

University of Michigan  
School of Social Work

**REQUEST FOR COURSE EXEMPTION FROM SW 521,**  
Interpersonal Practice with Individuals, Families and Small Groups  
**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): MBA MSI MPH MPP MUP JD PhD	Curriculum Track (circle one): 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**INFORMATION ON EXEMPTIONS FROM SW 521**

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 last 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 521 (IP with Individuals, Families and Small Groups)**

This foundation course in Interpersonal Practice presents knowledge and skills essential to interpersonal practice. The course covers content on values of the Social Work profession, various professional roles (e.g., advocate, broker, counselor, case manager, etc.) that social workers perform, and the many skills that beginning social workers need to master (e.g., active listening, empathetic responding, contracting, etc.).

In general, students who have completed two undergraduate social work methods or process courses may be eligible for exemption from this course.

NOTE: An exemption does not reduce the total number of hours required for graduation.  
Professor Tom Powell (3796 SSWB) is the Exemption Consultant for SW 521.