planning Worksheet (PDF)
BSW Prerequisites Overview

- **8 prerequisites**: Human Biology/Anatomy/or Physiology, Intro/Micro/or Macro Economics, Intro 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 or in progress** at the time you apply to the Professional Sequence Application during the fall semester
- All prerequisites must be passed with a “C” grade or higher by the end of the fall term prior to starting the BSW Professional Sequence in the spring
- Additionally, **A1, A2, A3, A4/B4** GE requirements must be completed to transfer
# Prerequisites to the CSU, Chico BA in Social Work

Community College Course Equivalency

The complete equivalency handout is located on our website: [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)

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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
- DL students can take courses from any of the 10 Pathways
- Students should review the GE Planning Sheet every semester
- Review the University Class Schedule and GE Planning Sheet for class options

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**Upper Division GE Pathway Courses: 9 units**

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**Legend:**
- (W) Writing Course
- USD United States Diversity
- GC Global Cultures
- (F) Offered fall semester only
- (S) Offered spring semester only

*(Fall 2021) Updated 6/4/2021*
Mandatory Pre-Admission Advising

• Each Student is Individualized
• We encourage you to contact the DL program for pre-admission and transfer advising
• We want to check the progress of your prerequisite coursework and make sure you 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
**STEP ONE**
Contact the DL Program to schedule an advising meeting to review your prerequisites and current academic standing
Celeste A. Jones, MSW, PhD, DL Program Coordinator cajones@csuchico.edu
Melissa Cheatham, DL Advisor mcheatham@csuchico.edu

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

Spring Admit: August 1 - August 31 for the upcoming Spring semester

Fall Admit: October 1 - November 30 for the following Fall semester

Select “Pre-Social Work Distributed Learning” as your major
Prior to transfer, must be eligible for junior standing (60 transferrable units)

**STEP THREE**
Read the BSW Application Instructions site
Review the Step-by-Step Guide of the Online BSW Application
Complete all 8 prerequisites with letter grade “C” or better by end of the Fall term prior to the spring semester start:
- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology
- Intro Statistics
- Human Biology/Physiology/or Anatomy
- Intro/Micro/or Macro Economics
- SWRK 170
- SWRK 200
- SWRK 202

**STEP FOUR**
Accept Admission to CSU, Chico as a Pre-SWRK BSW DL student
Fall semester: Register for remaining prerequisites and/or UD GE Pathway courses
Consult with the DL program for advising
Complete BSW Program application online
Deadline: August 1 - September 15

**STEP FIVE**
Complete 60 hours of human services 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.
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?

Please let the DL team know and [Please review the University’s Hardship Application process, click here](#). Together we can support our students through this process.
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 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

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

- Statistics – 3 units
  - Basic / Introduction to Statistics
- Human Biology – 3 units
  - Human Biology that includes Human Body content. These may be courses in Anatomy, Human Biology, Genetics, Sexuality, Physical Pathologies, Nutrition, or Health.
- Ethnic Diversity or Multi-Cultural Studies – 3 units
  - Ethnic Diversity or Multi-Cultural content through Multicultural and Gender Studies, African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Latin American Studies, Chicano Studies, American Indian Studies, Religious Studies, Geological & Environmental Sciences, Geography, History, Literature, Sociology, Social Work, or Political Science.

- Prerequisites must be passed with a grade C or higher
- Applicants will list each prerequisite course title, year, and semester attended, indicate college/institution, units earned, and list if this course has been completed or is in progress. All prerequisite courses require a C grade or higher.
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)

**STEP TWO**
Complete prerequisites with a grade C or better:
  - Human Biology
  - Statistics
  - Ethnic Diversity

**STEP THREE**
Fully read the MSW Application site
Complete the CSU Graduate Admission Application & MSW Program through Cal State Apply

**STEP FOUR**
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 degree planning
- Provides support and guidance
- Mentorship

DL Coordinator:
- Assists with degree planning
- 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

Tuition & Registration Fees

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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)

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.
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.

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**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

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**Scholarships for Social Work Majors**

- **Click Here**

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**Other Financial Resources**

- **Mental Health Loan Assumption Program**
- **Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**
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