



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SAN BERNARDINO

THE BASW DEGREE

Accredited by the Council on Social Work Education



WHAT IS THE GOAL?

- To educate students for beginning social work (SW) practice-helping people and communities solve problems and enhance social functioning
- For example, working with Child Protective services to strengthen families and keep kids safe.



- **SO HOW DO YOU GET THERE?**
- **WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES ALONG THE WAY?**

ABOUT UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

- Students need to meet the requirements of the university AND the requirements of the specific degree.
- All universities have required lower division courses (numbers in 1000's and 2000's) and required upper division courses (numbers in 3000's and 4000's)

- Lower Division coursework can be taken at community colleges. You should ensure you are taking the correct courses. Upper division courses can only be taken at a four-year university.

FIRST STEPS



- As soon as possible, take SW 2000 to find out if Social Work is a good fit for you.
 - Cross Enrollment for **Spring 2021**
 - Equivalent courses available at Moreno Valley College, Crafton Hills College, & Victor Valley College
 - See prerequisite equivalent list for more information.
- Work on the BASW application!

Important to Know!

The BASW program accepts student applications in October and they are due December 11, 2020. Students begin courses in the major only in the Fall following acceptance.

The BASW courses are offered in a strict order and it takes two years to complete them.

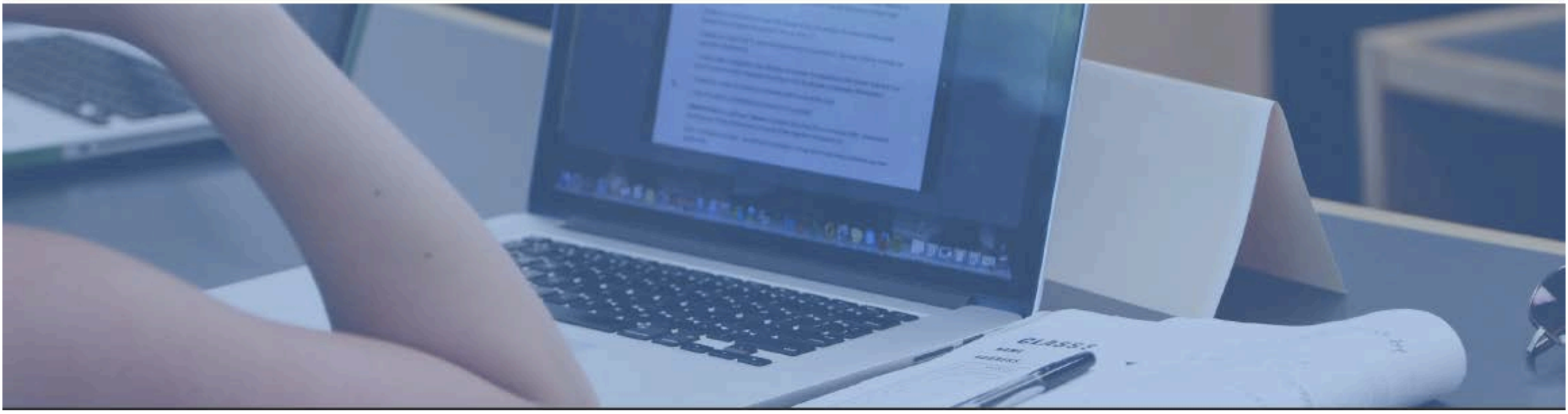
The second (*last*) year of the program you will need 2 free days per week, for field, no exceptions! These need to be daytime hours.

WHAT COURSES SHOULD YOU TAKE BEFORE APPLYING?



PREREQUISITE COURSES

- The BASW program requires that you take certain lower division courses before entering the major.
- We *may* allow you to finish one or two after admission to the major. This depends on the feasibility of your overall plan.
- SW 2000 **must** be completed
 - Can be taken the summer prior to starting the program.





DON'T FORGET

- You will also have CSUSB lower division general education courses to complete.
- If you have too many lower division GE courses to take when you apply, we may not admit you because it will not be feasible to complete in two years.



TIPS

- There are usually more opportunities to take GE courses, so try to get other courses you need and fill in the GE courses
- A 2.5 GPA is required for admission into the BASW program.
- Some prerequisite courses have a minimum grade (C) required (SW 2000, CJUS 1101 and Statistics) so plan to do well in your courses.
- Your goal is to have all, or nearly all of your social work prerequisites completed so that you can apply to the BASW major in October.
- If accepted you will start the program the following Fall.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- WHERE IS THE ADMISSIONS PACKET AVAILABLE?
- WHAT'S IN THE PACKET?
- HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE IT?
- WHEN DO YOU FIND OUT?

- Admissions Packet can be found online at the CSUSB BASW page.
- Admissions Packet:
 - Application Form
 - Work / Volunteer Experience Form
 - Personal Statement
 - Title IV-E Interest Form
 - Demographic Information
 - For statistics only
 - Provisional Plan of Study
 - Transcript / PAWS (unofficial OK)
 - Professional Letters of Reference (2)
- Deadlines!
 - **December 11, 2020** is the deadline for admission.
 - Space is limited in the program, so getting your admission application in before the deadline is very important.
 - Late applications will not be accepted.
- Letters go out to all applicants at one time usually towards March.



TITLE IV-E PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE STIPEND PROGRAM

- For those students who are...
 - Interested in working in public child welfare
 - Willing to **commit** to working for a county child welfare agency in California for at least one year upon graduating from the BASW program
- The stipend is \$15,000 (3 installments of \$5,000) granted in your second year of the BASW program.

You must apply separately once admitted to the program.

Main Social Work Courses

Year One (Junior Year)

- Fall
 - SW 3001 Policy I
 - SW 3010 Research
 - SW 3021 HBSE I
- Spring
 - SW 3002 Policy II
 - SW 3022 HBSE II
 - SW Elective

Year Two (Senior Year)

- Fall
 - SW 4001 Practice I
 - SW 4011 Field Placement I
- Spring
 - SW 4002 Practice II
 - SW 4012 Field Placement II
 - SW 4200 SW Capstone

EXAMPLES OF FIELD PLACEMENTS

- Public Child Welfare Agencies
- Public Mental Health Agencies
- Department of Aging and Adult Services
- Bilingual Family Counseling
- Family Service Agency
- Building a Generation
- Catholic Charities





KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

- Take Social Work 2000 as soon as possible!
- Know the admission procedures
 - For the BASW Program (through the application on our website)
 - For the university (if you are a transfer student or a new admit to CSUSB)
- Know what the program entails once you are admitted.
- Know what else is required by the university to graduate.

For Further Assistance



*Double-check our website
to see if you can get your
question answered.*



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QUESTIONS?

Thank you!