

University of Utah MSW Program Prerequisite Course Suggestions at In-State Institutions

The following list includes courses offered at Utah colleges and universities that fulfill the MSW prerequisite requirements. Courses not on this list may also be considered, including those taken at out-of-state institutions. Complete [this form](#) to submit a transcript and request a prerequisite review, or email MSW@utah.edu to inquire about other courses. Please provide the course name, course description for the catalog year of when the course was completed, and the syllabus, if possible.

To learn more about registration requirements and course availability, please contact the institution directly.

1. Human Development Across the Lifespan (birth through end of life)

This course should cover conception/birth to old age/death in terms of biological, emotional, social, cognitive, and psychological development. It is often called Developmental Psychology. It is suggested to take a one-semester course that covers the entire lifespan, though a series of development courses that cover the entire lifespan (often in three to four different classes) can also be accepted. This list is *not exhaustive*. There may be several courses that fulfill the above requirements that are not listed. See the top of this document for instructions on inquiring about courses not listed.

One course is required unless otherwise noted.

The courses must be taken for credit receiving a letter grade and can be taken online, in-person, or hybrid.

- **BYU***
 - PSYCH 220 Human Development: Lifespan
 - SFL 210 Human Development*
 - SFL 331 Infant Development in the Family **AND**
SFL 333 Adolescent Development in the Family and Other Social Contexts **AND**
SFL 334 Adult Development & Aging in the Family

**Catalog year 2022 and later. It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm this course covered the lifespan at the time it was taken.*

- **BYU - Idaho**
 - PSYCH 201 Developmental Psychology Lifespan
 - SW 367 Human Behavior in Social Environment
- **Salt Lake Community College (SLCC)**
 - FHS 1500 Lifespan Human Development
 - PSY 1100 Lifespan Human Growth & Development
 - SW 2100 Human Behavior in Social Environment
- **Snow College**
 - HFST 1500 Human Development
 - PSY 1100 Developmental Psychology
 - SW 2100 Understanding Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- **Southern Utah University (SUU)**
 - FLHD 1500 Human Development Through the Lifespan
 - PSY 1100 Lifespan Development
 - PSY 3210 Infant and Child Development **AND**
PSY 3220 Adolescent Development **AND**
PSY 3230 Adult Development and Aging
 - SW 2100 Human Behavior in the Social Environment

- **University of Utah**
 - FCS 1500 Lifespan Human Development
 - NURS 2100 Human Development: A Lifespan Approach to Health
 - SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment
- **Utah State University (USU)**
 - HDFS 1500 Human Development Across the Lifespan
 - PSY 1100 Lifespan Development
 - SW 2100 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
- **Utah Tech University (formerly Dixie State University)**
 - FSHD 1500 Human Development Lifespan
 - PSY 1100 Human Development Through Lifespan
- **Utah Valley University (UVU)**
 - FAMS 1500 Human Development Life Span
 - PSY 1100 Human Development Life Span
 - PSY 3200 Infant and Child Development **AND**
PSY 3210 Adolescent Development **AND**
PSY 3220 Adult Development and Aging
 - SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I **AND**
SW 3400 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
- **Weber State University (WSU)**
 - CHF 1500 Human Development
 - SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- **Westminster College**
 - PSYC 203 Lifespan Developmental Psychology

2. Research Methods

This course can be taken within any discipline so long as it addresses the following content:

1. Research Ethics
2. Quantitative Research Designs
3. Quantitative Methods

Course titles should include at least one of the following key words: research/evaluation and methods/design:

- Student research will not be accepted in lieu of a completed research methods course earned for a letter grade.
- Many of these courses have their own prerequisites, which are noted in the institution's catalog.
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- **BYU***
 - COMMS 318 Public Relations Research and Measurement
 - PSYCH 310 Psychological Research Design and Analysis
 - SFL 290 Critical Inquiry and Research Methods
 - SOC 300 Methods of Research in Sociology
 - SOC 301 Applied Social Research Methods
 - SOC W 300 Intro to Social Work Research Methods

**Independent Study courses at BYU are entirely self-guided. Professor assistance and tutoring services are not provided.*

- **BYU - Idaho**
 - PSYCH 302 Research Methods
 - SOC 340 Research Methods
 - SW 340 Social Work Research Methods
- **Salt Lake Community College (SLCC)**
 - EDU 2030 Research/Inquiry in Education
 - SOC 2015 Doing Sociology: Introduction to Social Research
- **Southern Utah University (SUU)**
 - CJ 2500 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
 - FLHD 3600 Research Methods in FLHD
 - PSY 3410 Research Design
 - PSY 3430 Principals of Assessment
 - SOC 3450 Applied Research Methods
 - SW 3600 Research Methods in Social Work
- **University of Utah**
 - ANTH 5169 Ethnographic Methods
 - COMM 3710 Quantitative Methods
 - CRIM 3111 Research Methods
 - ED PS 2030 Research and Inquiry in Education
 - FCS 3200 Research Methods in Family and Consumer Studies
 - GERON 5003 Research Methods in Aging
 - H EDU 4300 Introduction to Research & Assessment
 - PSY 3010 Research Methods in Psychology
 - PSY 5420 Methods in Social Psychology
 - SOC 2015 Doing Sociology: An Introduction to Statistics and Methods
 - SOC 3111 Research Methods
 - SW 4401 Social Work Research and Evaluation (**admitted U of U BSW students only**)
- **Utah State University (USU)**
 - HDFS 3130 Research Methods
 - PSY 3500 Research Methods in Psychology
 - SOC 2500 Research Methods for the Social Sciences
 - SOC 3110 Methods of Social Research
 - SW 4100 Social Work Research
- **Utah Tech University (formerly Dixie State University)**
 - CJ 3300 Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice
 - PSY 3010 Research Methods in Psychology
 - PSY 3020 Applied Research Methods in Psychology
 - SOC 3111 Research Methods
- **Utah Valley University (UVU)**
 - BESS 3020 Research Methods for the Behavioral Sciences
 - COMM 3020 Communication Research Methods
 - EXSC 4300 Research Methods in Exercise Science and Outdoor Recreation
 - PSY 3030 Research Methods for Psychology

- **Weber State University (WSU)**
 - CHF 3850 Current Research Methods in Child and Family Studies
 - CJ 3610 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
 - CJ 4125 Research Methods in Forensic Science
 - COMM 3150 Communication Research Methods
 - ECON 4970 Introduction to Research Methods
 - FAM 3850 Current Research Methods in Child and Family Studies
 - GEOG 3790 Research Methods in Geography
 - PSY 3610 Research Methods in Psychology
 - PSY 3615 Psychological Statistics and Methods I **AND**
 - PSY 3616 Psychological Statistics and Methods II
 - SOC 3660 Sociological Research
 - SW 3700 Social Work Research

- **Westminster College**
 - EDUC 390 Educational Research Methods
 - PSYC 390 Quantitative Research Methods
 - SOC 390 Social Research Methods