

SOCIAL WORK (S W)

S W 250 - Introduction to Social Welfare (3.0 hours)

Overview of historical development and contemporary forces shaping the social welfare system in the U.S. Examines social policies, social conditions affecting vulnerable populations, and service delivery systems in which social work is practiced. Includes community agency contact.

S W 260 - Research Methods (3.0 hours)

Social research methods: research design and models of observation, including single subject and program evaluation, quantitative and qualitative methods, sampling techniques, questionnaire construction, types of surveys, measurement problems, and data analysis.

Prerequisite: Sociology or social work major or consent of instructor; MTH 111 or PSY 205.

S W 310 - Child Welfare I (3.0 hours)

Examines the theory and knowledge associated with practice in the field of child welfare. This course covers the areas of policy, normative child development, disruptions in child development, and the continuum of services for children in society.

S W 350 - Foundations for Social Work Practice (3.0 hours)

Historical development of social work. Introduction of generalist social work practice; systems perspective; knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for practice; communication skills and the helping relationship as foundation for the problem-solving process. Overview of fields of practice. Includes required volunteer experience.

Prerequisite: S W 250.

S W 351 - Social Work Practice I (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: WI

Assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up phases of the problem-solving process. Students develop interviewing skills and apply knowledge of social systems, human development, diversity, and ethics with focus on the micro level.

Prerequisite: S W 350, social work major or consent of social work program director.

S W 352 - Social Work Practice II (3.0 hours)

Generalist practice with focus on families and groups as well as individuals in group contexts. Includes required volunteer experience in group setting.

Prerequisite: S W 350; social work major or consent of social work program director.

S W 353 - Social Work Practice III (3.0 hours)

Generalist practice with focus on organizations, communities, and large social systems. Assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation skills for macro-level practice. Emphasis on issues of diversity, discrimination, and oppression.

Prerequisite: S W 350; social work major or consent of social work program director.

S W 354 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (3.0 hours)

Current research and theory concerning interaction of environment with individual behavior. Life span development, strengths, approach, and issues of diversity as influences on individual development.

S W 355 - Social Welfare Policy (3.0 hours)

Analysis of social welfare policy from the social work perspective. Impact of social policy on recipients and constituents of social welfare programs. Institutional responses to social problems, social justice, and human needs. Analysis and evaluation of policy at the organizational, community, and legislative levels.

Prerequisite: ECO 100; PLS 105; S W 250.

S W 356 - Topics in SW (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: EL

Topics of special interest which may vary each time the course is offered.

Topic stated in current Schedule of Classes. May be repeated under a different topic for maximum of 6 hours credit.

S W 358 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (3.0 hours)

Current research and theory concerning interaction of environment with families, groups, organizations, and communities. Social and cultural causes and impact of diversity, discrimination, and oppression.

Prerequisite: S W 354.

S W 393 - Social Work Practicum (9.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: EL

Supervised experience in an approved community agency; use of knowledge and skills common to generalist practice; 420 field hours required. Pass/fail.

Prerequisite: S W 351; social work major.

Corequisite: S W 395.

S W 395 - Social Work Seminar (3.0 hours)

Core Curriculum: WI,EL

Seminar that integrates theory and principles learned in academic courses with field and practice experience.

Prerequisite: S W 351; social work major.

Corequisite: S W 393.

S W 490 - Individual Study in Social Work (1.0-3.0 hours)

Special study on topics with faculty supervision. For social work majors; non-majors require approval of Department Chair. May be repeated under a different topic up to a maximum of 3 credit hours.

Prerequisite: Consent of director of social work program.

S W 499 - Honors Colloquium (3.0 hours)

Special study or project conducted under faculty supervision. Oral presentation before a faculty committee.

Prerequisite: 3.5 GPA in social work major and consent of department chair.

S W 540 - Introduction to Social Welfare (3.0 hours)

Overview of historical development and contemporary forces shaping the social welfare system in the U.S. Examines social policies, social conditions affecting diverse marginalized populations, and service delivery systems in which social work is practiced.

S W 550 - Foundations for Social Work Practice (3.0 hours)

This course provides an overview of generalist social work practice.

Students will develop necessary knowledge, skills, values, and ethics required for practice. Topics include systems perspective, communication skills, and the helping relationship as foundation for the problem-solving process.

S W 551 - Social Work Practice I and II (3.0 hours)

This course provides an overview of generalist practice with a focus on individuals, families, and groups. Skill development in engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation are addressed. Topics include application of knowledge of social systems, human development, diversity, and ethics with focus on the micro and mezzo levels.

Prerequisite: S W 550

S W 553 - Social Work Practice II and III (3.0 hours)

This course provides an overview of generalist practice with a focus on groups, organizations, and communities. Engagement, assessment, intervention, evaluation skills for macro-level practice are addressed. Topics include application of knowledge of social systems, human development, diversity, and ethics with focus on the mezzo and macro levels.

Prerequisite: S W 550

S W 555 - Social Welfare Policy (3.0 hours)

This course discusses analysis of social welfare policy and impact of social policy on recipients and constituents of social welfare programs. Topics include institutional responses to social problems, human needs, human rights, and social justice. Students will learn about evaluation of policy at the organizational, community, and legislative levels.

S W 558 - Human Behavior in the Social Environment I and II (3.0 hours)

This course examines theoretical perspectives concerning interaction of environment with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Topics include life span development, strengths-based approach, person in environment, and diversity as influences on social work practice.

S W 560 - Social Work Research Methods (3.0 hours)

This course provides an overview of research methods for social work including qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods, and research design. Topics include literature reviews, protection of human subjects, single subject and program evaluation, sampling techniques, measurement problems, and data analysis.

S W 580 - Diversity and Social Justice (3.0 hours)

This course focused on the complex issues of diversity and social justice. Topics include discrimination, oppression, equity, cultural humility, human rights, and varying forms of justice.

S W 593 - Social Work Field Practicum I (3.0 hours)

This is a supervised experience in an approved community agency that uses knowledge and skills common to generalist practice. A total of 420 field hours are required.

Prerequisite: Open only to graduate students in the MSW program.

S W 595 - Social Work Field Seminar I (3.0 hours)

This seminar is taken concurrently with Field Practicum I. The course integrates theory and principles learned in academic courses with field and practice experience.

Prerequisite: Open only to graduate students in the MSW program.

S W 602 - Advanced Social Work Theory and Methods (3.0 hours)

This course builds on theoretical knowledge, skills, and values taught in foundation courses. Topics include in-depth exploration of theories and methods and their application in social work practice at all practice levels (individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities).

S W 604 - Grant Writing and Fundraising (3.0 hours)

This course provides an overview of fundamental grant writing and fundraising skills useful in social work non-profit leadership. Topics include identifying funding for social work agencies, developing and submitting effective proposals, organizing and implementing successful fundraisers in the community.

S W 650 - Advanced Clinical Practice (3.0 hours)

This course builds on clinical knowledge, skills, and values taught in foundation courses. Students will learn about theoretical perspectives and clinical knowledge to engagement, assessment, and diagnoses. Topics include developing culturally appropriate treatments, interventions, and evaluations.

S W 655 - Advanced Social Work Policy (3.0 hours)

This course builds on policy knowledge and skills in foundation courses. Students will examine the policy process and applies various models to analyze social policy and its relationship to practice. How policy affects diverse marginalized population is explored.

S W 660 - Advanced Social Work Research Methods (3.0 hours)

This course builds on research knowledge and skills in foundation courses. Advanced research methods are explained including data entry, interpretation, and analysis.

S W 670 - Child Welfare I (3.0 hours)

This course examines contemporary child welfare policies and practices in United States. Students will explore the rights of children, the rights and responsibilities of parents and society, and their points of conflict. The nature and impact of child maltreatment, the ways in which society prevents or responds to the social problem of child maltreatment, and the system of response to child maltreatment are addressed.

Prerequisite: S W 551 and S W 553

S W 675 - Child Welfare II (3.0 hours)

Continuation of advanced content on Child Welfare I. Presentation and analysis of current child welfare topics and the role of the profession of social work.

Prerequisite: S W 670

S W 680 - Health and Clinical Practice I (3.0 hours)

This course examines the application of theoretical models to inform health and clinical practice. Topics include psychosocial assessments, social determinants of health, integrated behavioral health, and the use of medications to treat health and mental health disorders.

Prerequisite: S W 551 and S W 553

S W 685 - Health and Clinical Practice II (3.0 hours)

This course is a continuation of advanced content on Health and Clinical Practice I. Students will examine the relationship between health policies and professional practice. Topics include health care and mental health delivery systems and their impact on practice.

Prerequisite: S W 680

S W 693 - Social Work Advanced Field Practicum II (3.0 hours)

This is a supervised experience in an approved community agency that uses knowledge and skills common to advanced practice. A total of 200 field hours are required.

Prerequisite: Open only to graduate students in the MSW program.

S W 695 - Social Work Advanced Field Seminar II (3.0 hours)

This seminar is taken concurrently with Field Practicum II. The course integrates theory and principles learned in academic courses with field and practice experience.

Prerequisite: Open only to graduate students in the MSW program.

S W 697 - Social Work Advanced Field Practicum III (3.0 hours)

This is a supervised experience in an approved community agency that uses knowledge and skills common to advanced practice. A total of 300 field hours are required.

Prerequisite: S W 693; Open only to graduate students in the MSW program.

S W 699 - Social Work Advanced Field Seminar III (3.0 hours)

This seminar is taken concurrently with Field Practicum III. The course integrates theory and principles learned in academic courses with field and practice experience.

Prerequisite: S W 695; Open only to graduate students in the MSW program.