Course Descriptions

SWK 2123 Introduction to Social Work
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
An introduction to the profession of social work. Social work's mission, values, and ethics are a focus in this course. An introduction to professional roles, fields of practice, and generalist practice methods with diverse populations are covered.

SWK 2XX3 Professional Writing
3 Credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: SWK 2123
Provides skills in scholarly and professional writing, APA style, and documentation for professional practice.

SWK 3123 Cultural Diversity
3 Credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: ENGL 1013(Acts Equivalent), SWK 2123
Examines commonalities and diversities among groups in our global society, and the nature of transactions among and within these groups in the U.S. The importance of cross-cultural competency in social work practice is stressed.

SWK 3133 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Admission to BSW Program or permission of instructor and SWK director.
Human development theories in the context of biological, social, cultural, psychological, and physical environments that help shape behavior. Focuses on conception to young adulthood.

SWK 3113 Generalist Social Work Practice I
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Admission to BSW Program or permission of instructor and SWK director.
Human development theories in the context of biological, social, cultural, psychological, and physical environments that help shape behavior. Focuses on conception to young adulthood.

SWK 3243 Methods of Social Work Research I
Same as CJ 3313
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Admission to BSW Program or permission of instructor and SWK director.
Statistical methods used in scientific inquiry, practice and program evaluation. Statistical analysis and interpretation.

SWK 3043 Social Welfare Policy I
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: Admission to BSW Program or permission of instructor and SWK director.
Introduction to policy practice: history, politics and forces that shape policy, ethics in policy practice, arenas for policy practice, stages of policymaking, legislative processes/lobbying, and political campaigns. Emphasis on social and economic justice.

**SWK 3233 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II**
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: SWK 3113 and SWK 3133
The biopsychosocial science basis for social work practice. Focuses on multidimensional aspects of the person (i.e., biological, psychological, sociological, cultural, and spiritual) in the context of the social environment. Covers the critical application of theory and knowledge to generalist social work practice.

**SWK 3213 Generalist Social Work Practice II**
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: SWK 3043 SWK 3113 and SWK 3133
Introduction to generalist social work practice applying the general intervention model with large groups, organizations, and communities. Focuses on engagement, assessment and evaluation, planning for service delivery, implementing empirically based interventions, evaluating outcomes, and follow-up with clients on the mezzo and macro system levels.

**SWK 3343 Methods of Social Work Research II**
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: SWK 3243
Social Work research methods and design. Evaluation of research based knowledge to social work practice. Ethics and culturally competent application of research methods.

**SWK 3143 Social Welfare Policy II**
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisite: SWK 3043
Social welfare policy analysis frameworks, examination of specific major social welfare policies, and policy advocacy. Students will do an in-depth policy analysis to include an examination of values driving the policy.

**SWK 4675 Social Work Field Practicum I**
5 credits: 2 hours lecture, 16 hours field experience per week
Prerequisites: A grade of "C" or better in all social work courses applied towards the degree, good academic standing as a senior in the B.S.W. Degree Program, and the permission of the Social Work Department's Director and Social Work Field Education Director.
A supervised practicum of at least 240 hours in an approved agency appropriate to social work; fosters the integration of classroom knowledge, values, and ethics with practice-based knowledge that seeks to increase practice skills and promotes professional competence. Restricted to B.S.W. majors.

**SWK 4705 Social Work Field Practicum II**
5 credits: 2 hours lecture, 16 hours field experience per week
Prerequisite: SWK 4675
A supervised practicum of at least 240 hours in an approved agency appropriate to social work; fosters the integration of classroom knowledge, values, and ethics with practice-based knowledge that seeks to increase practice skills and promotes professional competence.

**SWK 4323 Social Work and Children/Families**
*3 credits: 3 hours lecture*
Prerequisites: SWK 3043, SWK 3133, SWK 3113
Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice relating to children and families. Includes the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up with diverse clients across system levels.

**SWK 4333 Social Work and Aging**
*3 credits: 3 hours lecture*
Prerequisites: SWK 3043, SWK 3133, SWK 3113
Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice relating to the geriatric population. Includes the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up with diverse clients across system levels.

**SWK 4343 Social Work and Health Care**
*3 credits: 3 hours lecture*
Prerequisites: SWK 3133, SWK 3113
Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice relating to health care. Includes the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up with diverse clients across system levels.

**SWK 4353 Social Work and Mental Health**
*3 credits: 3 hours lecture*
Prerequisites: SWK 3043, SWK 3133, SWK 3113
Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice relating to mental health and illness. Includes the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up with diverse clients across system levels.

**SWK 4363 Social Work and Criminal Justice**
*3 credits: 3 hours lecture*
Prerequisites: SWK 3133, SWK 3113
Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice relating to juvenile and criminal justice. Includes the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up with diverse clients across system levels.

**SWK 4373 Social Work and Substance Abuse**
*3 credits: 3 hours lecture*
Prerequisites: SWK 3043, SWK 3133, SWK 3113
Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice relating to substance abuse and dependency. Includes the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up with diverse clients across system levels.
SWK 4383 Domestic Violence
3 Credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: ENGL 1013 (Acts Equivalent) and SWK 2123 required for Social Work Majors; All others with permission of instructor and Junior standing. Examines aggression/violent behavior from a micro, mezzo, and macro level. Tendencies toward violent behavior are examined using a biological, social, environmental, and learning perspective. Theories of victimization and various treatment modalities are presented.

SWK 4393 Spirituality in Social Work Practice
3 Credits: 3 hours lecture
Prerequisites: SWK 2123, SWK 3133, SWK 3113 (or permission from instructor)
Examination of spirituality, recognizing one’s own belief system while acknowledging/respecting client’s belief system, learn about other belief traditions that students may encounter in their professional careers, and concepts/intervention techniques to incorporate client’s spirituality into Social Work practice, and policy issues.

SWK 4653 Special Topics in Social Work
3 credits: 3 hours lecture
Selected topics in social work offered as student need indicates. May be repeated once for credit when topic varies.

SWK 479V Independent Study in Social Work
Variable Credit
Consult the Independent Study Courses section in the Academic Regulations chapter of this catalog for prerequisites and description.

*SWK 4653 Special Topics in Social Work can also be used in place of up to 2 advanced electives.

*Independent study courses worth 3 credit hours can be used in place of Advance Electives.