

University of Michigan  
School of Social Work

**REQUEST FOR COURSE EXEMPTION FROM SW 502,**

Organizational, Community and Societal Structures and Processes

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE SSW REGISTRAR'S OFFICE (Room 1772)**

<b><u>For completion by Student or Exemption Reviewer:</u></b>	Date:
Student's Name:	I.D.#:
Practice Method Concentration (circle one): IP CO MHS P&E	Practice Area Concentration (circle one): AG CY CSS HLTH MHLTH
Minor (circle one): IP CO MHS P&E	Term of Study (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5
Pursuing dual degree with (circle one):	Curriculum Track (circle one):
MBA MSI MPH MPP MUP JD PhD	Adv Stdg 16 mo 20 mo Ext Deg

<b><u>For completion by Faculty Advisor or Exemption Reviewer:</u></b>	
Basis For Exemption(see reverse side for guidelines):	
College/University:	College/University:
Course:	Course:
Term/Year:	Term/Year:
Grade:	Grade:
Level (circle one): Grad Undergrad	Level (circle one): Grad Undergrad

Faculty Advisor or Exemption Reviewer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For completion by Exemption Consultant (Consultant is listed on reverse side of this form):**

NOTE: If Consultant approves without standard criteria being met an explanation must be provided by the Consultant in the space below:

Consultant explanation if criteria not met: \_\_\_\_\_

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Faculty Exemption Consultant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INFORMATION ON EXEMPTIONS FROM SW 502**

Exemptions from foundation courses will be granted when students have extensive prior comparable courses covering essentially all of the content of a foundation course in either an undergraduate or graduate program, completed within the six years prior to enrollment in the program with a grade of B or better. Prior work experience is not a basis for exemptions.

**SW 502 (Organizational, Community, and Societal Structures and Processes)**

This course provides a critical understanding of societal groups, community, and organizational structures and processes. The emphasis of this course is on knowledge about middle and large size systems, and the implications of this knowledge in the promotion of positive change goals, reducing risk factors, and strengthening protective factors at the community, organizational, and policy levels. Content includes selected theories about different size systems as well as political and economic systems including theories for social, institutional and political change.

Student must have prior course work on topics pertaining to the structure, operation, and effects of “larger” social systems – including organizations, communities, and the state. Courses generally would have been taken in a social work program or the social sciences, and should have covered at least three of the following areas: social problems, theories of the state (particularly the welfare state), vulnerable populations, community organization and disorganization, social change, theories of citizenship, human ecology, implementation theory and research, and organization theory (including inter-organizational relations).

There may be some unusual circumstances when students come in with either extensive course work or a degree in public administration or macro-economics. In these circumstances, the student should be able to document course work which covered at least three of the areas noted above.

NOTE: An exemption does not reduce the total number of hours required for graduation.  
Professor Andrew Grogan-Kaylor (3847 SSWB) is the Exemption Consultant for SW 502.