

Social Work Course Descriptions

- 2331. Introduction to Social Work** 3(3-0)
Survey of the social work profession, including history, philosophy, ethics, and relevance to current social issues. Participation with service agencies to assess interest in pursuing social work as a career.
Prerequisite: SOCI 1301.
- 2333. Human Behavior in the Social Environment 1** 3(3-0)
Study of individuals as they develop physically, cognitively, socially, emotionally, and spiritually over the life cycle with emphasis on benchmarks for growth. Utilizing the person-in-the-environment perspective, attention is given to social forces that inhabit growth and social functioning. Prerequisite: SCWK 2331 and PSYC 2301.
- 3335. Human Behavior in the Social Environment 2** 3(3-0)
A systems approach to examining behaviors of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Critical analysis of the systems of inequality associated with class, race and ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, and age. Prerequisite: SCWK 2333 and admission to the social work program. Corequisite: SCWK 3337.
- 3337. Theories and Models of Social Work Practice** 3(3-0)
Overview of social work practice utilizing generalist models. Emphasis on client strengths and empowerment, the change process, and issues of human diversity. Prerequisite: SCWK 2333 and admission to the program. Co requisite: SCWK 3335.
- 3339. Professional Helping Relationships and Strategies** 3(3-0)
Acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary for building professional helping relationships. Basic helping skills and techniques are integrated into the problem solving process to enhance the functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisite: SCWK 3337.
- 4306. Selected Topics in Social Work** 3(3-0)
Literature and research topics in areas of social work not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once as topics change. Prerequisites: SCWK 2331, SCWK 2333 and admission to the social work program.
- 4324. Social Work Methods I** 3(3-0)
Social work practice from a generalist perspective with emphasis on the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and values necessary for working at the micro practice level. Students will acquire relationship building, interviewing and problem solving skills necessary for affecting change and enhancing the functioning of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisite: SCWK2331, SCWK2333 and formal admission to the program.
- 4325. Social Work Methods II** 3(3-0)
Social work practice from a generalist perspective with emphasis on practice at the mezzo level. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills for working with individuals in small groups within the planned change process. Emphasis on values, ethics, human diversity and social justice. Concurrent enrollment in SCWK 4641 recommended. Prerequisite: SCWK 4324 and admission to the social work program.
- 4326. Social Work Methods III** 3(3-0)
Social work practice from a generalist perspective with emphasis on practice at the macro practice level. Students will acquire the knowledge and skills necessary in the problem solving process with large groups, communities and organizations and their individual members. Emphasis on values, ethics, human diversity and social justice. Concurrent enrollment in SCWK 4643 recommended. Prerequisites: SCWK 4324 and admission to the social work program.

4345. Social Welfare: Policy and Advocacy 3(3-0)

Historical and current survey of the social service delivery system as a response to human need. History, mission, and philosophy of the social work profession. Conceptual and practical application in policy analysis, advocacy, and practice with disempowered groups. Prerequisite: Admission to the social work program.

4347. Methods of Social Work Research and Evaluation 3(3-0)

Principles of social research. Quantitative and qualitative research methodologies, analysis of data including statistical procedures, conclusions of research reports, analysis and evaluation of theoretical bases, and systematic evaluation of practice. Prerequisite: Admission to the social work program.

4641. Social Work Practicum 1 6(2-16)

First in a sequence of two field practicums. Educationally directed and professionally supervised direct service activities providing practical experience in the application of theory and skills acquired in the foundation courses. Two hundred (200) clock hours of field placement and a weekly seminar of two hours. Prerequisite: Permission of field coordinator and credit or registration in SCWK 4325.

4643. Social Work Practicum 2 6(2-16)

The second in a sequence of two field practicums. Educationally directed and professionally supervised direct service activities providing practical experience in the application of the theory and skills acquired in foundation courses, the application of research and evaluative techniques to the practice experience. Two hundred (200) clock hours of field placement; weekly seminar of two hours. Prerequisite: Permission of field coordinator and credit or registration in SCWK 4326.