

SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

SWK 500A Special Topics: Neurosciences & SW (3 Credits)

This course examines the theoretical perspectives of neuro-biology and clarifies the role of the brain in helping to shape and condition behaviors, thoughts and emotions.

SWK 500B Special Topics in Soc Work (3 Credits)

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SWK 500C Special Topics in Soc Work (3 Credits)

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SWK 500D Special Topics in Soc Work (3 Credits)

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SWK 512 Case Management in Social Work (3 Credits)

This course provides the foundations of case management by examining concepts, theories, and models of case management with diverse populations in various settings as it relates to social work. It focuses on essential social work case management skills and the standards for case management practice and evaluation, with an emphasis on ethical and legal issues. Current and emerging issues and approaches are explored.

SWK 529 SW Practice With Military Families (3 Credits)

This course examines the impact of the military lifestyle on the family and social work's role and responsibilities within the military. This course will provide an in-depth view of the knowledge and skills necessary for the identification of needs. The application of resource management and implementation for supportive, therapeutic, and educational needs will be emphasized. The impact of race, gender and class will be examined.

SWK 591 Individual Studies Social Work (3 Credits)

See department for specific course information.

SWK 614 Social Entrepreneurship and Grantsmanship (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to both theory and, practice of social entrepreneurship and, grantsmanship. It addresses social problems and, unmet needs of public and private entities thus, creating business opportunities. This course, provides students with concepts and tools to help, secure financial resources for nonprofit and for, profit organizations. Students explore the, essential elements of entrepreneurship, grant, writing, and fundraising. The course is primarily, oriented toward graduate level social work, students interested in owning their own business, and or acquiring leadership and managerial skills, associated with nonprofit and for profit human, service organizations.

SWK 626 Human Behavior & the Social Environment (3 Credits)

This course is an introductory course that involves the study and exploration of human behavior, and provides a framework for understanding individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities within the context of interacting physical and social environments. Special emphasis is given to human diversity, the impact of social and economic forces on individuals and social systems, and populations at risk.

SWK 639 Ethnicity (3 Credits)

This course is concerned with the particular development of ethnic, racial, religious groups, and cultural diversity in America. Theories of ethnicity, race, religion, and intergroup relations, their relevance to social work, the functions of and models for their study, derived from social research, are examined. Social issues, models for intervention designed to ameliorate unjust and oppressive conditions, and the impact of America's pluralism are explored. Concepts of culture, ethnicity, race, religion, prejudice and discrimination, and their influence on social welfare programs and social work practice are emphasized. Included are examination of ethnocentrism, racism, intergroup conflict, segregation, and other practices that have profound impact on the education, health, housing, employment, crime and delinquency, and mental and emotional health of individuals, families, groups, and communities.

SWK 651 Social Welfare Policy and Services (3 Credits)

One of the functions of Social Work has been, and is, to develop, maintain, modify, and strengthen the social welfare system so that it can meet basic human needs of a culturally diverse population. A method institutionalized with professional social work education and practice for fulfilling this vital mission is social welfare policy analysis and planning. This concerns the formulation, development, implementation, and evaluation of relevant social plans, policies, programs, and legislation designed to promote individual and societal well being; to prevent or resolve social problems, alleviate social injustice, develop human and social resources; and, generally, to enhance the quality of life for all segments of society. The purpose of the course is to provide students with the necessary knowledge, skills, and values to perform as informed and competent practitioners, and to contribute towards change and social justice, making social welfare institutions more humane and responsive to the needs of a diverse population.

SWK 652 Social Welfare Policy and Services II: P (3 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to build student, knowledge, skills, and values to change social, institutions to be more humane, equitable,, socially just, inclusive, and responsive to, increasingly diverse human needs through social, policy and advocacy.

SWK 663 Trauma and the Military (3 Credits)

This course focuses on understanding the range of physical and emotional consequences of trauma that are experienced by some active-duty military personnel, veterans, reservists, and noncombatants. A major emphasis of this course is learning to identify risks and resilience factors and to provide empirically informed treatment to service veterans and their families who have experienced trauma.

SWK 675 Social Work Profession (3 Credits)

This course emphasizes the knowledge, values, and skills needed to engage in foundational social work practice. The course explores the history of social work and contemporary strengths of the social work profession. Students learn to apply social work values and ethics to interventions with individuals, families, and communities guided by cultural competence and social justice.

SWK 690A Field Practicum I (3 Credits)

The Field Practicum I is an integrative experience that provides students with the learning opportunity to engage in supervised social work practice in human services settings. Students learn to apply the foundation knowledge and skills obtained in the classroom to actual practice situations that involve individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

SWK 690B Field Practicum I (3 Credits)

The Field Practicum I is an integrative experience that provides students with the learning opportunity to engage in supervised social work practice in human services settings. Students learn to apply the foundation knowledge and skills obtained in the classroom to actual practice situations that involve individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

SWK 693A Msw Field Practicum Orientation I (0 Credits)

This is a mandatory/required one-time attendance course designed as an orientation to equip the MSW I Generalist social work field practicum student with the knowledge, values and skills needed to negotiate a successful first year field education experience.

SWK 693B Msw Field Practicum Orientation I (0 Credits)

This is a mandatory/required one-time attendance course designed as an orientation to equip the MSW I Generalist social work field practicum student with the knowledge, values and skills needed to negotiate a successful first year field education experience.

SWK 697 Research Methods I (3 Credits)

This course is designed to impart knowledge and skills of scientific social investigation. Scientific methods of knowledge building for social work practice, as well as practice evaluation and research outcome utilization, are emphasized. This course covers scientific inquiry and theory, the ethics and politics of social work research, problems and hypotheses, operationalization and measurement, research designs, sampling, data collection and analysis, reporting results, and utilization of research outcomes

SWK 698 Research Methods II (3 Credits)

This is an advanced research course which focuses on research designs and analytical skills for the systematic evaluation of clinical social work practice. It covers the social and ethical context of practice research, as well as a variety of methods for practice evaluation. The utilization of quantitative and qualitative methods for data analysis is presented.

SWK 714 Differential Approaches to Treatment (3 Credits)

This course is designed to examine selected approaches to intervention used by social work professionals in work with individuals, families, and groups in a variety of settings. The theoretical base, essential values, major techniques, and roles of the worker of each selected approach will be reviewed in the context of their efficiency and demonstrated effectiveness for diverse populations.

SWK 715 Intervention Strategies With Military Families and Personnel (3 Credits)

This course is a capstone course in the sequence of courses for the specialization in social work with the Military. The focus of this course is clinical treatment of military service men and women, and their families. The major emphasis is learning to identify risks and resilience factors among service men and women and their families who experience trauma. The course sensitizes students to social worker's commitment to understand and appreciate strengths of military service men and women, both those who have been deployed and those who have not, and their families.

SWK 730 Differential Assessment (3 Credits)

This course is designed to provide social work students with the essential knowledge, understanding and application of the DSM and ICD behavioral health classification systems for differential assessment and diagnosis of mental disorders, mental illness and related medical issues in clinical social work practice. Diagnostic assessment and application with diverse population groups and integration of client strengths, social work values and ethics, are also included in the clinical differential diagnostic as

SWK 736 Substance Abuse (3 Credits)

The purpose of this course is to provide students with clinical and/or administrative professional goals an opportunity to attain an essential knowledge and skill base necessary for successful program planning, service delivery, and evaluative practice with people involved in substance abuse. This course is designed for individuals with little or no prior knowledge in this area.

SWK 740 Stem-Health for Social Workers (3 Credits)

This course presents STEM-Health principles that, are informed by science (bodily systems), technology (biomedical), engineering, (pharmaceutical/mechanical), and mathematics, (epidemiology) as applied to military personnel, having suffered injuries or illnesses.

SWK 750 Continuing Registrar in Social Work (1 Credits)

Continuous registration is required for all degree-seeking graduate students.

SWK 753 School Social Work (3 Credits)

This course focuses on social work practice in the educational setting. There will be an overview of historical developments, educational policy and planning, and implementation of social work service delivery. It will address the role and function of school social workers in elementary, middle, and high schools. The special education process, the policies mandated, and the needs of at-risk students will be examined.

SWK 757 Policies and Services for Aging (3 Credits)

A comprehensive analysis of policies and services for senior citizens will be covered in this course. Students will examine factors leading to present policy as well as those which may indicate future trends.

SWK 759 Community Mental Health Policy & Service (3 Credits)

This course emphasizes historical and current policies and services for mental health in the United States. Trends, impact, and outcome of policies will be evaluated. Specific attention is given to the funding of mental health care and to implications of a national movement to ensure legal rights for mentally disabled persons.

SWK 760 Child Welfare Policies and Services (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: SWK 651 The content of this course includes an in-depth study of services and programs affecting the security and development of children. The roles of parents and spokespersons are examined, as are current trends in children's legal rights and education for the exceptional child. Special attention is given to developments which may be anticipated in the next decade.

SWK 761 Military Policies and Services (3 Credits)

This course builds on Social Welfare Policy and Services (SWK 651) and focuses on policies that directly affect the military. This course is designed to teach students to understand how the military culture shapes clients' lives and to advocate for those who need access to the benefits they are entitled to because of their military status.

SWK 762 Community Practice (3 Credits)

This course is designed to introduce students to the dynamics of organizational and community change and transformation. The focus is on imparting knowledge and skills in systematic problem solving steps to bring about planned change that will result in achieving sound socio-economic well-being.

SWK 763 Social Planning & Program Development (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to the principles, processes, methods, and techniques of social, planning. Centering its focus on cultural, diversity and social justice, it examines various, assumptions, theoretical models, and approaches to, social planning in community development.

SWK 764 Leadership & Management in SW Administration (3 Credits)

This course provides students with knowledge and skills in social work administration and supervision in public and private human service organizations.

SWK 765 Financial Capability and Asset Building (3 Credits)

This course provides an introduction to the field, of financial capability and asset building, practice along with core content about economics. , It includes poverty, personal household finance,, financial access, and related economic content. , Learning focuses on economic and financial concepts, related to individuals and families across the, life span, communities, and oppressed populations, experiencing poverty.

SWK 771 Social Work With Individuals (3 Credits)

This course focuses on social intervention with individuals. A multi-faceted format will be used to study the theories, their behavioral sciences empirical supports, value bases, and effectiveness with problems faced by individuals. This course will be conducted as a seminar, and is designed to incorporate a high level of participation by students.

SWK 772 Social Work With Groups (3 Credits)

This course provides students with the knowledge about social work group theory perspectives and the experimental application of group-based clinical skills for social work group interventions.

SWK 773 Application of Group Skills (3 Credits)

This course builds on the process model of SWK 772 to advance the application of theory and skills for clinical social work practice with groups. The advanced nature of this course includes 1) more in-depth attention to theory and skills for facilitating groups for therapeutic purposes; 2) more sophisticated application of action and process-based techniques to the stages of group development and to the cultural diversity of members in therapeutic groups; 3) more comparative assessment of the types of/and models for social work practice with groups in diverse contexts; 4) more intensive experience in a group process designed to increase awareness regarding current strengths and obstacles to the "use of self" in clinical social work practice with groups.

SWK 775 Social Work With Families (3 Credits)

This course is designed to provide clinical students with knowledge and application of theoretical frameworks and related multi-theoretical family social work practice approaches that are unique to the modality of family therapy. The course focuses on the family as a natural social system in context and provides historical, sociological, psychological, systems and strengths-based perspectives of family functioning. Primary emphasis will be placed upon the mastery of family theory/therapy-based assessment strategies utilizing well-known family therapy models as well as the related demonstration of theory-based family intervention skills.

SWK 783 Advance Social Work With Families (3 Credits)

Prerequisite: SWK 775 This course is designed to enhance the student's assessment and intervention skills and to expose students to the competency-based (strength oriented) approach to family therapy. Special attention will be given to gender issues and families from diverse cultures. The course builds upon content previously experienced by the student in the clinical methods foundation, ethnicity, the advanced curriculum and field experience. Primary emphasis will be placed upon students obtaining and demonstrating skills and techniques. Thus, role play, case presentation and an analysis of pre-recorded video tape will be extensively employed.

SWK 790A Field Practicum II (6 Credits)

The Field Practicum II is an experiential integrated specialized practice experience in an affiliated agency/ organization that provides students with the learning opportunity upon successful completion of Field Practicum I and all prerequisite courses. The Field Practicum II experience builds upon the knowledge, skills, values, cognitive affective processes obtained in the foundation courses and Field Practicum I.

SWK 790B Field Practicum II (6 Credits)

The Field Practicum II is an experiential integrated specialized practice experience in an affiliated agency/ organization that provides students with the learning opportunity upon successful completion of Field Practicum I and all prerequisite courses. The Field Practicum II experience builds upon the knowledge, skills, values, cognitive affective processes obtained in the foundation courses and Field Practicum I.

SWK 793A Msw Field Practicum Orientation I (0 Credits)

Prerequisite: SWK 790 A & B Co-Requisite: Enrolment in a social work practice methods course. This is a mandatory/required one-time attendance course designed as an orientation course to equip the MSW II clinical level social work field practicum student with the knowledge, values and skills needed to negotiate a successful second year field education experience.

SWK 793B Msw Field Practicum Orientation II (0 Credits)

Prerequisite: SWK 790 A & B Co-Requisite: Enrolment in a social work practice methods course This is a mandatory/required one-time attendance course designed as an orientation course to equip the MSW II clinical level social work field practicum student with the knowledge, values and skills needed to negotiate a successful second year field education experience.

SWK 797 Evaluative Research (3 Credits)

This is an advanced research course to acquaint students with theories, process, techniques, and context of evaluation, as well as program evaluation, such as intervention planning, research designs, monitoring of operation, assessment of impact, and efficiency/effectiveness of the service program.

SWK 810 Seminar: Scholarly Writing (3 Credits)

This course demonstrates effective implementation, and dissemination of written ideas as a process, for a career in academia. It defines writing as, advancing the knowledge base of the discipline and, profession through publication.

SWK 811 Theories and Models of Practice (3 Credits)

This course examines the epistemological basis for, social work practice. It analyzes classic and, contemporary theories and models of practice, within the context of current diversity and social, justice issues.

SWK 812 Innovative Pedagogy (3 Credits)

This course provides students with a supervised, experience in major task functions in the role of, social work educator. Curriculum development,, teaching tasks, supervisory meetings, and assigned, readings are integral components of the practicum, experience.

SWK 813 Introd Research Methods for Social Work (3 Credits)

This course examines the methods and modality of, research inquiry into systems that influence, social work practice and policy. Students will, learn research design and types of data analysis, techniques.

SWK 814 Social Welfare History and Philosophy (3 Credits)

This course examines the history and philosophy of, social welfare policy and the development of, social work profession in the United States from, colonial America to the present time.

SWK 815 Theory for Family-Centered Social Work Practice (3 Credits)

This course builds on the core courses through a focus on the family systems. It examines the ecosystems concepts and family theory currently available for family assessment and intervention.

SWK 816 Qualitative Research Methods (3 Credits)

This course introduces the theory, method, and practice of qualitative research. Students will learn how to analyze narrative data thematically using the constant comparative method.

SWK 817 Social Policy Analysis and Evaluation (3 Credits)

This course builds on SWK 814 by introducing students to the concepts, methods, and theory of public policy-making process (at the local, state, and federal governments) and social policy analysis and evaluation to address social problems in society.

SWK 818 Seminar: Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (3 Credits)

This course explores the basis of classic and modern biopsychosocial theories within the construct of those who experience social, economic, and political injustice. Theoretical frameworks are examined that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

SWK 819 Advanced Research Methods (3 Credits)

This course examines techniques of multivariate analysis, including multiple regression, logistic regression, multinomial regression, hierarchical multiple regression, multi-level modeling, and factor analysis.

SWK 820 Seminar: Culture, Privilege, and Oppression (3 Credits)

This course explores the basis of cultural diversity theories within the construct of those who experience social injustice. Theoretical frameworks are examined that address privilege and oppression in the context of multiculturalism.

SWK 821 Applied Structural Equation Modeling (3 Credits)

This course introduces simultaneous estimation of multiple equations and deals with causally related observed and latent variables. Topics include model specification, identification, model fit, path analysis, and confirmatory factor analysis.

SWK 822 Curricula Dev, Organization, & Change (3 Credits)

This course addresses dynamics, structures, processes, and goals of curricular development and change in social work education. Special attention is given to the philosophy of education and the contemporary trends and issues.

SWK 829 Advanced Research Practice (3 Credits)

This course provides students with an individualized advanced "hands on" research experience under the supervision of a faculty member. The objective of the research practicum is to strengthen students' ability to synthesize different phases and components of social work research. Students are encouraged to pursue a publication stemming from the research experience.

SWK 830 Seminar: Social Work Research (3 Credits)

This course provides students with a group experience in the development and application of qualitative and quantitative research methods. Students will participate in the design and implementation of funded and non-funded research related to social work practice with diverse families. This course strengthens students' capability to conduct independent research.

SWK 831 Mixed Methods Research (3 Credits)

This course provides an overview of mixed methods research and emphasizes applications in social and health sciences. Topics include design, data collection, analysis, and integration of qualitative and quantitative methods.

SWK 832 Epidemiology in Public Health (3 Credits)

This course introduces principles, methods, and applications of epidemiology in public health and social welfare. Topics include epidemiological designs, outbreak investigation, descriptive, and analytical approaches to assessing health and diseases.

SWK 833 Program Evaluation in Social Services (3 Credits)

This course introduces methods to evaluate social programs, services, and interventions. Topics include needs assessment, program design, logic model, formative and summative evaluations, process evaluation, cost effectiveness, and impact assessment.

SWK 834 Writing for Publication (3 Credits)

This course covers knowledge and skills necessary to write and to prepare manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications. Topics include publication process, peer review, writing strategies, and steps for submission.

SWK 840 Social Work & Criminal Justice Policies (3 Credits)

This course examines varying goals and values underlying criminal justice policies in the United States, the process of policy development, and the ways such policies shape the daily operations of the criminal justice system.

SWK 889 Research Practicum (3 Credits)

This course involves the individually supervised practice in the application of research methods and tools to a specific social welfare problem, which may be indicated by students, generated by faculty and/or a social agency. Research may include historical/bibliographical study methods.

SWK 910 Dissertation Seminar (3 Credits)

This course is designed to assist students in planning, conducting, and reporting dissertation research. It covers the role and selection of the dissertation committee, dissertation guidelines, including preparation of the dissertation proposal, practical considerations in conducting dissertation research, and the preparation and defense of the dissertation report. Topical areas of social work research and publication guidelines are covered also.

SWK 950 Comprehensive Examinations (0 Credits)

Comprehensive Exams are required for candidacy.

SWK 999A Doctoral Dissertation (9 Credits)

Candidates for the PhD in Social Work are required, to plan, carry out, and report the results of an, original, independent study in the form of a, doctoral dissertation.

SWK 999B Doctoral Dissertation (9 Credits)

Candidates for the PhD in Social Work are required, to plan, carry out, and report the results of an, original, independent study in the form of a, doctoral dissertation.

SWK 999C Dissertation Continuing Registration (1 Credits)

Continuous registration is required for all, degree-seeking graduate students. Doctoral, candidates are required to maintain continuous, enrollment until completion of all dissertation, requirements