SOCIAL WORK (SOCWORK)

Courses

SOCWORK 501 ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING IN THE HELPING PROFESSIONS 1 Units
This course presents the principles of assertiveness training, uses experiential exercises to help students learn to present themselves more assertively, and prepares students to assist others to become more assertive. Content is focused on students who are planning a career in the helping professions.

SOCWORK 502 GRIEF MANAGEMENT IN THE HELPING PROFESSIONS 1 Units
This course focuses on issues such as adjustment to the death of someone close, helping someone who is terminally ill, and coping with other losses such as cherished relationships. The grief counseling content is intended for students who are planning a career in the helping professions.

SOCWORK 503 MANAGING STRESS AND BURNOUT IN THE HELPING PROFESSIONS 1 Units
This course focuses on recognizing signs of destructive stress and the stages of burnout in the helping professions. Instruction is given in using a number of techniques for coping with stress such as meditation, relaxation training, time management, social support systems, biofeedback, and life planning as they apply to the helping professions.

SOCWORK 511 HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I 4 Units
This course is designed to provide students with an advanced understanding of the processes of bio-psycho and socio-cultural development from infancy to older adults. Material is also presented on the social systems (families, groups, organizations, and communities) in which individuals live.
PREREQ: GENED 130 AND SOCWORK 102, ONLY ONE OF WHICH CAN BE TAKEN CONCURRENTLY

SOCWORK 512 HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II 3 Units
This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the processes of bio-psycho and socio-cultural development from middle adulthood through old age. Material is also presented on the social systems (mezzo and macro) in which individuals live.
COREQ: SOCWORK 511

SOCWORK 537 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY 3 Units
This course is designed to introduce the student to social and physical factors related to aging. It will include information regarding social services needed to assist the older person and an analysis of gaps in current services.

SOCWORK 541 SEXUALITY FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH 3 Units
This comprehensive course is designed to add to students’ knowledge and comfort in the area of human sexuality. Multimedia, lecture, and small group discussion techniques are used to explore issues as basic treatment skills, sex education, developmental sexuality, problem pregnancies, and common sexual dysfunctions.

SOCWORK 571 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I 3 Units
This course presents advanced contemporary theoretical approaches to social work practice with individuals, groups, families, organizations, and communities. This course uses a competency approach to assess and develop student interviewing and interpersonal skills, emphasizing social work practice with individuals.
PREREQ: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE MSW PROGRAM. HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I (SOCWORK 311/511) IS A PREREQUISITE OR MAY BE TAKEN CONCURRENTLY IF ALL OTHER PREREQUISITES FOR SOCWORK 311/511 ARE COMPLETED.

SOCWORK 572 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II 3 Units
This is the second of three required social work practice courses. This course is designed to help students build upon the skills and knowledge required in Practice I, including further development of interviewing and interpersonal skills. In particular, the emphasis of this course includes studying the dynamics of groups and working with various types of groups.
PREREQ: THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE MSW PROGRAM. HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I (SOCWORK 311/511) IS A PREREQUISITE OR MAY BE TAKEN CONCURRENTLY IF ALL OTHER PREREQUISITES FOR SOCWORK 311/511 ARE COMPLETED.

SOCWORK 573 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III 3 Units
This course is designed to further develop and fine tune advanced generalist social work skills at all levels of intervention (including individuals, families, organizations, and communities). Course content will focus on difficult situations in micro practice, understanding and working with families, and working in and with organizations and communities.
PREREQ: THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MSW PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 311/511

SOCWORK 575 SOCIAL WORK CASE MANAGEMENT 3 Units
This course introduces students to case management and explores its utility as a service to assist a wide range of social work clients. The course goals include defining case management, carrying-out the activities, exploring legal and ethical issues, and developing practice skills. Students will perform activities core to case management.
PREREQ: SOCWORK 371

SOCWORK 580 RACE/ETHNICITY/SOCIAL JUSTICE: ISSUES FOR HELPING PROFESSIONALS 3 Units
The course is designed to help students develop a greater understanding of the influence of one’s race and ethnicity on the ways individuals perceive the world and the ways they are treated by others and by society. Within the framework of the helping professions, students will have the opportunity to examine their attitudes toward members of racial and ethnic minorities, develop ways to learn about the participation in and treatment of racial and ethnic minority groups in work, education, and social services, and examine ways to affect one’s own attitudes and society to achieve social justice.

SOCWORK 602 SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH 4 Units
This course introduces students to the research process. A major focus of this course is the integration of research and practice. Students will learn to use research evidence to inform practice and advocacy, and use practice-based experiences to inform scientific inquiry. Students will also learn basic quantitative skills.
PREREQ: SOCWORK 102 AND SOCWORK 311
SOCWORK 640  ADVANCED STRESS MANAGEMENT  3 Units
The class emphasis is on 1) facilitating stress management in others, 2) coping with "deep" stress such as trauma and low self-esteem, and 3) alternative avenues for coping such as Tai Chi, yoga, art therapy, and meditation. This course is appropriate for anyone in the helping professions.
PREREQ: HEALTHED 362/HEALTHED 562 OR SOCWORK 303 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

SOCWORK 662  SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY  3 Units
This course is designed to provide students with knowledge about the process of social welfare policy formulation and implementation and with policy analysis skills. The effects of social welfare policies and organizations on both clients (especially the poor and minorities) and on social workers will be emphasized.

SOCWORK 690  SOCIAL WORK WORKSHOP  Repeatable  1-6 Units
Variable topics. Group activity oriented presentations emphasizing "hands on" and participatory instructional techniques.

SOCWORK 691  TRAVEL STUDY  Repeatable  1-3 Units
Variable topics. Faculty-led courses abroad.

SOCWORK 694  SEMINAR IN SOCIAL WORK METHODS  Repeatable  3 Units
Variable topics. Group activity. An advanced course of study in a defined subject matter area emphasizing a small group in intense study with a faculty member.

SOCWORK 696  SPECIAL STUDIES  Repeatable  1-3 Units
Variable topics. Group activity. Not offered regularly in the curriculum but offered on topics selected on the basis of timeliness, need, and interest, and generally in the format of regularly scheduled Catalog offerings.

SOCWORK 712  SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOPATHOLOGY  3 Units
This course builds upon undergraduate human behavior and the social environment classes by taking a closer examination of psychopathology which affects how clients function. The concept of diversity is addressed as it relates to psychopathology. Students learn to use the DSM-5, which is implemented in social work internship experiences.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

SOCWORK 720  ADVANCED SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY ANALYSIS  3 Units
This course focuses on advanced policy practice knowledge and skills for enhanced client functioning and social justice. Students will learn to plan for, develop, implement, and evaluate social welfare policies and programs. Students will also critically examine social work policies on a global level and compare/contrast with United States policies.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM.

SOCWORK 733  SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH GROUPS, COMMUNITIES, AND ORGANIZATIONS  3 Units
This class builds on undergraduate classes by further examining the impact of the community as a major element that influences an individual and/or system. The course also includes theories and methods of working with groups and communities, including methods of change, advocacy, planning, respect for diversity, and understanding social justice.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM.

SOCWORK 740  SOCIAL WORK WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS  3 Units
This course provide an overview of Substance Use Disorders and their assessment in social work practice settings. The course will review the history, epidemiology and pharmacology of drugs of abuse. The importance of social systems (e.g., family, work, and community) and spirituality in addiction and recovery will be discussed.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 712 (SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOPATHOLOGY)

SOCWORK 741  TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE AND OTHER ADDICTIVE DISORDERS  3 Units
Social, legal, political, psychological, biological (including neuroscience research), spiritual, and ethical factors related to substance use disorders, eating disorders, and other behavioral addictions will be examined. Assessment and intervention models with an emphasis on harm reduction, stages of change, medication assisted treatment, and strengths perspective will be studied.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED COUNSED 746 (COUNSELING AND THE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROCESS)

SOCWORK 750  SOCIAL WORK WITH MILITARY  3 Units
This course explores military culture and stressors associated with military lifestyle Ethical issues for working in this environment are considered. Students completing this course will have a more in-depth understanding of theory-based and research-informed strategies to work with the military, veterans and their families in a variety of settings.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 712 (SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOPATHOLOGY)

SOCWORK 752  ADVANCED INTERVENTION WITH MILITARY AND FAMILIES  3 Units
Theoretical and practical approaches to advanced clinical practice with individuals in the military, military families, and groups. Examines the demands of military service on the family and studies group dynamics, composition, and common social issues in the military system. Implementation of appropriate treatment plans and interventions will be examined.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM. SOCIAL WORK 750 (SOCIAL WORK WITH THE MILITARY) IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ENROLLING

SOCWORK 760  SOCIAL WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES  3 Units
The focus of this course will be on demystifying disability by examining the lived experiences of people with physical disabilities. Students will explore disability from bio-psycho-social and cultural perspectives. They will gain knowledge of the disability community’s common language, norms of conduct, economic concerns, political issues, and struggles with stigmaization.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 712 (SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOPATHOLOGY)
SOCWORK 762  INTERVENTIONS WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES  3 Units
Theoretical and clinical approaches to working with individuals with a disability and families who have a family member with a disability will be examined. Students will practice assessing, intervention, writing treatment plans, and evaluation in relation to physical disability cases in social work.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 760 (SOCIAL WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES)

SOCWORK 771  RESEARCH AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION  4 Units
Students will utilize practice experience and theory to inform research. Students will examine quantitative and qualitative research designs, applying critical thinking skills to analyze research. Students will develop an ethical plan, design, and conduct one evaluative study of an intervention/program which will be concluded in Research Integrative Capstone project.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 712 (SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOPATHOLOGY)

SOCWORK 776  ADVANCED PRACTICE: INTERVENTION AND EVALUATION  3 Units
This class teaches students to assess clients and implement culturally competent, evidence-based interventions to enhance client’s lives. This course presents advanced methods involved in completion of assessments, practice interventions, therapeutic processes, and evaluation. Pulling from examples from field placement experience, students will be required to select appropriate interventions for clients.
PREREQ: THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE SOCIAL WORK MASTER’S PROGRAM. SOCIAL WORK 771 (RESEARCH AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION ) IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ENROLLING IN THIS COURSE.

SOCWORK 783  SOCIAL WORK FIELD EXPERIENCE Repeatable  1-3 Units
The field practicum courses in the MSW program provide an in-depth advanced practicum experience for MSW students. Students complete this practicum courses under the practice supervision of an approved agency field instructor, and academic guidance of a faculty field liaison.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM.

SOCWORK 784  SOCIAL WORK FIELD RESEARCH INTEGRATION CAPSTONE  4 Units
The course continues to provide an in-depth advanced practicum experience for MSW students, under the practice supervision of an approved agency field instructor. Students will be required to implement their research project in this field experience and create a portfolio based on the students’ courses and final research project.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SOCWORK 783 AND SOCWORK 771

SOCWORK 794  SEMINAR  1-3 Units
Variable topics. Group activity. An advanced course of study in a defined subject matter area emphasizing a small group in intense study with a faculty member.

SOCWORK 796  SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE AND TRAUMA  3 Units
This course will focus on working with clients who have been exposed to significant trauma and/or loss. Trauma theory, impact of trauma and loss, and assessment of trauma will be explored. Skills will be developed to directly treat children and adults of trauma to assist with the management of their symptoms and increasing coping skills to prepare for future challenges.
PREREQ: TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM AND MUST HAVE COMPLETED SOCWORK 712 (SOCIAL WORK PSYCHOPATHOLOGY)

SOCWORK 798  INDIVIDUAL STUDIES Repeatable  1-3 Units
Study of a selected topic or topics under the direction of a faculty member.