



Denver Distance MSW Program
3-Year Schedule
Location: CSU Spur
4817 National Western Drive, Denver, CO 80216

YEAR 1 – 2026

Spring 2026 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
Program Orientation (Required)	--	Online Asynchronous Orientation – 01.12.2026– 01.23.2026	01.24.2026 – In-Person (half day, morning)
SOWK 511: Practice Skills with Individuals and Groups	3	01.20.2026–05.08.2026	01.24.2026 – In-Person (half day, afternoon) 04.11.2026– Virtual
SOWK 530: Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice	3	01.20.2026–05.08.2026	01.25.2026 – In-Person 04.12.2026– Virtual
Total Semester Credits	6		

Summer 2026 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 500: Foundations in Social Work	3	05.18.2026–08.07.2026	05.30.26 – Virtual 07.18.26 – In-Person
SOWK 600: Social Work Research Methods	3	05.18.2026–08.07.2026	05.31.26 – Virtual 07.19.26 – In-Person
Total Semester Credits	6		

Fall 2026 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 520: Social Welfare – Policy, Issues, and Advocacy	3	08.24.2026–12.11.2026	09.19.26 – In-Person 11.14.26 – Virtual
SOWK 588: Foundation Practice-Based Learning	3	08.24.2026–12.11.2026	N/A
Elective** (only 3 electives required; refer to elective notes on page 4)	3	Refer to Syllabus	N/A
Total Semester Credits	6-9		

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YEAR 2 – 2027

Spring 2027 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 513: Clinical Assessment Skills	3	01.19.2027–05.07.2027	02.06.27 – In-Person 04.03.27 – Virtual
SOWK 588: Foundation Practice-Based Learning	3	01.19.2027–05.07.2027	N/A
Elective** (refer to elective notes on page 4)	3	Refer to Syllabus	N/A
Total Semester Credits	6-9		

Summer 2027 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 605: Program Evaluation in Social Work	3	05.17.2027–08.06.2027	06.05.27 – Virtual 07.17.27 – In-Person
SOWK 630: Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals	3	05.17.2027–08.06.2027	06.06.27 – Virtual 07.18.27 – In-Person
Elective** (refer to elective notes on page 4)	3	Refer to Syllabus	N/A
Total Semester Credits	6-9		

Fall 2027 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 631: Mezzo and Macro Social Work I	3	08.23.2027–12.10.2027	09.18.27 – In-Person 11.13.27 – Virtual
SOWK 688: Advanced Generalist Practice-Based Learning	Varied*	08.23.2027–12.10.2027	N/A
Elective** (refer to elective notes on page 4)	3	Refer to Syllabus	N/A
Total Semester Credits	3+		

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**Denver Distance MSW Program
YEAR 3 – 2028**

Spring 2028 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 633: Mezzo and Macro Social Work II	3	01.18.2028–05.05.2028	02.05.28 – In-Person 04.08.28 – Virtual
SOWK 688: Advanced Generalist Practice-Based Learning	Varied*	01.18.2028–05.05.2028	N/A
Elective** (refer to elective notes on page 4)	3	Refer to Syllabus	N/A
Total Semester Credits	3+		

Summer 2028 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 688: Advanced Generalist Practice-Based Learning	Varied*	05.15.2028–08.04.2028	N/A
Elective** (strongly recommended, refer to elective notes on page 4)	3	Refer to Syllabus	N/A
Total Semester Credits	3+		

Fall 2028 Classes	Credits	Dates of Course	Class Session Dates
SOWK 634: Advanced Practice with Families and Groups	3	08.21.2028–12.8.2028	09.09.28 – In-Person 11.04.28 – Virtual
SOWK 688: Advanced Generalist Practice-Based Learning	Varied*	08.21.2028–12.8.2028	N/A
Total Semester Credits	3+		

Total credits needed for MSW Program: 62

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Important Notes for 2026-2028 Schedule:

**Electives:

- The MSW Program of Study includes **9 elective credits (three 3-credit course) of students' choosing to fulfill the degree**. The elective course options include all Social Work courses that are affiliated with the Graduate Certificate Programs through CSU Online.
 - Please note that there are several semesters indicated where electives can be fulfilled, which is to promote choice and flexibility in how electives are fulfilled. However, **only 3 elective courses need to be taken, so you do not need to take electives in all of those semesters**.
 - You are encouraged to proactively schedule a time to meet with your Advisor during the summer semester of the first year to map out your plan for completing electives.
 - With the Advisor, you will determine the semesters where you would like to take electives, with consideration of the elective course/graduate certificate program schedule, the MSW course schedule, what works best for your schedule, and financial aid considerations.
 - If you have already completed courses through the Graduate Certificate Programs, please consult with your Advisor, as these may fulfill some or all of the elective credit requirements.
 - **Financial Aid Considerations:**
 - Per the University, students must be enrolled in at least 5 credits each semester to be eligible for financial aid. Please keep this in mind when choosing when to take elective courses, as this could impact when you would like to fulfill your electives.

Class Sessions and Descriptions:

- “Online asynchronous” means that learning will be self-paced between the indicated dates via an online platform.
- “Virtual” means classes will occur by attending a virtual class session, at the same time as your classmates (synchronous), as facilitated by the instructor.
- “In-person” means classes will occur at CSU Spur in Denver.
- Class sessions are scheduled from approximately 9 am–5 pm, except when a half day is noted. The instructor and syllabus for each course will confirm exact times for the in-person and virtual sessions.
- All dates above align with the University calendar to include finals week. The spring and fall semesters also include a week for spring and fall breaks.

Practice-Based Learning/Internships:

- 1 internship credits = 45 hours of agency-based learning. You will complete 6 credits (270 hours) for SOWK 588.
- * Varied credits for SOWK 688: you must complete a total of 14 credits (630 hours) for SOWK 688. 1 credit = 45 hours of agency-based learning. It is recommended that internship placements are completed over 3-4 semesters in alignment with the cohort schedule. If you have questions about this or are considering a placement where a different schedule is needed, consult with your Internship Coordinator.