Course Exemption Form Instructions 2021-2022

To complete the Course Exemption Form, first, you will need to make sure you have Adobe Acrobat Reader 5.0 (or later). You will need this application to access, view, download, complete, and print the fillable Course Exemption Form. Adobe Acrobat Reader is available for free and can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html.

Meeting the Statistics Prerequisite
All incoming students MUST demonstrate that they have either met the statistics requirement BEFORE starting the MSW Program. Alternatively, that they have a concrete plan to meet this program prerequisite promptly (i.e., FTP students – take statistics the summer before starting in the Program; PTP students – take statistics before starting year 3 of the program). See your Advisor to discuss, if necessary.

Statistics Course Requirements
- For a statistics course to meet program requirements, course topics covered must include distributions, measures of central tendency, dispersion, and shape, the normal distribution, experiments to compare means, standard errors, confidence intervals, effects of departure from assumptions, method of least squares, regression, correlation assumptions and limitations, basic ideas of experimental design.
- The statistics course must have been completed within the past five years from the academic year of graduation to the academic year of enrollment in the MSW Program.
- A grade of C or better in a statistics course is required (not C- or CD).
- A syllabus from the semester you took the statistics course must accompany the Exemption Form unless your course is listed on the Social Work/Welfare Equivalencies Chart (see page 3).

Completing the Course Exemption Form
- Enter your statistics course information and attach a syllabus, as needed. If you have not yet taken a statistics course, please enter the course information for the course you plan to take and give an estimated completion date. You can verify the course is “preapproved” before taking it by submitting a course syllabus along with this form. When you receive your course grade, send a grade report via e-mail to an advisor in your program.
- If you are not seeking other course exemptions (i.e., you do not have any other course(s) that meets the requirements outlined below), leave the rest of the form blank and submit your form to the appropriate email address (located at bottom of the form). Only your prerequisite statistics course will be reviewed.
- Please be sure that your accompanying syllabus is labeled as follows:
  LAST NAME, FIRST NAME – COURSE NUMBER Syllabus
  Example: Hunte, Kimberley – Stats 201 Syllabus

Exempting from Generalist Course Work
Decisions for exemptions are made by UW-Madison faculty based on the information provided on the Course Exemption Form and attached syllabi (as needed). A grade of B or better (not B- or BC) is necessary to be exempt from foundation year courses. Courses MUST have been taken within the past five years from the academic year of graduation to the academic year of enrollment in the MSW Program.
SW 605, SW 606, SW 710 (formerly SW 640) and SW 711
Only apply for exemption from these courses IF your course was taken in a CSWE accredited program AND meet all the other criteria above. Courses taken in other fields of study will NOT be reviewed.

SW 612 and SW 650
If you have taken a research methods or psychopathology course whose topics match those provided under “UW-MADISON GENERALIST COURSE DESCRIPTIONS” following this section, you may be eligible for exemption from these courses. Note, sometimes courses taught in sociology, psychology, or other departments are accepted as equivalent.

SW 400, SW 401, SW 441 and SW 442
To apply for exemption from these courses, you must have taken your courses in a CSWE accredited social work program.

Completing the Course Exemption Form
- If you have taken courses that meet the requirements listed above, and are seeking exemptions, start by determining if your course equivalencies (i.e., which course is comparable to which UW-Madison course). Refer to the Social Work/Welfare Equivalencies Chart (see page 3).
- If your school is not listed on the Chart, please refer to the “UW-MADISON GENERALIST COURSE DESCRIPTIONS” to determine course equivalencies.
- Enter the required course information (i.e. course title, # of credits, course term & year, grade, etc.) for all the courses for which you wish to seek exemption.
- Syllabi attachments are required for ALL course(s) not listed on the Social Work/Welfare Equivalencies Chart except for SW 400 and SW 401.
- Please be sure that any accompanying syllabi are labeled as follows:
  LAST NAME, FIRST NAME – COURSE NUMBER* Syllabus
  Example: Hunt, Kimberley – SW 606 Syllabus
  * Should correspond to the UW-Madison course for which you are seeking exemption i.e., SW 605, SW 606, etc.

NOTE
Failure to submit a course for exemption in a timely manner may result in you NOT being considered for exemptions at a later date. Students are encouraged to submit a Course Exemption Form promptly after confirming admission into our MSW Program.

After Submitting Your Form – What to Expect
Once submitted, your Course Exemption Form will be reviewed, if additional is needed an Advisor will contact you using the email address provided on your form (please make sure it is accurate). If no other information is required, an Advisor will process your form and notify you of your exemptions via email. Please note that if a syllabus review by a professor is needed, you should expect processing time to take longer.

For questions, please contact an Advisor:

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This course focuses on developing generalist social work knowledge and skills for working with and on behalf of individuals, families, and groups. Lecture and labs focus on the development of basic social work direct practice skills and techniques necessary for working at the microlevel, with individuals, groups, and families. It integrates content on multi-culturalism, diversity, social justice, and social change issues.

SW 442 GENERALIST PRACTICE WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES
This course is designed to assist the student in learning about the theory and practice of planned change in communities and organizations and to incorporate a generalist model into practice at these levels of intervention. The course focuses on developing knowledge and skills that will allow the student to intervene in a variety of organizations and communities. It integrates content on multiculturalism, diversity, social justice, and social change issues.

SW 606 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL POLICY
Social Work 606 has three main purposes: To provide an overview of American social welfare policy, particularly income support policy (including descriptions of all the major social programs); to provide an analytic framework that can be used in understanding current social policy discussions; and to provide a brief overview of policymaking processes. The course also includes content on the measurement of poverty, trends in poverty, causes of poverty, and the anti-poverty effectiveness of various social programs.

SW 710 DIVERSITY, OPPRESSION & SOCIAL JUSTICE IN SOCIAL WORK
This foundation course prepares social work students to recognize major mental health concerns across the lifespan. The course includes an introduction to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental disorders (DSM) as the organizing framework for reviewing major mental disorders and critique of the current "medical model" approach to mental health in the United States. The course considers mental health issues from a generalist perspective including the role of the social environment, culture and stigma in mental health services, access, and policy.