Social Work (SOWK)

Courses

SOWK 5501 Foundations of Social Work: 3 semester hours.
Course will cover foundational concepts of the Social Work profession including introduction of frameworks and models to understand human behavior in the social environment and diversity issues. Required for Traditional Two-Year Program students who have not completed an undergraduate degree in social work. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. F

SOWK 5510 Human Behavior Theory and Cultural Diversity: 3 semester hours.
Course will cover advanced theoretical concepts to prepare students to apply conceptual frameworks and issues for understanding human behavior as a function of bio-psycho-social-spiritual processes and interactions in the environment. Advanced information related to human diversity and at-risk populations, including issues pertaining to racial and ethnic groups, and gender and sexual orientations will be covered. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. F, S

SOWK 5515 Research in Social Work: 3 semester hours.
Introduces the principles and procedures of scientific research and includes a variety of strategies and tools for studying social phenomena. Course also includes a survey of statistical techniques focusing on descriptive statistics, hypothesis testing and correlations. Students work in computer labs and use software for statistical analysis commonly used in the social sciences to produce descriptive and summary statistics for large data sets. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW program. F

SOWK 5517 Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team: 1 semester hour.

SOWK 5520 Direct Practice with Individuals and Families: 3 semester hours.
Examine micro level systems within the generalist social work framework. Theoretical frameworks for use with individuals and families as well as interviewing and problem-resolution methods will be covered. Students will utilize a generalist skill base in learning to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate individuals and families. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. S

SOWK 5521 Families in Social Context: 3 semester hours.
Examination of the family as a social institution shaped by larger social structures. The course introduces students to basic concepts and theories, historical perspectives, facts, and processes of family formation and dissolution. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. F, S

SOWK 5550 Direct Practice with Groups: 3 semester hours.
Mezzo level systems within the generalist social work framework. Group theory, process, dynamics, and practice applications will be covered. Students will use a generalist skill base in learning to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate small group systems. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program.

SOWK 5571 Social Justice, Advocacy, and Policy Practice: 3 semester hours.
Examine social policies created as society's strategy for addressing social concerns such as unemployment, poverty, and mental illness. Students will critically evaluate programs and policies in order to develop skills to advance social and economic justice and to deliver effective social work services. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program.

SOWK 5576 Field Practicum I: 2 semester hours.
Placement within a social service agency under direct supervision of a licensed masters-level social worker for a minimum of 200 hours. Meets CSWE accreditation requirements to provide generalist practice for students to demonstrate social work competencies with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW program.

SOWK 5577 Field Seminar I: 1 semester hour.
Seminar permits discussion and reflection upon field experience gained in SOWK 5576 and serves an integrative function for linking theory to applied practice.

SOWK 5578 Field Practicum II: 2 semester hours.
Placement within a social service agency under direct supervision of a licensed masters-level social worker for a minimum of 200 hours. Meets CSWE accreditation requirements to provide generalist practice for students to demonstrate social work competencies with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW program.

SOWK 5579 Field Seminar II: 1 semester hour.
Seminar permits discussion and reflection upon field experience gained in SOWK 5578 and serves an integrative function for linking theory to applied practice. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. COREQ: SOWK 5578. S

SOWK 5582 Independent Problems Consultation: 1-6 semester hours.
Consultation course which may be repeated for maximum of 6 credits. PREREQ: 12 credits in Social Work.

SOWK 5591 Special Topic: 3 semester hours.
Students will explore special topic content in practice with children and families or in forensic social work. This course may be repeated with a different content focus. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus.

SOWK 5594 Practice Interventions with Organizations and Communities: 3 semester hours.
Advanced focus on community and organizational structure and function. Uses the generalist model of social work with macro level systems including building knowledge and skills focusing on social action and social change. Specific attention is given to helping students develop necessary skills to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate with organizations and communities (macro level) effectively. Specific, evaluated graduate-level activities and/or performances are identified in the course syllabus. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. S

SOWK 5599 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
The content of this course is not described in the catalog. Title and number of credits are announced in the Class Schedule. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times with the same title and content. May be repeated.

SOWK 6615 Applied Research for Social Work: 3 semester hours.
Students will be required to complete a research project to demonstrate competency in utilizing practice-informed research and research-informed practice within their specialty area. The project will contribute to the professional field, i.e., program evaluation, manuscript for submission, etc. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program.
SOWK 6620 Advanced Practice Interventions and Comparative Theories: 3 semester hours.
Course will cover advanced interventions and comparative theories in social work with emphasis on utilizing evidence-based practices in counseling with individuals, families, and groups at the clinical level. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. F

SOWK 6625 Evaluation of Mental Disorders and Strengths-Based Assessment: 3 semester hours.
The course builds on the generalist practice courses and enhances clinical knowledge and skills regarding best practices in engagement and assessment with clients. Students learn to apply diagnostic procedures from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, as well as a strengths-based approach to assessment. This course prepares students for advanced clinical practice in mental health. Course registration restriction: PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. S

SOWK 6630 Professional Communication in Practice: 3 semester hours.
Course will cover written and oral communication required for the profession including court testimony and written reports, public speaking, case documentation, training, curriculum development, and grant writing. PREREQ: Admission to the MSW program.

SOWK 6671 Advanced Policy Legislation and Administration: 3 semester hours.
Course will cover knowledge and skills designed to build student competency in the areas of advancing human rights, and social, economic, and environmental justice. Topics will include administrative social work. PREREQ: Admission to MSW program. S

SOWK 6676 Field Practicum III: 3 semester hours.
Continuation of field practicum experience consisting of placement within a social service agency under direct supervision of a licensed social worker for a minimum of 250 hours. Students will refine and utilize professional values, knowledge and skills. PREREQ: SOWK 5576 and SOWK 5578 and Admission to the MSW program.

SOWK 6677 Field Seminar III: 1 semester hour.
Weekly on-campus seminar permits discussion and reflection upon the field experience in SOWK 6676 and serves an integrative function for linking theory to applied practice. PREREQ: Admission to the advanced standing MSW program or completing SOWK 5576 and SOWK 5578 in the two-year MSW program.

SOWK 6678 Field Practicum IV: 3 semester hours.
Continuation of field practicum experience consisting of placement within a social service agency under direct supervision of a licensed social worker for a minimum of 250 hours. Students will refine and utilize professional values, knowledge and skills. PREREQ: SOWK 6676 and Admission to the MSW program.

SOWK 6679 Field Seminar IV: 1 semester hour.
Weekly on-campus seminar permits discussion and reflection upon the field experience in SOWK 6678 and serves an integrative function for linking theory to applied practice. PREREQ: SOWK 6676 and Admission to the MSW program.

SOWK 6691 Advanced Special Topic: 3 semester hours.
Advanced Special Topic courses may be repeated with a different content focus. Content is relevant to practice with children and families and/or forensic social work.

SOWK 6699 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.
The content of this course is not described in the catalog. Title and number of credits are announced in the Class Schedule. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times with the same title and content. May be repeated.