MSW Prerequisite Requirements and Completion Options

Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science

Courses Required: 2

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate the ability to locate sources when information is needed, and to evaluate the authenticity, validity, and reliability of resources applied to a specific purpose.
- Analyze texts, sources, and argumentation, identify cause and effect relationships and recognize fallacies of argument.
- Use and document sources and evidence in an ethical manner.
- Describe how the methods of science are used to generate new knowledge.
- Describe the forms and impacts of geographical conditions or social, economic, financial, or political practices on the human experience using analytical methods appropriate to the field.

Suggested Completion Options:

1. **MSU Denver Courses** – Courses listed under the Social and Behavioral Science I or II categories will fulfill this requirement (http://catalog.msudenver.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=26&poid=6617); to take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **AGE** 102; **ECO** 101, 201, 202, 211, 245; **POS** 105, 125, 205, 215, 225; **GEO** 105, 106; **AGR** 260; **ANT** 101, 102, 103, 104, 107, 108, 201, 215, 225, 250; **CRJ** 110; **JOU** 105; **PSY** 101, 102, 205, 215, 225, 249, 265; **SOC** 101, 102, 205, 207, 215, 216, 218, 220, 231, 237; **WST** 200, 225, 240, 249
3. **CLEP Exam** – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: Introductory Psychology; Introductory Sociology; Human Growth and Development; Principles of Macroeconomics; Principles of Microeconomics (https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams)
4. Submit **College Board AP Exam Scores** – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
   - Economics (Macro)
   - Economics (Micro)
   - Geography – Human
   - Psychology

AP Exam scores can be submitted to:

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Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science – Diversity

Courses Required: 1

Learning Objectives:

- Exhibit knowledge of one or more regions or countries outside the U.S. including aspects such as the historical, political, social, cultural, legal, or business contexts of these regions or countries.
- Describe the implications of global interdependence, including its impact on societies from a governmental, technological, institutional, organizational, or individual context.
- Define factors that lead to the formation and continuation of one or more of the four groups of color in United States society.
- Present the customs, behavioral patterns, and identities of one or more of the four groups of color in United States society.
- Delineate the effects of bias, prejudices, and discrimination on one or more of the four groups of color in United States society.
- Describe the cultural similarities, commonalities, and differences within or among one or more of the four groups of color in United States society.
- Communicate how the acceptance and inclusion of all groups of color enriches lives and increases the creativity and performance of everyone in United States society.

Suggested Completion Options:

1. MSU Denver Courses – **AAS** 1010, 2100; **ANT** 2330; **CAS** 3760; **CHS** 1000, 2100, 3100; **ECO** 3800; **EDS** 1001, 3150; **GEG** 1000; **GEG** 1300; **HCM** 2010; **PSC** 2230; **SWK** 3110, 2240; **RECR** 2010; **WMS** 1550, 2100; to take courses through MSU Denver, email [socialwork@msudenver.edu](mailto:socialwork@msudenver.edu) for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **ANT** 215; **COM** 220; **ETH** 200, 212, 224; **SOC** 218; **POS** 205
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Requirement: Social and Behavioral Science – American Government

Courses Required: 1

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the fundamental values of the U.S.'s political system of representation.
- Detail the U.S. Constitution's main tenets and its general purpose.
- Describe briefly the historical backdrop to the Founding era, which may include alternative views.
- Recognize the key factors that produce and shape public opinion, political socialization, and the media's role in American national government.
- Describe the citizen's role in American national government, from intent to practice.
- Articulate the role of political parties and interest groups, and explain their most notable policy ideas.
- Explain the basic attributes of the Electoral College system and the general characteristics and trends in modern election campaigns.
- Articulate more robust detail to special topics within the field as offered by the professor, which may include domestic or foreign policy creation, economic forecasting, specific roles of key Congress members, the courts, or executive departments and agencies.

Suggested Completion Options:

1. MSU Denver Courses – **PSC 1010** American National Government; to take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – **POS 111** American Government
3. **CLEP Exam** – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: American Government ([https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams](https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams))
4. Submit **College Board AP Exam Scores** – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
   - Government & Politics (U.S.)

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*American or U.S. History courses are not typically accepted*
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Requirement: Arts and Humanities

Courses Required: 2

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate the ability to locate sources when information is needed, and to evaluate the authenticity, validity, and reliability of resources applied to a specific purpose.
- Create persuasive and well-reasoned arguments that are appropriate to topic and purpose.
- Communicate in writing with an awareness of audience, by using language conventions appropriate to the occasion and task.
- Identify important examples of texts, creative works, artifacts, or problems in the discipline, including the cultural context.
- Analyze texts(s), artifact(s), or problem(s) using a point of view informed by the critical or aesthetic perspectives appropriate to the discipline.

Suggested Completion Options:

1. **MSU Denver Courses** – Courses listed under the Arts and Humanities category will fulfill this requirement; Upper Division Foreign Language courses taken at MSU Denver may also be accepted (http://catalog.msudenver.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=26&poid=6617); to take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled

2. Colorado Community College System – **ART** 110, 111, 112, 207; **DAN** 125; **MUS** 120, 121, 122, 123, 125; **THE** 105, 108, 211, 212, 215; **HUM** 115, 121, 122, 123; **LIT** 115, 201, 202, 205, 211, 212, 221, 222, 225, 246, 259, 268; **PHI** 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 205, 214, 218, 220; **FRE** 211, 212; **GER** 211, 212; **ITA** 211, 212; **JPN** 211, 212; **RUS** 211, 212; **SPA** 211, 212

3. **CLEP Exam** – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: American Literature; English Literature; Humanities (https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams)

4. Submit **College Board AP Exam Scores** – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
   - Art History
   - English (Composition & Literature)
   - French Language
   - French Literature
   - German Language
   - German Literature
   - Philosophy
   - Spanish Language
   - Spanish Literature

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Requirement: Natural and Physical Science

Courses Required: 2

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate effective use of technologies appropriate to the task and discipline
- Demonstrate the ability to locate sources when information is needed, and to evaluate the authenticity, validity, and reliability of resources applied to a specific purpose
- Describe how the methods of science are used to generate new knowledge
- Use graphical, symbolic and statistical methods to organize, analyze and interpret data in a manner appropriate to the discipline
- Describe the foundational knowledge and impacts of a field of science using analytical tools appropriate to the field
- Use knowledge and observations to formulate hypotheses, identify relevant variables and design experiments to test hypotheses
- Develop concepts of accuracy, precision, and the role of repeatability in the acquisition of scientific data

Suggested Completion Options:

1. MSU Denver Courses – Courses listed under the Natural and Physical Sciences will fulfill this requirement (http://catalog.msudenver.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=26&poid=6617); to take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – AGY 240; ANT 111; AST 101, 102, 150, 160; BIO 103, 104, 105, 111, 112, 116, 201, 202, 204, 208, 220, 221; CHE 101, 102, 105, 111, 112; ENV 101, 110; GEO 111, 112; GEY 108, 111, 112, 135; MET 150; NRE 251; PHY 105, 107, 111, 112, 211, 212; SCI 105, 155, 156
3. CLEP Exam – Students must receive a score of 50 or higher for the CLEP Exam to be accepted, options include: Biology; Chemistry; Natural Sciences (https://clep.collegeboard.org/exams)
5. Submit College Board AP Exam Scores – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
   - Biology
   - Chemistry
   - Physics (B)
   - Physics (C-Mechanics)
   - Physics (C-Magnetism, Elec)

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Requirement: Statistics

Courses Required: 1

Learning Objectives:

- Describe sets of data graphically, by numerical measures, by linear regression and correlation
- Use the rules of probability to compute probability go events, conditional probability and Bayes’ Theorem
- Evaluate random variable, compute expected values and variances, and find probabilities related to the binomial, normal and T distributions
- Explain and use the Central Limit Theorem to implement inferential statistics
- Compute point and interval estimations
- Test hypotheses for population means and proportions of one or two populations
- Set and describe a problem of the student’s choosing; collect data and apply all major statistical concepts from the course, both descriptive and inferential, using Minitab and hand calculation. Interpret the results and state conclusions in written form
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of statistical software
- Have working knowledge of calculator functions (but not necessarily though use of graphing calculators) to do problems in the course

Suggested Completion Options:

1. MSU Denver Courses – MTH 1210 Introduction to Statistics; PSY 2310 Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences; to take courses through MSU Denver, email socialwork@msudenver.edu for instructions on getting enrolled
2. Colorado Community College System – MAT 135 Introduction to Statistics
4. Submit College Board AP Exam Scores – if you completed any of the following AP Exams in high school and received a score of 3 or higher, you can have your College Board AP Exam Scores submitted directly to the Office of Social Work Student Services for review:
   - Statistics

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