

## FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Social work is the professional application of social work theory and methods by someone who has completed a social work degree from an accredited program for the purpose of prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention with individual, family, group, organizational, and societal problems. A Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree is one of the most useful undergraduate degrees one can earn in the social services sector. CU Denver's BSW is a generalist program that prepares students for entry-level, professional social work practice and graduate social work education.

CU Denver's BSW degree features interdisciplinary expertise across sociology, psychology, political science, public health, education, counseling, and public policy and follows national accreditation requirements established by the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE). The program's interdisciplinary design creates opportunities for students to pursue specialized tracks in health & medicine, education, non-profit and community leadership, behavioral health, and criminology. Housed within an urban research university, the BSW allows students to embed research into their undergraduate education through research methods training and involvement in faculty research.

All prospective majors should contact the undergraduate advisor in Social Work as early in their academic careers as possible for information about the degree requirements. Transfer or returning students should consult with the undergraduate advisor in Social Work concerning completion of the core courses.

### ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

*For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:*

#### CLAS Academic Advising

[clas.advising@ucdenver.edu](mailto:clas.advising@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030  
303-315-7100

*For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:*

#### Social Work Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

Lawrence Street Center (LSC) 420  
303-315-2148

*For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:*

#### Office of Admissions

[admissions@ucdenver.edu](mailto:admissions@ucdenver.edu)

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005  
303-315-2601

### GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

*All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:*

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 credit hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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**The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.**

**Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements.** In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Social Work BSW Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 57 major credit hours. Of these, at least 12 credits must come from electives chosen from two of the following topic clusters (Healthcare, Crime & Law, Education, or Families) and 12-18 credits from either a listed undergraduate certificate or minor.
2. Students must meet a minimum of 400 hours of field education completed in SOCY 4900 and SOCY 4920.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading system cannot apply to major requirements.
4. Students must complete all field practicum site clearance requirements, which may include background checks, drug screens, and immunization record reviews. Field placements are not guaranteed for students who cannot successfully pass these requirements.
5. Admission into the BSW program is required, although students may declare Social Work as their major at any time following admission into the University. However, declaration of the social work major does not guarantee admission into the BSW program. Generally, first- and second-year Social Work Majors complete general education requirements and the lower-division SOCY 1900 Introduction to Social Work course. Students enrolled in Introduction to Social Work will be informed and instructed on the BSW admission process.

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**COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION**

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit <https://transferology.com/school/ucdenver>. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
<b>CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements</b>	<b>34 - 40</b>		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 1260 <i>recommended</i> or GT-MA1	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	SOC 1001 or SOC 1002 or GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 ( <i>except the course used for Core Math</i> ) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* ( <i>see note below</i> )	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	---
<b>Minimum Applicable Transfer Credit Hours Recommended:</b>	<b>60</b>	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to plan for additional programs.</i>	

**\*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.**



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**SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER**

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credit hours and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

<b>Year 3 - Fall</b>	CRS
SOCY/SWRK 1900	3
SOCY 2113	1
SOCY 3100 or PBHL 3110	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
SOCY 3700	3
Minor or Certificate Course	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Year 3 - Spring</b>	CRS
SOCY/SWRK 3910	3
SOCY 3113	3
Approved Cluster Course	3
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Minor or Certificate Course	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Year 4 - Fall</b>	CRS
SOCY/SWRK 4900	3
SOCY/SWRK 3920	3
PSCI 4414	3
Approved Cluster Course	3
Minor or Certificate Course	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<b>Year 4 - Spring</b>	CRS
SOCY/SWRK 4920	3
SOCY 4810	3
PSCI 4914	3
Approved Cluster Course	3
Minor or Certificate Course	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

<sup>M</sup> Major Course Available    <sup>C</sup> CU Denver Core Course    <sup>PE</sup> Prerequisite Enforced    <sup>PR</sup> Prerequisite Recommended