

Master of Social Work Program

PREREQUISITE COURSE SUMMARY

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Master of Social Work at CSUSB. 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 course(s) that would satisfy this area include Social Work Research, Experimental Psychology, and Sociological Research.
- b. Human Behavior:** Course(s) that would provide knowledge of the social and/or psychological determinates of human behavior. Example course(s) that would satisfy this area include Social Psychology, Child Development, Socialization, Human Behavioral and the Social Environment.
- 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, or 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. If you are unsure if a course meets the prerequisite then please send an e-mail to the contact below with an official course description, year the course was taken, grade received, and name of school where the course(s) were taken and we will let you know if the course does indeed meet our prerequisite. The *MSW Prerequisite Worksheet* offers a checklist to assist in tracking whether or not these prerequisites have been met.

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-September. Upon successful completion of a prerequisite course during a conditional admit, submit either an official certificate of completion, official or unofficial transcript to the MSW program office. **If your transcript or certificate is not received before the MSW program begins then you will not be permitted to start the program.**

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.

<https://cel.csusb.edu/open-university>

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. MSW Prerequisite courses successfully completed through the Kent School of SW will meet the CSUSB School of Social Work's MSW prerequisites for Social Research Methods and Human Physiology. For costs and how to register, consult at <https://louisville.edu/kent/conted/prerequisites-offered-by-kent-school-of-social-work-continuing-education-program>.

If you have questions regarding prerequisites then please contact Melinda Corral at Melinda.Corral@csusb.edu.