

# SOCIAL WORK (SOCWORK)

## Courses

### **SOCWORK 101 INTRODUCTION TO THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION 1 Units**

This course is required for all social work majors as it introduces social work majors to the social work department, social work profession, code of ethics, critical thinking and social work writing skills.

PREREQ: SOCIAL WORK MAJOR COREQ: PRIOR COMPLETION OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN SOCWORK 102

### **SOCWORK 102 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE 3 Units**

This course is an introduction to the ways in which social welfare policies and programs and the social work profession contribute to society. Students will examine current social welfare issues and the ways that levels of government, social service agencies, voluntary associations, and social workers have responded and currently respond to these issues.

### **SOCWORK 235 CHILD WELFARE 3 Units**

This course is a survey of social services for children: the problems treated, an assessment of the effectiveness of current services, and consideration of alternative service programs.

### **SOCWORK 241 BIOLOGY OF AGING 3 Units**

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the biological process of aging. The course covers current concepts and knowledge of the aging process, including cellular and molecular research, oxidative stress and DNA repair. It will educate students on various changes organism undergo during gradual transformation from birth to advanced stages of life. This course will explore the cellular and molecular mechanisms of calorie restriction and importance of evolutionary theories in understanding aging process.

PREREQ: BIOLOGY 120 OR BIOLOGY 141

### **SOCWORK 250 STATISTICS FOR SOCIAL WORK 3 Units**

This course introduces basic statistics applicable to social work practice and research. Social work practitioners must be able to conduct research and data analysis to provide effective interventions for their clients. The course also provides students with opportunities to learn a popular statistical software for social research, SPSS, to analyze the data and present results.

PREREQ: (C OR BETTER IN (MATH 139 OR MATH 141 OR MATH 142 OR STAT 101)) OR ADMITTED TO THE MSW DEGREE PROGRAM

### **SOCWORK 291 TRAVEL STUDY *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Variable topics. Faculty-led courses abroad.

### **SOCWORK 296 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.

Repeatable.

PREREQ: SOCWORK 102 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

### **SOCWORK 311 HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT 4 Units**

This course promotes knowledge of the human behavior and the social environment through application of numerous theoretical frameworks. The course examines the intersectionality of these frameworks in social work practice, policy, and research.

COREQ: PRIOR COMPLETION OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN SOCWORK 102

### **SOCWORK 321 IMMIGRATION TODAY: INDIVIDUAL, COMMUNITY, AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES 3 Units**

This course focuses on the changes in immigration to the United States in recent decades, challenges that recent immigrants face, and the controversies around this immigration. The immigrant experience of Latinos and the Hmong in Midwest will be emphasized, from an individual, family, and community perspective.

### **SOCWORK 325 SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS 3 Units**

An introduction to the knowledge and skills necessary for working with children and adolescents, including: developmental, cultural, and family issues affecting children and adolescents; child welfare policy; how to interview and assess the needs of children and adolescents; developmental, behavioral, and emotional disorders including current treatment approaches; and practice settings (i.e., child welfare agencies, schools, etc.).

PREREQ: SOCWORK 371 OR INSTRUCTOR CONSENT

### **SOCWORK 337 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.

PREREQ: SOPHOMORE STATUS

### **SOCWORK 341 SEXUALITY FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH 3 Units**

This comprehensive course is designed to add to students' knowledge and comfort in the area of human sexuality. Multi-media, 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 350 PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY BASICS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONAL 3 Units**

This course focuses on introducing students to the basic principles of psychotropic medication and their role when working with clients taking psychotropic medication. Basic neuropsychological principles and diagnostic groups involving various classes of psychopharmacological medications will be discussed. It will introduce the student to medical terminology and the medical field.

### **SOCWORK 361 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 362 HEALTHCARE AND AGING POLICY 3 Units**

This course aims to critically examine U.S. health care policy with an emphasis on aging. The course covers content areas include history and organization of U.S. healthcare delivery systems for all individuals with an emphasis on older adults; U.S. health care policies for all individuals with an emphasis on older adults; health care policy analysis with specific attention focused on older adults.

**SOCWORK 371 PRACTICE I: SOCIAL WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS 3 Units**

This course presents 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: (C OR BETTER IN SOCWORK 101 AND SOCWORK 102) AND (CORE 130 OR PSYCH 211) AND JUNIOR STANDING AND 2.50 COMBINED CUMULATIVE GPA AND SOCIAL WORK MAJOR ADMITTED TO PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM COREQ: PRIOR COMPLETION OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN SOCWORK 311

**SOCWORK 372 PRACTICE II: SOCIAL WORK WITH FAMILIES AND GROUPS 3 Units**

This course is designed to provide knowledge and skills needed to engage in generalist social work practice, including further development of interviewing and interpersonal skills. The course has an emphasis on social work practice with families and groups.

PREREQ: C OR BETTER IN (SOCWORK 311 AND SOCWORK 371)

**SOCWORK 380 CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS 3 Units**

The goal of this course is to prepare health and helping professional students to engage in culturally competent practice within a variety of social service and healthcare arenas. The course examines the role of race and ethnicity as factors that affect patient/client health outcomes and explores the importance of transcultural competence as a standard of care. Course content includes information on general characteristics of numerous racial and ethnic groups, with particular attention to African Americans, Latinx, Asian Americans, and Native Americans, as well as cultural and religious groups. Transcultural principles and application to various healthcare environments are explored.

**SOCWORK 402 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 COREQ: SOCWORK 371

**SOCWORK 430 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: SOPHOMORE STANDING

**SOCWORK 435 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: SOPHOMORE STANDING

**SOCWORK 462 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: POLISCI 141 AND (SOCWORK 371 OR 3 ADDITIONAL UNITS POLISCI) OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

**SOCWORK 473 PRACTICE III: SOCIAL WORK WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES 3 Units**

This course will cover advanced problem solving approaches for intervention with organizations, and communities. The class will utilize simulated practice situations. The course has an emphasis on social work practice with organizations and communities.

PREREQ: C OR BETTER IN SOCWORK 372

**SOCWORK 489 SENIOR SEMINAR IN SOCIAL WORK 1 Units**

The course prepares students for future options within the field of social work. Portfolio preparation (including resume) and presentation is emphasized as an essential element of making the transition to careers in the private and public sectors, as well as graduate studies.

PREREQ: C OR BETTER IN SOCWORK 372 COREQ: PRIOR COMPLETION OR CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN SOCWORK 473

**SOCWORK 490 SOCIAL WORK WORKSHOP *Repeatable* 1-6 Units**

Variable topics. Group activity oriented presentations emphasizing `hands on` and participatory instructional techniques. Repeatable. Instructor Consent required.

**SOCWORK 491 TRAVEL STUDY *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

Variable topics. Faculty-led courses abroad.

**SOCWORK 493 SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE *Repeatable* 3-12 Units**

Students are placed in a community agency under the supervision of an experienced social worker. Students are expected to develop an in-depth understanding of agency activities and programs and will assume increasing levels of responsibility as beginning social workers. Attendance at periodic field placement meetings is expected. This course may be taken as a block placement (12 credits) for one semester or summer, or over two semesters at 6 credits per semester. A total of 480 hours in the agency is required in either option.

PREREQ: ALL OTHER REQUIRED SOCIAL WORK COURSES MUST BE COMPLETED AND INSTRUCTOR CONSENT

**SOCWORK 494 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. Repeatable.

PREREQ: SOCWORK 371

**SOCWORK 496 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. Repeatable.

PREREQ: SOCWORK 102 OR CONSENT OF INSTRUCTOR

**SOCWORK 497 EXCHANGE STUDY *Repeatable* 1-12 Units**

Variable topics.

**SOCWORK 498 INDEPENDENT STUDY IN SOCIAL WORK *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

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

**SOCWORK 498R INDEPENDENT STUDIES IN SOCIAL WORK -  
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH *Repeatable* 1-3 Units**

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

**SOCWORK 499 SENIOR HONOR THESIS IN SOCIAL WORK 3 Units**

This two semester course must be taken by students in the general honors program. Students explore any topic in the field of social welfare under direction of faculty representing disciplines involved. Students must have invitation from the staff.

PREREQ: SENIOR STATUS