

Course description for Social Work

SWK Courses (Social Work)

SWK 1003 Survey of Social Work

3 Credits 3 hours Lecture: For non-social work majors.

An introduction to the profession of social work, social welfare methods, and fields of social work practice with diverse populations

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 2143 Professional Writing

3 credits: 3 hours lecture and lab

Prerequisite: SWK 2123

Provides skills in scholarly and professional writing, APA style, and documentation for professional practice.

SWK 3013 Social Work Values and Ethics

3 Credits: 3 Hours Lecture

Prerequisites: SWK 2123, SWK 2143

Provides identification, exploration and application of the professional values and ethical principles of the social work profession within the framework of the practice setting including, the rights and responsibilities of the client and professional, levels of competency, providing quality services to diverse populations, and potential conflicts between personal and professional values.

SWK 3043 Social Welfare Policy I

3 credits: 3 hour lecture

Prerequisite: Admission to BSW program or permission of instructor and SWK Director

An 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 3113 Generalist Social Work Practice I

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: Admission to the BSW program or permission of instructor and SWK Director.

Introduction to social work practice using the generalist intervention model with individuals, couples; families, and small groups. Systems theory, strengths perspective and ecological framework are emphasized.

SWK 3133 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: 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. Focus on conception to young adulthood.

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 complete an in-depth policy analysis to include an examination of values driving the policy.

SWK 3123 Cultural Diversity

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3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: ENGL 1013 and 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 3213 Generalist Social Work Practice II

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisite: SWK 3133 and SWK 3113

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 3233 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: SWK 3133 and SWK 3113

The biophysical science basis for social work practice. Focuses on multidimensional aspects of the person (i.e. biological, psychological, sociological, cultural, and spiritual) in the contact of the social environment. Covers the critical application theory and knowledge to generalist social work practice.

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 are covered.

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 are covered.

SWK 4252 Social Work Field Practicum I Seminar

2 credits: 2 hour seminar

Prerequisites: Restricted to BSW majors.

A grade of "C" or better in all social work courses applied towards the degree, good academic standing as a senior in the BSW degree program, and permission of the Social Work Department's Director of Social Work Field Education. Co-requisite: SWK 4674

SWK 4302 Social Work Field Practicum II Seminar

2 credits: 2 hour seminar

Prerequisites: Restricted to BSW majors.

A grade of "C" or better in all social work courses applied towards the degree, good academic standing as a senior in the BSW degree program, and permission of the Social Work Department's Director of Social Work Field Education.

Co-requisite: SWK 4704

SWK 4323 Child Welfare

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: ENGL 1013 and SWK 2123

Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist practice of Child Welfare including the processes of engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, termination, and follow-up regarding child protection and family preservation with diverse clients across system levels.

SWK 4333 Social Work and Aging

3 credits: 3 hours lecture

Prerequisites: ENGL 1013 and SWK 2123

Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice with the geriatric population including 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: ENGL 1013 and SWK 2123

Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice within the healthcare system including 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: ENGL 1013 and SWK 2123

Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice within the mental healthcare system including 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: ENGL 1013 and SWK 2123

Provides knowledge and skills necessary for generalist social work practice with substance abuse and/or dependency including 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, SWK 2123, required of SWK 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: ENGL 1013

Identification and exploration of various religious/spiritual belief systems including how to respect and incorporate various belief systems into professional practice.

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 4674 Social Work Field Practicum I

4 credits: 240 total semester hours

Prerequisites: Restricted to B.S.W. majors. 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, valued, and ethics with practice-based knowledge that seeks to increase practice skills and promotes professional competence.

SWK 4704 Social Work Field Practicum II

4 credits: 240 total semester hours

Prerequisite: SWK 4674

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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 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.