Courses

SOWK 2271 Introduction to Social Work: 3 semester hours.
Introductory overview and history of the social work profession within the social welfare system, and introduction to the generalist model of practice in social work. Attention is given to micro, mezzo, and macro levels of practice as social workers may work with individuals, families, groups or communities. Students will examine their own beliefs and values and their social, cultural, and historical positioning, and how these forces influence interactions with potential clients. Students will be introduced to ethics, values and standards of the social work profession. Throughout the course, students will be encouraged to apply critical thinking skills to class material. F, S

SOWK 2272 Human Behavior and the Social Environment: 3 semester hours.
Conceptual frameworks and issues in human behavior and development across the lifespan, with attention given to the concept of person in the environment as a framework for understanding individual behavior as a function of bio-psycho-social-spiritual processes and interactions. Substantial information on human diversity and at-risk populations, including issues pertaining to racial and ethnic groups, and gender and sexual orientations. F, S

SOWK 2299 Experimental Course: 1-3 semester hours.
This course is not described in the catalog. The course title and number of credits are announced in the class schedule by the scheduling department. Experimental courses may be offered no more than three times.

SOWK 3308 Sociological Methods and Social Work Research: 3 semester hours.
Introduces the principles and procedures of scientific research and includes a variety of strategies and tools for studying social phenomena. Equivalent to SOC 3308. PREREQ: C in SOC 1101. F

SOWK 3372 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 Social Work Major. F, S

SOWK 3373 Group Work: 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: SOWK 3372. F, S

SOWK 3375 Advanced Social Work Theory and Practice: 3 semester hours.
Expansion of theory and practice concepts introduced in SOWK 2272 and used in social work practice courses. The relationship between social work theory and practice is explored for the purpose of increasing depth of understanding and generalization of knowledge. Focus will be on application of theory in building skills necessary for competency including written and oral communication skills, using research evidence to inform practice, and critiquing and utilizing major theoretical frameworks to guide the processes of engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation. S

SOWK 3399 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 4417 Interdisciplinary Evaluation Team: 1 semester hour.

SOWK 4436 Elite Deviance and Crime: 3 semester hours.
Explores the types of criminal behaviors engaged in by the American socioeconomic and corporate elite. The course first explores and identifies who this elite is and then examines their ideological and economic history in American society. Specific examples of elite and corporate crime are presented and discussed in class. Equivalent to SOC 4436 and POLS 4436. F

SOWK 4438 Sexual Crimes: 3 semester hours.
Complex relationships of human sexuality to law and crime. A range of sexual attitudes, practices and lifestyles will be discussed in the context of cultural norms, legal parameters and personal expression. Students will be introduced to cultural variations in defining and addressing sexuality and crime. Current theoretical explanations of sexual offending and U.S. social policies and clinical interventions for sexual offenders. Equivalent to SOC 4438. S

SOWK 4471 Social Welfare Policy: 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. PREREQ: Admission to Social Work Major. F

SOWK 4476 Social Work Field Practicum I: 6 semester hours.
Placement within a social service agency under direct supervision of a licensed social worker for a minimum of 200 hours and a weekly on-campus seminar. Functions as an entry level opportunity for the student to apply professional values, knowledge and skills. Seminar permits discussion and reflection upon this field experience and serves an integrative function for linking theory to applied practice. PREREQ: SOC 3308/SOWK 3308, SOWK 3372, SOWK 3373, SOC 3309, and SOWK 4471. (For Spring Only: COREQ: SOWK 4477.) F, S

SOWK 4477 Social Work Field Practicum II: 6 semester hours.
Continuation of senior field practicum experience consisting of placement within a social service agency under direct supervision of a licensed social worker for a minimum of 200 hours and a weekly on-campus seminar. Students will refine and utilize professional values, knowledge and skills. Seminar permits discussion and reflection upon this field experience and serves an integrative function for linking theory to applied practice. PREREQ: SOC 3308/SOWK 3308, SOWK 3372, SOWK 3373, SOC 3309, and SOWK 4471. PREREQ or COREQ: SOWK 4476. COREQ: SOWK 4498. F, S

SOWK 4482 Independent Problems: 1-6 semester hours.
Consultation course. May be repeated for up to 6 credits. PREREQ: 12 credits in Social Work and permission of instructor. D

SOWK 4484 Title IV-E Scholar Seminar: 1 semester hour.
Professional competencies required for social work practice in foster care and adoption assistance programs, to prepare students for career advancement in public child welfare, and to prepare students for child welfare practice addressed by Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. PREREQ: Permission of instructor. COREQ: SOWK 4476 or SOWK 4477. D
SOWK 4485 Grief and Loss for the Helping Professional: 3 semester hours.  
Prepares students to work with clients experiencing grief and loss issues stemming from a variety of loss experiences including death, physical health changes, trauma, and life transitions. Includes the philosophical, cultural, medical, psychological, and spiritual aspects of grieving and loss; the grief process and factors to consider in working with children, adolescents, and adults; and assessment of complicated grief reactions. D

SOWK 4486 Family Issues for the Helping Professional: 3 semester hours.  
Advanced course focusing on understanding families and family issues. Explore techniques for assessment and intervention drawn from various current theories. Special focus on at-risk youth and the effects on family dynamics. D

SOWK 4487 Child Welfare Issues: 3 semester hours.  
An exploration of the many facets of child welfare, including factors impacting the well-being of children and their families on a local and global level, such as governmental policies and societal values regarding child welfare, social issues that affect children, available services for children, and social work intervention strategies.

SOWK 4491 Seminar: 3 semester hours.  
Topical reading, discussion, exploration, experience, and demonstration of learning on selected topics. May be repeated for up to 9 credits with different content. D

SOWK 4494 Community Organization and Social Change: 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. PREREQ: SOWK 3372. F

SOWK 4498 Integration of Social Work Methods: 3 semester hours.  
Comprehensive review and synthesis of all social work content areas within the generalist framework including ethics, critical thinking, diversity, human rights, social and economic justice, research, HBSE, policy and practice. Preparation for Social Work licensure test as well as special topics depending on student need and interests are also covered. PREREQ: SOWK 3308, SOWK 3372, SOWK 3373, SOC 3309, and SOWK 4471. COREQ: SOWK 4477. F, S

SOWK 4499 Experimental Course: 1-6 semester hours.  
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