

# SOCIAL WORK (SOCWORK)

## Courses

### **SOCWORK 511 HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT 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: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### **SOCWORK 537 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL GERONTOLOGY 3 Units**

This course explores aging within the social context. Topics include demographics, physical and mental health, social roles and social supports, social health, family caregiving, economic health, and policies impacting aging and family caregiving. Current topics affecting aging, including diversity and Alzheimer's and other related dementias, will also be examined.

### **SOCWORK 561 COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING IN AGING AND HEALTH 3 Units**

The goal of course is to highlight a community need/concern in aging (locally, regionally, or wider community) and invite students to address the need/concern. This course involves students working with a community-based organization (CBO) that provides services, support, or advocacy to older adult or addresses aging related issues. Students will work with the CBO and undertake a project from start to finish. The project, which is established in advance by the instructor, involves students working in small groups in which students will evaluate a program, implement a new program, assist with enhancing practices, or advance organizational policies.

### **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: PRIOR COMPLETION OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN SOCWORK 511 AND MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### **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: PRIOR COMPLETION OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN SOCWORK 511 AND MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### **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: SOCWORK 511 AND MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### **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: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

### **SOCWORK 630 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN BEREAVEMENT 3 Units**

This course focuses on how to professionally engage, assess and intervene with intersectional aspects of bereavement. This course builds on theoretical knowledge of on grief, loss, death, and dying anchored in a social work practice perspective.

PREREQ: MSW ADMISSION OR CONSULT OR INSTRUCTOR

### **SOCWORK 631 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH CHILDREN 3 Units**

This course builds on generalist practice and human behavior courses to address clinical social work practice with children. It will specifically focus on play-based interventions with children and working collaboratively with families and other systems. Interventions with specialized populations will also be addressed, such as children with disabilities or children who have experienced trauma.

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 632 SUICIDE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND POSTVENTION 3 Units**

This course will examine the complexity of suicide from multi-dimension perspectives including the historical, neurobiological, psychological, sociological, cultural, public health, and personal/subjective. Students will gain an understanding of the prominent theories that explain suicide, as well as risk and protective factors for suicide. This course will familiarize students with evidence-based practices and ethical considerations with suicidal clients.

### **SOCWORK 635 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH LGBTQ POPULATION 3 Units**

This course aims to provide students with a deeper understanding of the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people, and their diverse and intersectional identities as applied to direct social work practice, intervention, and policy. This course will examine a variety of areas of relevance to social work with LGBTQ populations including history, theory, and contemporary issues.

PREREQ: ADMISSION TO MSW 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.

PREREQ: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**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: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**SOCWORK 715 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 with 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 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: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**SOCWORK 733 COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE 3 Units**

This course examines the impact of the community in social work practice. Major theoretical frameworks (Systems, Micro/Macro/Mezzo, Eco-Systems) will be reviewed and broadened to include key concepts that shape social work practice with groups, organizations, and institutions. This course will consist of four main foci: integrated case management, methods of change, the nature of community-based social work, and advanced leadership practices.

PREREQ: ENROLLMENT IN SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

**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: (COUNSED 746 OR SOCWORK 740) AND ENROLLED IN (SOCIAL WORK GRADUATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM)

**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 763 AGING POLICY 3 Units**

This course will critically examine U.S. policies in aging as they relate to the overall health, including physical, social, and behavioral health, for older adults and their unpaid family caregivers. The course will emphasize the impact of changes in aging policy on the physical, social, and behavioral professionals' roles, and the connections between U.S. and State policies in aging and delivery systems.

**SOCWORK 764 COMMUNITY BASED LEARNING IN GERONTOLOGY 3 Units**

This course in aging that aims to address community, local, regional, or national needs in aging. Students will work as part of team and partner with a community-based organization (CBO), which will be identified by the instructor, and conduct an evaluation and share the findings with stakeholders. The type of evaluation to be undertaken, which can range from a community or organizational needs assessment to client satisfaction to outcome-based program evaluation, will be contingent on the CBO's needs.

PREREQ: SOCWORK 602 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

**SOCWORK 765 ALZHEIMER'S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS 3 Units**

This course will examine Alzheimer's disease and related dementias as neurological diseases and how these diseases affect physiology and brain function. This course will further examine the psychosocial impacts of these diseases on the individual and family, and challenges these impacts present for public and social policies.

**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 an evaluative study of an intervention/program.

PREREQ: SOCWORK 712 AND MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COREQ: SOCWORK 783

**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: SOCWORK 712 AND MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

**SOCWORK 777 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK 3 Units**

The School Social Work Practice courses focusing on teaching content from the Wisconsin Pupil Service Standard PI 34 related to being a school social worker. This course is designed to integrate the prior professional experiences of students who have practiced social work outside of the public school setting with the unique knowledge and skills required by the school setting.

PREREQ: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE OR POST MSW SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CERTIFICATE

**SOCWORK 778 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK 3 Units**

This class teaches students to use advanced clinical skills across settings. The course builds on Social Work 776, preparing students for advanced clinical work. This course focuses predominantly on Evidence Based Interventions. Utilizing examples from field placement experience in conjunction with classroom instruction, students will learn to select and implement appropriate interventions for clients.

PREREQ: SOCWORK 776 AND ENROLLMENT IN SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

**SOCWORK 783 SOCIAL WORK FIELD EXPERIENCE *Repeatable* 1-6 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: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE OR POST MSW SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING CERTIFICATE

**SOCWORK 784 SOCIAL WORK FIELD CLASSROOM INTEGRATION *Repeatable* 1-8 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 finalize and present their capstone project in this course.

PREREQ: MUST BE ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK CERTIFICATE PROGRAM COREQ: SOCWORK 776

**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 798 INDIVIDUAL STUDIES *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Study of a selected topic or topics under the direction of a faculty member.

**SOCWORK 798R INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN SOCIAL WORK - GRADUATE RESEARCH *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Study of a selected topic or topics under the direction of a faculty member. Repeatable.