

Master of Social Work PREREQUISITE COURSE SUMMARY

Those with the following **bachelor's or master's degrees** would automatically qualify (in lieu of our prerequisite courses). This includes the following degrees: Social Work, Child Development, Criminal Justice, Education, Human Development, Human Services, Nursing, Psychology, Public Health and Sociology. Those who do not have one of the aforementioned degrees, please read on.

There are 3 prerequisite courses which must be met as part of the MSW admission requirements. At least one course under each category below must have been taken with a passing grade.* If course prerequisite(s) have not been met, interested applicants can still apply and be conditionally admitted into the MSW program. However, this prerequisite must be met **BEFORE** the start of Fall Semester to which you have been accepted.

*Applicants Applying for Fall 2024

As you are completing the prerequisite section in Cal State Apply and your degree is mentioned above, input the name of your degree in each field. This will allow you to bypass inputting courses for each category.

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, and Sociological Research Methods.*

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

c. Human Physiology: Course(s) that would provide student an understanding of basic human physiology. *Example of approved course(s) that would satisfy this area include Biology, Biological Psychology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Human Sexuality.*

Prerequisite courses can be met by taking a course at any accredited junior college, community college or university including those that are online. 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.

Prerequisite Review Request

If you are not sure if a course you took meets the prerequisite, a request to review the course can be submitted to: SocialWork@csusb.edu In your email, include the official course name, course number, official course description, the year the course was completed, the grade earned, and the name of the school where the course(s) was/were taken. If you completed any prerequisites outside of CSUSB, include the unofficial transcript from that institution.