

Social Work (SW)

SW 1010 Introduction to Social Work 3

Introduces social work theory and practice. Examines the relationship between policy and practice in the context of nine major fields of social work. Considers challenges faced by today's practitioners. Explores current career opportunities in the field.

SW 2100 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I 3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission into the BSW program

Presents major theoretical concepts about human development and environmental factors influencing development from the social and behavioral sciences and their applications to micro, mezzo, and macro social work practice. Focuses on the first half of the life cycle, the prenatal period through adolescence. The first in a two-course human behavior and the social environment sequence.

SW 275R Survey of Current Topics 3

* Prerequisite(s): (ANTH 101G or PSY 1010 or SOC 1010 or SW 1010) and ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005

Presents selected topic in Social Work and will vary each semester. Approaches subjects from a cross-disciplinary perspective. Requires a project demonstrating competency in the specific topic. May be repeated for nine credits toward graduation.

SW 3000 (Cross-listed with: FAMS 3000) Social Work Practice I 3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BSW program or declared major in Family Science and University Advanced Standing

Introduces the basic knowledge, values, and skills needed for generalist social work practice. Focuses on working with individuals using the planned change process within the strengths perspective. Assists students in understanding the social and environmental conditions that negatively affect clients and empowering clients to take steps to enhance their own well-being. Provides content on the evaluation of social work practice.

SW 3100 Social Work Practice II 3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 3000, Admission to the BSW program, and University Advanced Standing

Focuses on generalist social work practice with emphasis on small groups. Uses the planned change process to assist oppressed groups within the values and ethics of the profession. Includes content on evaluation of practice.

SW 3200 Social Work Practice III 3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 3000, SW 3100, Admission into the BSW program, and University Advanced Standing

Explores how generalist practice relates to the various levels of practice and how it particularly relates to macro practice. Emphasizes macro issues such as community organization and development, socio-cultural interactions, legislative matters, and other areas related to policy practice. Particular attention will be given to areas of practice that involve disenfranchised groups and how to promote social justice for these groups at the macro level.

SW 3400 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II 3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 2100, Admission into the BSW program, and University Advanced Standing

Presents major theoretical concepts about human development and environmental factors influencing development from the social and behavioral sciences and their applications to micro, mezzo, and macro social work practice. Focuses on the second half of the lifecycle, young adulthood through older adulthood.

SW 3500 Social Welfare Policies and Services 3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission into the BSW program and University Advanced Standing

Analyzes current social policy within the context of historical and contemporary factors that shape policy. Examines major social forces and institutions as they relate to and determine social policy emphasizing social welfare services in an industrialized society. Evaluates social welfare frameworks in light of the principles of social and economic justice. Identifies effect of social policy on generalist social work practice.

SW 3510 International Social Work 3

* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2010 with a C+ grade or higher, SW 1010, and University Advanced Standing

Investigates ways in which micro and macro skills can be integrated via a social development model to address social welfare issues in international settings. Includes the development of interventions beginning at the community level and moving toward global as well as individual practice. Focuses on the enhancement of practice knowledge and skills in program design, development, implementation and evaluation. Addresses basic resources such as food, shelter, potable water and sanitation, as well as sustainable economic development, inter-ethnic conflict, global indebtedness, ethnoconscious organizational development, and empowerment/conscientization as a method of intervening in social challenges.

SW 355G Thanatology--Death and Dying 3

* Prerequisite(s): (PSY 1010 or SW 1010) and (ENGL 2010 with a C+ grade or higher) and University Advanced Standing

Introduces students to the subject of thanatology. Reviews theories and research associated with death and dying. Examines death systems, cultural norms, taboos and rituals. Studies the health care system, public policy, laws, and customs. Addresses death from a developmental perspective. Explores life-threatening illness, suicide, and end-of-life issues. Reviews grief and loss themes. Familiarizes students with vocabulary and explores related human service occupations such as bereavement counseling and hospice care. May be delivered hybrid.

SW 3600 Ethics and Values in Social Work Practice 3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission into the BSW program and University Advanced Standing

Acquaints students with the values of the field of social work and the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers and to help them begin to develop the ability to effectively deal with the ethical issues they will be confronted with in professional practice. Increases students awareness of new and emerging ethical issues and provide tools and methodologies for ethical decision-making. Addresses ethical dilemmas involving conflict between personal values, agency guidelines, professional standards, and cultural differences. Includes discussion of models for ethical decision-making, the NASW Code of Ethics, as well as the codes of ethics of other human services professional organizations.

Course Descriptions

SW 371G

Diversity Issues in Social Work Practice

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission into the BSW program and University Advanced Standing

Increases understanding and appreciation of diverse client populations, the nature of cultural identity, group membership and differential access to resources, and strategies to combat discrimination, oppression and economic deprivation and to promote social and economic justice. Examines socio-identities including: race, ethnicity, religion, gender, social class, sexual orientation, abilities, and age. Includes discussion of oppressive and discriminatory experiences as well as resilience and strengths encountered by different groups. Explores similarities, differences, and controversies between diverse populations in the context of their personal values and professional policy and practice.

SW 3750

Child Abuse Neglect and Domestic Violence

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 1010 and University Advanced Standing

Reviews definitions of child abuse and neglect and other forms of domestic violence using a multidisciplinary perspective. Explores theories explaining the causes of abuse/neglect and domestic violence. Identifies indicators of abuse/neglect and aids students in making assessments and intervening in situations of abuse/neglect and domestic violence. Educates students in mandatory reporting laws and the workings of the child welfare system in efforts to intervene and prevent abuse/neglect. Addresses current policy issues pertinent to child abuse/neglect and domestic violence and identifies effective methods in which students can advocate for social change within the social and child welfare system.

SW 3760

Post Traumatic Growth--Beyond Survival

3

* Prerequisite(s): PSY 3110 and BESC 3020 or equivalent, and University Advanced Standing

Examines post-traumatic growth from an ecological perspective and across various at-risk populations. Emphasizes traditional and non-traditional approaches in dealing with physically and psychologically traumatic issues. Explores the characteristics of trauma from a strengths-based perspective and how to best provide services to people that have experienced traumatic events at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. Considers events within their ecological context. Discusses sensitivity to a variety of circumstances and cultural patterns.

SW 3860

Interviewing Skills

3

* Prerequisite(s): ENGL 2010 with C+ or better and University Advanced Standing; PSY 2300 with a C- grade or higher recommended

Develops knowledge of and skill in clinical interviewing across cultures. Familiarizes students with a broad range of clinical interviewing skills. Uses class discussions, video clips of master clinicians, instructor modeling, in-class practice, videotaped role plays, and class and instructor evaluations of role plays.

SW 4450

Introduction to Child Welfare I

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 1010 and (ENGL 2010 with C+ or higher) and University Advanced Standing

Prepares students to be effective interventionists in family systems where children are at risk of abuse, neglect, or dependency. Examines four-part Child Welfare CORE Competency-based series. Provides students with the basic knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for successful performance as child welfare workers.

SW 4460

Introduction to Child Welfare II

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admitted to BS in Social Work, SW 1010, (ENGL 2010 with C+ or higher) and University Advanced Standing

Addresses the basic effects of abuse, neglect, and separation on child development. Focuses on the knowledge and skills required for child welfare workers to provide services related to child placement, including risk assessment, attachment, separation, loss, grief, family intervention, and reunification and reintegration services. Teaches strategies to reduce trauma and promote effective child placement. Explains the foster-care system, including how to work with foster caregivers.

SW 4500

Crisis Intervention

3

* Prerequisite(s): [SW 1010 and (ENGL 2010 with a minimum C+ grade) or instructor approval] and University Advanced Standing

Introduces the student to the philosophy, knowledge, techniques, and skills of crisis intervention. Provides opportunities through projects, written assignments, role playing, and first-hand interaction with professional crisis workers by which the students may deepen their understanding of this demanding method of social work practice.

SW 4600

The DSM of Mental Disorders

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 1010, PSY 2300, ENGL 2010 with a C+ grade or higher, and University Advanced Standing

Provides an overview of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of mental disorders (DSM) based on clinical diagnosis. Teaches DSM based clinical diagnosis. Teaches DSM diagnoses including diagnostic criteria, prevalence rates, gender and cultural differences in prevalence and symptomatology, disease course, and differential diagnosis. Uses class discussions, videotapes of individuals with different DSM diagnoses, and case scenarios.

SW 4700

Case Management in Social Work Practice

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 1010 and University Advanced Standing

Provides the conceptual foundation for providing case management services and crisis intervention to individuals in various population groups.

SW 475R

Current Topics in Social Work

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 1010 and ENGL 2010 and University Advanced Standing

Presents selected topic in Social Work and will vary each semester. Requires a project demonstrating competency in the specific topic. May be repeated with different topics for 9 credits toward graduation.

SW 4800

Integrated Seminar I

1

* Prerequisite(s): SW 3000, admission to the BSW program, and University Advanced Standing

* Corequisite(s): SW 481R

Provides a generalist base for social work practice that involves an on-site, supervised field agency practicum and a weekly seminar. Assists the student to integrate classroom learning with learning that takes place in the on-site field practicum. First of two courses in field practicum sequence. Graded Credit/No Credit.

SW 481R

Field Placement

1 to 8

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BSW program and University Advanced Standing

* Corequisite(s): SW 4800 or SW 4850

Provides a generalist base for social work practice that involves an on-site, supervised field agency practicum. Assists the student to integrate classroom learning with learning that takes place in the on-site field practicum. Performs a minimum of 225 hours of supervised social work in a local agency setting. May be repeated for a maximum of 10 credits toward graduation. May be graded credit/no credit. Course fee of \$84 applies for practical experience applies.

SW 4850

Integrated Seminar II

1

* Prerequisite(s): Senior Standing in the BSW program, SW 4800 with B- or higher, and University Advanced Standing

* Corequisite(s): SW 481R

Provides a generalist base for social work practice that involves an on-site, supervised field agency practicum and a weekly seminar. Assists the student to integrate classroom learning with learning that takes place in the on-site field practicum. Provides an integrative classroom experience for students with a clinical interest currently working in related jobs or volunteer experiences in human service agencies or work sites. Second of two courses in the field practicum sequence.

SW 489R

Advanced Research in Social Work

1 to 3

* Prerequisite(s): (SW 1010 and BESC 3020 with a C grade or higher); ENGL 2010 with C+ grade or higher; University Advanced Standing; Instructor approval

Expands research experience by either (1) significantly assisting on a faculty member's research project or (2) carrying out an independent research project of the student's design under faculty mentorship. Requires individual initiative and responsibility. Includes limited formal instruction. May include literature searches, completion of the IRB application process, materials creation, data collection, data analysis, writing a publishable paper, preparing a poster, preparing an oral presentation, or other options as approved by the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits toward graduation.

SW 490R

Independent Studies

1 to 3

* Prerequisite(s): Instructor approval, department chair approval, and University Advanced Standing; for Behavioral Science Bachelor Degree students only

For qualified students who wish to undertake a well-defined project or directed study related to an area of special interest. Requires individual initiative and responsibility. Includes limited formal instruction and faculty supervision. Projects may include writing a publishable paper, passing a competency exam, producing an annotated bibliography, oral presentation, or other options as approved by the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

SW 6000

Social Work Practice I-- Individuals and Families

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program

Provides an overview of clinical social work and the practice, knowledge, and skills needed to effectively treat clients. Covers topics such as interpersonal and interviewing skills, the generalist planned change process, strengths perspective utilization, values and ethics, and cultural competence.

SW 6020

Social Work Practice II-Groups

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000

Introduces the theory and practice of social work in groups. Prepares students for practice by helping them develop the knowledge, values, and skills needed for generalist social work practice with groups. Utilizes evidence-based practice in developing group leadership skills.

SW 6030

Social Work Practice III-Advanced Practice with Individuals and Families

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000

Examines clinical approaches most often used with clients. Emphasizes the theoretical basis of treatment modalities and how to apply them in practice.

SW 6050

Social Work Practice IV-Advanced Practice with Organizations and Communities

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6300

Analyzes multiple approaches social workers use to influence groups, organizations, communities, and systems. Examines concepts, theories, and models of macro level practice and skills for addressing complex practice and organizational situations.

SW 6200

Human Behavior and the Social Environment I

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW Program

Presents biological and social science concepts and how they influence human behavior, particularly regarding social environments. Analyzes human behavior by understanding how people process information, what motivates them, how they respond to stress, and what conditions bring about successful change. Applies this information to properly assess the person, their environment, and how that environment has influenced their actions.

SW 6210

Human Behavior and the Social Environment II

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW Program

Explores biological and social science concepts and how they influence human behavior, particularly regarding social environments. Investigates varying social environment factors, such as culture, ethnicity, stress, adaptation, and gender. Examines biological, psychological, social, and spiritual theories to develop accuracy in assessments.

SW 6300

Social Welfare Policy and Analysis

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program

Analyzes current social policy within the context of historical and contemporary factors. Examines major social forces and institutions as they relate to and determine social policy emphasizing social welfare services within current U.S. society. Evaluates social welfare frameworks in light of the principles of social and economic justice and how this impacts individual, group, and community well-being.

SW 6320

Social Work Practice with Diverse Groups and Populations

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000

Emphasizes and evaluates the historical trends and policies around the oppression and marginalization of diverse groups and population in the U.S. Teaches culturally competent social work practice with individuals, families, organizations and communities.

SW 6400

Social Work Research Methods

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW Program

Addresses advanced quantitative and qualitative methods to prepare students for carrying out research in agencies. Includes critical analysis of scholarly literature and applying it in clinical practice. Explains the importance of both practice and program evaluation in a clinical setting.

SW 6407

Advanced Social Work Ethics

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW Program

Provides an overview of the NASW Code of Ethics. Emphasizes the application of the Code to social work practice situations among various client systems and populations. Addresses the relationships between the Code and the client's basic legal rights.

Course Descriptions

SW 6490

MSW Advanced Standing Bridge Course

4

* Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into the MSW Advanced Standing program

Supplements the knowledge, skills, and values foundation developed in participants' BSW programs. Reviews content learned at the baccalaureate level and material that will be helpful in preparing students for the concentration year of the MSW program. Prepares MSW students to transition from the foundation year to the advanced concentration courses. Addresses topics necessary for advanced MSW-level practice and to support effective and ethical micro- and macro-level interventions. Covers key content addressed in SW foundation courses within the BSW program. This course is open to Advanced Standing students only.

SW 6491

MSW Advanced Standing Skills Course

4

* Prerequisite(s): Acceptance into the MSW Advanced Standing program, SW 6490

Develops students' applied skills in Social Work practice. Integrates foundational social work approaches to practice, such as empowerment, strengths-based, and collaborative/person-centered skills. Assures that incoming Advanced Standing students have mastered foundational competencies in social-work practice skills with various types of human systems. Prepares MSW students to transition from the foundation year to the advanced concentration courses. Open to Advanced Standing students only.

SW 6500

Addictions

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000

Teaches how to reduce or eliminate the detrimental impact of substance use disorders at multiple levels, such as families, groups, organizations, and communities. Teaches the knowledge and skills that assist in reducing and eliminating addiction. Enables students to identify, assess, and evaluate those struggling with substance abuse and dependency throughout the life span and how to intervene when necessary.

SW 6530

Psychopharmacology

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to MSW program

Addresses principles of nervous system function with emphasis on communication between nerve cells. Focuses on therapeutic drugs as well as drugs of abuse to include mechanisms of action and behavioral effects. Teaches content on dynamics of addiction within a pharmacological context.

SW 6610

Spirituality in Social Work

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to MSW program

Addresses a theistic model for social work clinical practice. Examines various religious and spiritual world views and their application to counseling and psychotherapy. Emphasizes the need for increased sensitivity and competence in working with clients for whom faith-based interventions are desired.

SW 6620

Family Therapy

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000

Introduces a skills-based course in the field of family therapy. Trains prospective clinicians to work with families from a systems focus. Reviews the history of family therapy and the predominant models of the field. Emphasizes ethical and cultural issues in the realm of family therapy.

SW 6630

Mental Health Diagnosis

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to MSW program

Explains the major issues in the area of psychopathology and diagnosis of mental disorders from a bio-psycho-social perspective. Covers influences on the incidence, manifestation, and course of the most commonly presented mental disorders and the differential effect of these factors on diverse populations. Examines mental illness through the experience of family members and significant others.

SW 6640

Crisis Intervention

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to MSW program

Introduces the philosophy, knowledge, techniques, and skills of crisis intervention. Provides opportunities through projects, written assignments, role playing, and first-hand interaction with professional crisis workers to deepen understanding of this demanding method of social work practice.

SW 6650

Couples Therapy

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000

Trains prospective clinicians in working with couples in a therapeutic capacity. Teaches the basic skills, dominant models, and unique challenges of couples therapy. Examines essential skills and techniques in working with dating, cohabiting, premarital, and marital couples. Examines unique situations of therapy such as addictions, affairs, and sexual issues. Addresses issues of diversity in couples therapy.

SW 6660

Family Violence Across the Lifespan

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program

Examines interpersonal violence within the context of familial role and across at-risk populations. Emphasizes a variety of family systems and the impact that issues such as divorce, substance abuse, child abuse, and incarceration have on the various units in the family system. Considers issues and builds practice skills related to family support services, child maltreatment, and substitute care.

SW 6670

Post Traumatic Growth--Practice and Clinical Considerations

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admittance to the MSW Program

Examines post-traumatic growth across various at-risk populations. Considers several clinical and therapeutic issues in addition to other practice skills related to supportive services from a variety of theoretical frameworks that promote individual, familial, and community growth. Discusses diagnostic criteria and treatment differences in post-traumatic stress and post-traumatic growth. Explores events within their ecological context and works to build sensitivity to a variety of circumstances and cultural patterns. Emphasizes traditional as well as non-traditional approaches in dealing with physically and psychologically traumatic issues such as cancer, interpersonal violence, divorce, child abuse, etc. Discusses characteristics of trauma from a strengths-based perspective and how to best provide services to people that have experienced traumatic events at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.

SW 6700

Advanced Practice with Communities of Color and Other Diverse Populations

3

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000, SW 6320

Explains diversity and difference, power and privilege, and oppression. Encourages self-examination within these systems as an essential foundation for culturally competent social work practice. Introduces issues related to service utilization within communities of color and providing effective interventions for historically under-served populations.

SW 679R

Special Topics in Social Work Practice

3

* Prerequisite(s): Admission into the MSW Program, or approval from Program Director.

Presents selected topics in the field of social work at the master's level that may vary by section and/or semester. Provides students in-depth education and training in specialized topics within the field of social work practice. May be repeated with different topics for up to 9 credits toward graduation requirements.

SW 6810

Integrative Seminar I

1

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program

* Corequisite(s): SW 6910

Integrates and applies the knowledge and skills obtained from coursework to a social service agency setting. Examines practice experiences such as experiences with people of different cultures/races/ages, ethical dilemmas, emotional and cognitive responses to agency experience, etc. Processes issues that may arise during students' field experiences.

SW 6820

Integrative Seminar II

1

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6810

* Corequisite(s): SW 6920

Builds on Integrated Seminar I. Integrates and applies the knowledge and skills obtained from coursework to a social service agency setting. Examines practice experiences such as experiences with people of different cultures/races/ages, ethical dilemmas, emotional and cognitive responses to agency experience, etc. Processes issues that may arise during students' field experiences.

SW 6830

Integrative Seminar III

1

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6820

* Corequisite(s): SW 6930

Provides opportunities for integration of social work course work and field practicum experiences. Features in-depth analysis of specific social work competencies within the students' domains of practice. Teaches the domains of social work practice that include: assessment, interventions, program policies, and service delivery and leadership in the chosen practice area. Provides guidance in practicum and seminar.

SW 6840

Integrative Seminar IV

1

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6830

* Corequisite(s): SW 6940

Builds on Integrative Seminar III. Provides opportunities for integration of social work course work and field practicum experiences. Features in-depth analysis of specific social work competencies within the students' domains of practice. Teaches the domains of social work practice that include: assessment, interventions, program policies, and service delivery and leadership in the chosen practice area. Provides guidance in practicum and seminar.

SW 6910

Foundation Field Practicum I

4

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program

* Corequisite(s): SW 6810

Offers engaged field education as the central form of instruction and learning to socialize students to become practitioners. Integrates social work theory with practice. Reinforces the purposes, values, and ethics of the social work profession. Fosters the integration of empirical and practice-based knowledge to promote the development of professional competence.

SW 6920

Foundation Field Practicum II

4

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6910

* Corequisite(s): SW 6820

Provides opportunity to apply classroom learning and to integrate theory with practice. Aligns with Council on Social Work Education standards for field education. Reinforces the purposes, values, and ethics of the social work profession. Promotes the development of professional competence.

SW 6930

Advanced Field Practicum I

4

* Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program

* Corequisite(s): SW 6830

Provides agency-based field instruction for advanced learning and practice opportunities relevant to social work. Provides opportunity to integrate and apply advanced generalist practice theory within field experiences. Advances knowledge and skills in practice, research, and evaluation across multi-level systems. Combines field experience, traditional classroom, field supervision, online activities and assignments, and self-directed learning per the field practicum manual.

SW 6940

Advanced Field Practicum II

4

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6930

* Corequisite(s): SW 6840

Continues agency-based field instruction and classroom seminar for advanced learning and practice opportunities relevant to social work. Provides opportunity to integrate and apply advanced generalist practice theory within field experiences. Increases knowledge and skills in practice, research, and evaluation across multi-level systems. Combines field experience, traditional classroom, field supervision, online activities, assignments, and self-directed learning per the field practicum manual.

SW 6945

Supplemental Field Practicum

1 to 4

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6940 or departmental approval

Agency-based field instruction for advanced learning and practice opportunities relevant to social work. Provides opportunity to integrate and apply advanced generalist practice theory within field experiences. Increases knowledge and skills in practice, research, and evaluation across multi-level systems. Combines field experience, field supervision, and self-directed learning per the field practicum manual. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits toward graduation.

SW 6950

MSW Capstone

2

* Prerequisite(s): SW 6000, SW 6300, SW 6400

Synthesizes course work and field practicum into a final capstone project. Emphasizes readiness for graduate level employment through networking, developing a resume, practicing interviewing skills, and preparing for the advanced clinical social work exam.