SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
BSW & MSW Distributed Learning (DL) Program

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

- CSU, Chico is located in Chico, CA
- The DL Program was added to CSU, Chico School of Social Work in 2012
  - Goal: BSW education more accessible to geographically-isolated counties
- The School of Social Work at CSU, Chico has declared our admission status to “impacted”
  - Both (a) traditional, on-campus and (b) hybrid, DL
- Applicants must reside or transfer from one of the community colleges located in the 18 Northern CA counties
  - Service areas and/or served by the Superior Region Workforce Education and Training (WET) Regional Partnership
- We offer both BSW DL & MSW DL
BSW DL PROGRAM
(UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE)

If interested in our BSW DL Program, please contact the DL Coordinator ASAP
BSW DL Program at a Glance

- BSW DL Program – usually begins every Fall semester
  - Prior to the start of the “Social Work Core Courses” all 5 prerequisites (BIOL, ECON, MATH, PSY, SOCI) must be completed with a “C” grade or higher
  - Fall term consists of 3 “Social Work Core Courses” (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202)
    - **NOTE** - Some community colleges offer equivalent courses to the CSU, Chico “Social Work Prerequisites Core Courses”
    - **please refer to: https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/community-college-prerequisite-equivalency-sheet.pdf**

- All prerequisites must be completed or in progress at time of Professional Sequence Application (Fall term)
# Prerequisites to the CSU, Chico B.A. 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 your 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 Distance Learning (DL) program. All applicants must submit a BSW Professional Sequence application in September of their junior year and complete 60 hours of employment or volunteer hours in a social service setting prior to starting the BSW Professional Sequence.

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Please note that applying to the BSW Professional Sequence is a competitive process and that applicants must reside or transfer from one of the community colleges located in our service area: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyous, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, or Yuba: [https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/18-county-cachement-area.pdf](https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/18-county-cachement-area.pdf)

Please see the following handout for detailed information on the service region and the qualifying criteria for selection into the BSW Professional Sequence: [https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/supplemental-criteria-for-admission-to-the-bsw-professional-sequence-points.pdf](https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/supplemental-criteria-for-admission-to-the-bsw-professional-sequence-points.pdf)

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, with possible Friday)
How do I apply to the BSW DL program?

**Step 1**
Apply for admission to CSU Chico through [Cal State Apply](#)

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

**Step 2**
Read the [BSW Application Instructions site](#)

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

Meet all 5 prerequisites 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

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

* Consult with DL Coordinator

Fall term -
Complete BSW Program application 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 Coordinator or BSW Director.
BSW Professional Sequence Application Deadlines

**STEP 1:**
Contact the DL Coordinator 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)

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

**STEP 3:**
Once accepted to CSU, Chico (Admission to CSU, Chico does not guarantee acceptance to the BSW Professional Sequence)
- Complete remaining 3 “Social Work Core Courses” (SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202) or Upper Division Pathway Courses
- Complete BSW Professional Sequence Application – opens every Fall semester (August 1 – 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 Admissions 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
Supplemental Criteria For Admission
CSU Chico BSW Professional Sequence

- Permanent residence or transfer from one of the community colleges located in the 18 N. CA counties
- **Transfer student** – completion of 60 transferable semester units
- **DL Program** - minimum cumulative GPA is 2.1
- **DL Program** – Priority is given to persons with disability
- **DL & Traditional BSW** - Priority is given to veterans

- **Other considerations for both the DL & Traditional BSW:**
  - Fluency in priority languages is highly considered
  - Paid or volunteer experiences in social services (and caregiver to other persons) and/or tribal services will be considered

**Prior to beginning the BSW professional sequence all 8 SWRK Prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the BSW Professional Sequence (letter grade of “C” or better)**
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 program (BSW program application) while taking “Social Work Core Courses”/**Upper Division courses** during 1st fall semester at CSU, Chico.

**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 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, the Major courses consist of:

- **12** - Professional Sequence Courses
- **1** - Social Work elective
- **480 hours** - field practicum during your senior year

All BSW students must complete **480 hours of field education practicum** during their senior year in one 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 our MSW DL Program, please contact the DL Coordinator or MSW Director ASAP
What is a MSW Degree?

- An advanced and professional degree with specialization/concentration
- 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

- **One-year MSW DL cohort beginning summer 2020**
  - Application open October 1, 2019-January 5, 2020
  - Must have a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work within previous 5 years
  - Requires on campus classes Summer 2020 (June and July Monday-Thursday (8:00-12:00pm)
  - [MSW One-Year DL Course Sequence 2020-2021 (PDF)]

- **Three-Year program**
  - [Three-Year MSW DL Course Sequence 2018-2021 (PDF)]

- **Cohort model starting 2018, 2021, 2024, etc. – Admissions every three years**

- **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, with possible Friday)
MSW DL Program at a Glance

- **Field practicum** (the heart of social work)
  - A requirement, MSW students must fulfill the field practicum requirement hours
    - First year (0 hour)
    - Second year (480 hours)
    - Third year (720 hours)
  - MSW field practicum site/internship placement:
    - Employment site (you must meet Field Placement requirements)
    - Non-employment site

- **Hours of Commitment**
  - Complete 1200 hours of field practicum 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
How do I apply to the MSW DL program?

**Step 1**
Have at least a Bachelor’s degree

**Step 2**
Read the [MSW Application site](#)

**Step 3**
Read the [2018 Application Guidelines (PDF)](#)

**Step 4**
Complete [CSU Graduate Admissions Application](#) (for Chico Campus) through [Cal State Apply](#)

Complete [School of Social Work MSW Program Application](#) online

**Note:** Email MSW Director Dr. Steiner ([sjsteiner@csuchico.edu](mailto:sjsteiner@csuchico.edu)) for more guidance to see if a course will satisfy one of the pre-requisites. For a thorough evaluation, in your email remember to include course name, syllabi/course description, and where and when course was taken.
MSW DL Application Deadlines

Application is open October 1 through January 5

**1-Year MSW Advanced standing DL Application Opens in Fall 2020**

**NEXT 3-Year MSW DL Application Opens in Fall 2020**

**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](#)).
Tuition & Fees

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.

Spring 2019

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* The estimated cost as stated above varies by year, please refer to the following link for more details: https://www.csuchico.edu/sfin/fees-tuition/reg-fees/spring%202019.shtml

The School of Social Work Distributed Learning Program tuition cost is no different than the traditional program costs.
Possible Funding Opportunities

**Child Welfare**  
(WSW and MSW Students)

CSU, Chico, in partnership with the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Title IV-E Program, offers stipends/supports for Child Welfare and Indian Child Welfare internships.

- 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 Coordinator, Meka Morano-Klungtvet, MSW, by email at mklungtvet-morano@csuchico.edu. Or Chelsea Cornell, MSW, by email at Ccornell1@csuchico.edu

**Mental Health**  
(Restricted to MSW Students Only)

There may be Mental Health stipends awarded for the 2020-2021 Academic Year.

CSU, Chico, in partnership with the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC), offers educational stipends to MSW students whose professional goal is to work in public mental health.

- Stipend available to MSW students in the final Concentration Year of the program
- $18,500 per year with 2080 hours of post MSW employment “payback”

**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)
  - Financial Aid Offices
Writing Coaches:
* MSW student coaches are available to provide peer writing support

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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