

Master of Social Work PREREQUISITE COURSE SUMMARY

There are 3 prerequisite categories which must be met before you can begin the MSW program. Before starting the MSW program you need completion of coursework related to the following educational domains with a passing grade.

Description of prerequisite courses or their equivalents

a. Social Research Methods: Course(s) within Social Sciences that would provide knowledge of **research methods**, logic, and data analysis. *Example of approved courses: Social Work Research Methods, Experimental Psychology, Quantitative Research Methods, Qualitative Research Methods, Sociological Research Methods, Anthropological Research Methods, and Ethnography.*

b. Human Behavior: Course(s) that would provide knowledge of the social and/or psychological determinates of human behavior. *Examples of approved courses include Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Socialization, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Human Development, Child Development, Social Gerontology, and Social Psychology.*

c. Human Physiology: Course(s) that would provide student an understanding of basic human physiology. *Example course(s) that would satisfy this area include Biology, Biological Psychology / Biopsychology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Human Sexuality. These prerequisites can be met by taking a class at any accredited junior college, community college or university including those that are online.*

You may be conditionally admitted into the MSW program if you have not met these prerequisites yet, but they must be met **BEFORE** classes in the MSW program begins in mid-August. These prerequisites can be met by taking a class at any accredited junior college, community college or university including those that are online.

Open University:

The Open University Program at CSUSB provides an opportunity for people who are not currently registered with the University to enroll in degree credit classes with the required approval.

Kent School of Social Work: The University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work has developed prerequisite courses for master level coursework in a self-guided online format.

If you are not sure if a course you took meets the prerequisite, please send an email to: SocialWork@csusb.edu. **In your email, specify if you are interested in the online program or campus-based program. Include the official course name, course number, and description, the year the course was completed, the grade earned, and the name of school where the course(s) was/were taken. If you completed any prerequisites outside of CSUSB, you must include the unofficial transcript for that institution.**