

## Denver Campus Special Topics Offerings Fall Quarter 2021

Special Topic Course Title	Course Description	Instructor	Mode	Day/Time
<p><b>Supporting Social Movements</b> (Skills Course) 2 Credits</p>	<p>There is no more potent force for creating meaningful social change than grassroots-led social movements; with a significant groundswell of such efforts in the U.S. around key social justice &amp; racial justice issues in recent years. This two-credit skill-building course is designed for those who aspire to use their professional training to advance social &amp; racial justice. Participants will be introduced to the theory &amp; practice of community organizing &amp; how other professional disciplines can effectively support, strengthen, &amp; amplify mass movements for social change. The course will have two components: (1) three virtual classroom sessions; &amp; (2) a practicum, where students will work in teams through the Social Movement Support Lab at IRISE to complete projects for some of the most cutting-edge movements being led by communities of color across Colorado &amp; the U.S.</p>	<p>SOWK 4990 Alexi Freeman <a href="mailto:afreeman@law.du.edu">afreeman@law.du.edu</a> &amp; Jim Freeman <a href="mailto:jfreeman@grassrootssupport.org">jfreeman@grassrootssupport.org</a></p>	<p>Korbel On-Campus</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p><b>Creating a Regenerative Future</b> (Methods/Skills) 3 Credits</p>	<p>This special topics course explores how we can create a regenerative future that is life-renewing for people &amp; planet—a future in which all people, species, &amp; ecosystems thrive. The concept of a “regenerative future” will be examined for how it goes beyond the limitations of a sustainability paradigm &amp; analyzed from the lenses of social justice &amp; power, privilege, &amp; oppression. The special case of the climate crisis &amp; ways to address it regeneratively will be explored in-depth, as one example of creating a regenerative future. Students will also dive into a regenerative futures topic of interest to them through a quarter-long project &amp; develop practical skills in case study analysis, professional communication, strategic planning, &amp; group facilitation.</p>	<p>Lisa Reyes Mason <a href="mailto:lisareyes.mason@du.edu">lisareyes.mason@du.edu</a></p>	<p>In-person On campus</p>	<p>Tuesday 12:00-1:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Dialectical Behavioral Therapy</b> (Methods / Skills) 3 Credits</p>	<p>This course will provide an overview of Dialectical Behavior Therapy, from research &amp; theory to implementation &amp; adaptation. We will explore the relevance of dialectical philosophy in social work practice of all kinds.</p>	<p>Kathryn Butts <a href="mailto:Kathryn.Butts@du.edu">Kathryn.Butts@du.edu</a></p>	<p>Online Sync</p>	<p>Tuesday 3:00-4:30 pm</p>