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Dear GSSW Denver Campus Students,

Your added efforts to promote safety, meaningful learning, and equity in how we navigate the uncertainties and changing impacts of the pandemic are greatly appreciated. We approach Spring Quarter with hope, given the DU Campus's move to the [Clear Level](#) for COVID Protocols —yet, we know so many in our community are still facing struggles and unknowns for how the pandemic and the many concerning current events continue to unfold, including the [anti-trans policymaking and the invasion of Ukraine](#).

We know the quick turnaround with completing your final winter quarter assignments and the start of spring quarter classes will keep you busy. Yet, we hope that you enjoy a bit of a break and the possibilities that come with moving into springtime. We offer these reminders and supports to help with the transition between quarters.

Calendar:

- **Monday, March 14:** Last day of Winter Quarter classes and field for GSSW
- **Thursday, March 25:** Winter Quarter Grades will be available
- **Wednesday, March 28:** First day of Spring Quarter classes and field
- **Wednesday, April 27:** Summer 2022 Registration
- **Wednesday, May 11:** Fall 2022 Registration
- **Monday, May 30:** No classes for Memorial Day Holiday
 - Due to this holiday, Monday class sessions will not meet for 9 times.
- **Saturday, June 4:** Last day of Spring Quarter classes and field
- **Friday, June 10, DU Commencement:** Please visit the [DU Commencement site](#) for updates, as details are forthcoming, and expected in April

Access to Campus in Spring:

DU is currently at the [Clear Alert Level](#). You will need to follow [DU Protocols](#) (i.e., COVID Vaccine, Booster Shot for COVID, Flu Vaccine, and testing) and have your [DU ID Card](#) to access Craig Hall.

- For testing at the start of spring quarter, you must:
 - Take 2 tests within a 7-day period, at least 2 days apart, between March 21 and April 4 through the [DU Spit Lab](#).
 - Following these two tests, your frequency will be determined by your role on campus and your vaccination status, and you can track your next test date in

[Pioneer Web's](#) Campus Access Status.

- Contingent on the expected continued improvements of COVID-19 conditions, we anticipate returning without a mask requirement, though:
 - Individuals who do not qualify as [fully vaccinated](#) must wear high-quality masks at all times, with limited exceptions.
 - Given that social work is an allied health profession and many in our community work and intern within health care and congregate care systems, we encourage continued caution. Please feel free to wear a mask, modeling this caution for others.
 - For mask-wearing at internships, students are still required to follow agency protocols and policies, which may require mask-wearing.
 - As part of our desire to be an inclusive community, please do not assume the underlying reasons someone is wearing a mask.

While classes may meet on-campus during Week 1, Zoom access or online class options will be allowed for Week 1. Students should attend their field placement as usual, unless instructed otherwise by their agency supervisor.

After Week 1, **we are returning to the expectation that if you have an in-person class, that instructors and students will join in-person**, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

- **Zoom access to in-person classes will not be routinely offered.**
- **GSSW will continue the modified absence policy** of winter quarter.
 - Up to 2 absences will be excused, with no point deduction for attendance or participation.
 - A third absence may result in a deduction to the course grade.
 - A fourth absence (or engaging in only 60% of the course) may result in failing the course.
 - We encourage students and instructors to be proactive in communication and to clarify any course expectations. For absences, students may be offered alternative learning activities or class recordings. We also encourage students to remember there are DU supports such as [Student Outreach & Support](#), [Disability Services Program](#), [Leave of Absences](#), or [Incompletes](#).
- Remember that you can also speak to or email your instructor in advance to clarify course or assignment expectations, to raise concerns and questions, and to ask for extensions due to extenuating circumstances.
- With warmer spring weather, please know that DU campus outside space is available to you, as long as you follow campus access protocols. If you are looking for alternative spaces on campus to study or gather with each other (and are cleared to be on campus), we encourage you to check out:
 - [The Burwell Center for Career Achievement](#)
 - [The DU Community Commons](#)

- [The Anderson Academic Commons](#)

Summer 2022 Learning Activities:

For summer courses, you will have two program options to register for on April 27, 2022:

All block field placements will run from June 13 – August 19th during summer quarter

Denver Campus (online and in-person options): July 13 – August 16 (typically 2 classes per week)

- Foundation Courses Offered: *SOWK 4132: Power, Privilege & Oppression; SOWK 4201: Evidence for Practice*
- Concentration Courses Offered: 1-2 courses from each concentration, values course options. We will also offer some specialized weekend intensive courses, such as in Experiential Therapy, Animal Assisted SW, or Leadership & Supervision
- A draft schedule will be available by March 28.

MSW@Denver (fully online program) between June 13 – August 19 (typically 1 class per week for 10 weeks)

- Foundation Courses Offered: All foundation courses are offered.
- Concentration Courses Offered: Mental Health and Health & Wellness concentration courses are offered.
- If you look at the Spring [course schedule](#) with the “Social Work” subject and “DU@2U Distance Program” attribute, you can see the course offerings.
- If you want to take an MSW@Denver course, you must complete the [visiting student application](#) by May 1, 2022.

Supports:

You can find information on supports from GSSW and DU on the [GSSW Student Resource Portal](#) and through these virtual office hours and direct messaging/chat in Microsoft Teams on the [Contact Us](#) page.

Thank you for all you do to contribute to our vibrant community. Please continue to support each other and care for yourself. We look forward to celebrating your many accomplishments and graduation as we wrap up this academic year.

Warmly,

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