Social Work (SCWK)

Courses

SCWK 405V. Special Topics in Social Work (Irregular). 1-6 Hour.
Comprehensive study of various topics of importance in contemporary social welfare and social work practice. Prerequisite: Junior standing. May be repeated for degree credit.

SCWK 4073. Social Work Research and Technology I (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
An overview of forms and sources of social work research including existing social data, techniques for collecting original social data, and techniques of organization, interpretation, and presentation of data. Students will also become proficient in the use of current technology for social work research and practice. Pre- or Corequisite: One of the following: STAT 2303, SOCI 3303 and SOCI 3301L, PSYC 2013, or ESRM 2403. Prerequisite: SCWK 4093 and SCWK 4153.

SCWK 4093. Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Provides a conceptual framework for knowledge of human behavior and the social environment with a focus on individuals. Social systems, life-course, assets, and resiliency-based approaches are presented. Special attention is given to the impact of discrimination and oppression on the ability to reach or maintain optimal health and well-being. Prerequisite: COMM 1313, PSYC 2003, SOCI 2013, SCWK 2133, and SCWK 3193 and (BIOL 1543 and BIOL 1541L, or ANTH 1013 and ANTH 1011L).

SCWK 4103. Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
This course applies the basic framework for creating and organizing knowledge of human behavior and the social environment acquired in HBSE I to the understanding of family, group, organizational, community, and global systems. Attention is given to discrimination, oppression, the impact of technology, and poverty at each system level. Prerequisite: SCWK 4093 and SCWK 4153.

Describes and analyzes the policies and services rendered by local, state, regional, national, and international agencies as well as the policy implications for social work practice. Students prepare to advocate social policy changes designed to improve social conditions, promote social and economic justice, and to empower at-risk populations. Prerequisite: COMM 1313, PLSC 2003, SCWK 2133, and SCWK 3193.

Survey of theories of gerontology, service programs and unmet needs of the aging citizen.

An examination of selected current issues in the field of children and family services through discussion, individual study, and interaction with professionals in the field.

SCWK 4333. Social Work Practice I (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
This is the first in the sequence of practice courses introducing students to the generalist approach to micro social work. This course focuses on developing a solid foundation for practice with individuals, including learning basic communication and helping skills, values, principles, and the connection of theory to practice. Pre- or Corequisite: SCWK 4103. Prerequisite: SCWK 4093 and SCWK 4153.

SCWK 4343. Social Work Practice II (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
This is the second course in the social work practice sequence, emphasizing theories, models, and techniques related to generalist practice with families and groups. The course elaborates on system theory as it impacts groups and families, and use of experiential teaching methods. Prerequisite: SCWK 4103 and SCWK 4333.

SCWK 4733. Social Work Practice III (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
Students acquire and practice the skills, knowledge, and values necessary for culturally competent generalist social work practice with organizations and communities. Special attention is given to the implications of discrimination and oppression for attaining social and economic justice. Pre- or Corequisite: SCWK 4103 and SCWK 4343. Prerequisite: SCWK 4333.

SCWK 5003. Foundations of Culturally Competent Social Work Practice (Fa). 3 Hours.
The purpose of this course is the acquisition and demonstration of beginning graduate-level social work values and ethics, knowledge, and skills necessary for cultural competence in work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and global contexts. A multi-systems life-course conceptual framework is used. Prerequisite: Admission to the two-year or part-time MSW program.

SCWK 5013. Bridge Course: Evidenced Based Social Work (Su). 3 Hours.
This course prepares MSW students to transition from the foundation course to the advanced concentration courses. Students will become familiar with the mission and conceptual framework underlying the advanced concentration and develop beginning knowledge of traditional and alternative approaches to client system assessment. Prerequisite: Admission into the advanced standing MSW program or completion of foundation courses.

SCWK 5073. Social Work Research and Technology II (Fa). 3 Hours.
This course is intended to build the advanced research skills necessary to develop a research proposal and complete a thesis or capstone project. Students will plan the project, collect and analyze data and write a research report of their findings. Projects will focus on systematic evaluation of service delivery and personal professional practice. Corequisite: SCWK 6000L. Prerequisite: Completion of year one for two-year students or summer semester for advanced standing students.

The role and responsibilities of the social work profession are examined in an international comparative context. Particular emphasis is given to social workers’ responsibilities to advance global social and economic justice and reduce human oppression through community, social, economic, and organizational development strategies. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

SCWK 5153. Children, Youth, and Family (Irregular). 3 Hours.
This course focuses on the development, revision, and impact of policy and practice in children, youth, and family services. Current issues in policy and practice will be examined. Students will interact with community agencies and utilize class assignments to advocate improvements in current policy and practice. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

This course prepares MSW students to transition from the foundation course to the advanced concentration courses. Students will become familiar with the mission and conceptual framework underlying the advanced concentration and develop beginning knowledge of traditional and alternative approaches to client system assessment. Prerequisite: Admission into the advanced standing MSW program or completion of foundation courses.

SCWK 5173. Advanced Practice with Families and Couples (Irregular). 3 Hours.
The purpose of this course is to provide advanced understanding of the knowledge, skills and values needed to assess and intervene effectively with traditional and non-traditional families and couples. The course will examine social systems and life-course strengths approaches to understand how families and couples function. Students will design interventions. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.
SCWK 5183. Advanced Practice with Individuals (Irregular). 3 Hours.
This course develops advanced skills in social work practice on a micro level. Students learn to analyze and compare practice models. They gain skills in selecting a practice model and integrating multiple models based on client needs. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

SCWK 5193. Advanced Practice and Policy in Aging (Irregular). 3 Hours.
This course focuses on social work practice with, and policies for, older persons. Current, past, and future practices and policies for older persons across systems and the life course are explored. Emphasis is placed on the influences of personal, social, economic, and cultural diversity on the well-being of older persons. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

SCWK 5213. Advanced Practice in Behavioral and Mental Health (Irregular). 3 Hours.
This advanced course prepares students to identify mental disorders, plan intervention strategies with clients from a strengths perspective, and understand mental health programs through which services are delivered. Differential diagnosis and the impact of socioeconomic status, gender, race, and sexual orientation on diagnosis and treatment decisions are addressed. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

SCWK 5253. Spirituality and Social Work Practice (Sp, Fa). 3 Hours.
This course prepares students to respond competently and ethically to diverse spiritual and religious perspectives. Utilizing social work ethics and values as a guide, students will develop a comparative, critically reflective approach to practice. Prerequisite: SCWK 4103 or SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

SCWK 5343. Advanced Practice with Groups (Irregular). 3 Hours.
This course provides advanced knowledge, skills, and values needed to assess and intervene effectivley with populations seen in the social work practice of group therapy. This course examines group dynamics, life-course and strengths perspectives, and client-centered assessment of needs and their application in agency settings. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003 or SCWK 5013.

SCWK 5412. Foundation Field Seminar (Sp). 2 Hours.
A required course for MSW students without an accredited undergraduate degree in social work. The purpose of the seminar is to allow students to integrate classroom content with experiences in the field, to learn peer supervision and consultation, and to learn from the experiences of other students in the field. Corequisite: SCWK 5434.

SCWK 5434. Foundation Field Internship (Sp). 4 Hours.
This course is required of all graduate students entering the MSW program without an accredited undergraduate degree in social work. Minimum of 330 clock hours of agency-based professional social work practicum experience, supervised by a licensed MSW, is required. Corequisite: SCWK 5412. Prerequisite: SCWK 5003, SCWK 4333, SCWK 4073, SCWK 4093, and SCWK 4153.

SCWK 5442. Field Seminar III (Su). 2 Hours.
This seminar is required of all graduate students entering the MSW program with advanced standing. Students integrate classroom content with experiences in the field, learn peer supervision and consultation, and learn from the experiences of other students in the field. Corequisite: SCWK 5444. Prerequisite: Admission to graduate program with advanced standing.

SCWK 5444. Field Internship III (Su). 4 Hours.
This course is required of all graduate students entering the MSW program with advanced standing. A minimum of 240 clock hours of agency-based professional social work practicum experience, supervised by a licensed MSW, is required. Corequisite: SCWK 5442. Prerequisite: Admission to graduate program with advanced standing.

SCWK 596V. Independent Study (Irregular). 1-6 Hour.
Independent study designed to meet the particular needs of individual graduate students. May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

SCWK 6000L. Thesis Laboratory (Sp, Su, Fa). 0 Hours.
This laboratory is required for completion of the thesis, which is developed through components of the graduate Research & Technology sequence. Other courses in the graduate curriculum provide support for the conceptualization and development of the thesis. This laboratory is taken in conjunction with SCWK 5073. Corequisite: SCWK 5073.

SCWK 6003. Advanced Social Work Practice Using the MSLC Perspective (Fa). 3 Hours.
Advanced Social Work Practice Using the Multi-Systems Life Course (MSLC) perspective teaches advanced practice behaviors with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. This course focuses on integrating the arenas of advanced theory, research, policy practice, direct practice, required competencies and advanced practice behaviors using the MSLC perspective. Prerequisite: Admission into the advanced standing MSW program or completion of foundation courses.

SCWK 6233. Advanced Social Work Practice With Children And Youth Using the MSLC Perspective (Sp). 3 Hours.
This course focuses on the development, revision, and impact of practice with children and youth from a Multi-Systems Life Course (MSLC) perspective. Historical trends as well as current practices will be examined with a focus on learning and improving social work practice skills. Prerequisite: SCWK 6003.

SCWK 6243. Advanced Social Work Practice With Adults Using the MSLC Perspective (Sp). 3 Hours.
This course focuses on the development, revision, and impact of practice with adults from a Multi-Systems Life Course (MSLC) perspective. Historical trends as well as current practices will be examined with a focus on learning and improving social work practice skills. Prerequisite: SCWK 6003.

SCWK 6442. Advanced Field Seminar I (Fa). 2 Hours.
The first of two advanced field seminars required of all students in the MSW program. The purpose of the seminar is to allow students to integrate classroom content with experiences in the field, to practice peer supervision and consultation, and to learn from the experiences of other students in the field. Corequisite: SCWK 6444. Prerequisite: SCWK 5412 or SCWK 5442.

SCWK 6444. Advanced Field Internship I (Fa). 4 Hours.
This is the first of two advanced field internships required of all graduate students in the MSW program. A minimum of 330 clock hours of agency-based professional social work practicum experience, supervised by a licensed MSW, is required. Corequisite: SCWK 6442. Prerequisite: SCWK 5434 or SCWK 5444.

SCWK 6452. Advanced Field Seminar II (Sp). 2 Hours.
This is the second of two advanced field seminars required of all students in the MSW program. The purpose of the seminar is to allow students to integrate classroom content with experiences in the field, to demonstrate peer supervision and consultation, and to learn from the experiences of other students in the field. Corequisite: SCWK 6454. Prerequisite: SCWK 6442.

SCWK 6454. Advanced Field Internship II (Sp). 4 Hours.
This is the second of two advanced Field Internship courses required of all graduate students in the MSW program. A minimum of 330 clock hours of agency-based professional social work practicum experience supervised by a licensed MSW is required. Corequisite: SCWK 6452. Prerequisite: SCWK 6442.