

## Master of Social Work PREREQUISITE COURSE SUMMARY

Applicants with **bachelor's or master's degrees** in the following majors automatically qualify and are not required to meet prerequisites: Social Work, Child Development, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Education, Human Development, Human Services, Nursing, Psychology, Public Health, and Sociology. Applicants with degrees in other subject areas should pay close attention to the information below.

Applicants with degrees in other subject areas must meet the 3 prerequisite course requirements below to be eligible for admission to the MSW program. Applicants must demonstrate that they have taken and passed at least one course in each of the categories below. **Applicants who have not yet completed the course prerequisites may still apply and could be granted conditional admission. However, all prerequisite courses must be completed before the start of the fall semester in the year of admission.**

### Description of prerequisite courses or their equivalents

**a. Social Research Methods:** Course(s) in Social Sciences that provide knowledge of research methods, logic, and data analysis (e.g., Social Work Research Methods, Experimental Psychology, Quantitative Research Methods, Qualitative Research Methods, and Sociological Research Methods).

**b. Human Behavior:** Course(s) that provide knowledge of the social and/or psychological determinants of human behavior (e.g., 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 provide an understanding of basic human physiology (e.g., Biology, Biological Psychology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Human Sexuality).

Prerequisite courses can be met by taking a course at any accredited community college or university (in person or online). The [Open University Program](#) at CSUSB is one option for applicants not currently registered with the University to enroll in degree credit classes, including prerequisites.

### Prerequisite Review Request

If you are unsure if a course meets a prerequisite, you may request a review of the course. Email [SocialWork@csusb.edu](mailto:SocialWork@csusb.edu) and 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 the course was taken at a university other than CSUSB, include your unofficial transcript from that institution.