

# SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

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## **SWK-111 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK (3 Credits)**

An introduction to the history of social work as a profession from its Judeo-Christian origins to current trends and influences. An overview of professional social work education including an introduction to social work values and ethics, generalist practice theory, social welfare policy, populations at-risk, social work roles and various practice settings.

*Prerequisite:* None

## **SWK-221 HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL ENVIRON I (3 Credits)**

The study of theories and knowledge of human behavior and bio-psycho-social-spiritual development from birth to young adulthood. Application of social systems theory in the analysis of the interactions between human behavior and social environmental structures. Attention is given to the role of culture, race, ethnicity, social class, gender and sexual orientation in human development and behavior. Course fee applied.

*Prerequisite:* Take SWK-111 and PSY-111 or SOC-111, Take BIO-151, 161, 241 or 242 previously or concurrently

## **SWK-222 HUMAN BEHAV AND SOC ENV II (3 Credits)**

The study of theories and knowledge of human behavior and bio-psycho-social-spiritual development from middle to late adulthood. Application of social systems theory in the analysis of the interactions between human behavior and social environmental structures. Attention is given to the role of culture, ethnicity, social class, race, gender and sexual orientation in human development and behavior.

*Prerequisite:* Take SWK-111 and PSY-111 or SOC-111, Take BIO=151, 161, 241 or 242 previously or concurrently

## **SWK-280 TOPICS IN SOCIAL WORK (1-3 Credits)**

*Prerequisite:* None

## **SWK-311 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY (3 Credits)**

A survey and analysis of the political, social, cultural and economic forces that influence the development of welfare policies in the United States. The impact of these policies on various populations at risk (including but not limited to those distinguished by age, ethnicity, culture, class, religion and physical or mental ability) is examined. Students develop and articulate their own perspectives on social welfare and the implications for generalist social work practice. Course fee applied.

*Prerequisite:* SWK-111, SOC-243, SSC-211, ECN-231

## **SWK-331 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I: INDIV/FAMILIES (3 Credits)**

Direct practice skills essential for the generalist social worker. Interviewing and assessment skills, case management, crisis intervention, ethical decision making methods are applied to case situations. Students are introduced to the generalist Intervention Model with considerations for practice with diverse and vulnerable client populations. Course fee applied.

*Prerequisite:* Take SWK-111 and admission to the social work program, SWK-221

## **SWK-332 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II: GROUPS (3 Credits)**

This course builds on the first practice course emphasizing social work practice with individuals and families and provides greater focus on the application of generalist practice knowledge, values, and skills in service delivery to groups. Students review the origins of group work as a social work intervention method; stages of group development; and the group dynamics likely present during those stages. Additionally, students study and practice techniques for the implementation and facilitation of various types of groups at varying stages. This also includes discussion of knowledge and skills related to effective group work with diverse client populations.

*Prerequisite:* SWK-331 and SWK program approval

## **SWK-333 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III: COMM/ORGAN (3 Credits)**

Indirect practice and intervention skills essential for the generalist social worker: community organization and development, social planning, social action and social administration. Focuses on the interplay between the individual and the macro environment and viewed from the perspective of the direct service provider seeking resources for vulnerable or oppressed client populations. Course fee applied.

*Prerequisite:* SWK-332 and SWK program approval

## **SWK-344 SUBSTANCE ABUSE (3 Credits)**

The impact of substances including alcohol, marijuana, and cocaine upon individuals, families, and communities is studied. The causes, scope, policy issues, and methods of preventing chemical dependence are investigated. Places emphasis upon developing assessment and treatment skills.

*Prerequisite:* PSY-111 or SOC-111

## **SWK-346 CHILD WELFARE (3 Credits)**

The examination of the philosophy of child welfare as a specific field in human services and a comprehensive overview of the programs, legislative provisions, policies, and services which comprise child welfare institutions. This course emphasizes the importance of culture and diversity as a major force in the delivery of child services.

*Prerequisite:* PSY-111 or SOC-111

## **SWK-411 ETHICAL DECISION-MAKING IN SOCIAL WORK (3 Credits)**

This course provides a more in-depth analysis of the Social Work Code of Ethics and overviews frameworks for ethical decision-making. The emphasis is on improving students' ability to more readily identify ethical problems and thoughtfully work through these issues through the use of case studies.

*Prerequisite:* PHI-211, Junior or Senior status required

## **SWK-417 HUMAN DIVERSITY (3 Credits)**

This course explores the social construction of race, ethnicity, gender and social class, the history of majority-minority relationships and the current status of minorities. The course examines prejudice, discrimination, oppression, racism, and implicit bias in addressing multi-level change. Students learn to develop an appreciation for diversity and difference as well as explore the implications of those differences in multicultural practice settings. The course emphasizes a biblical foundation for cultural competency.

*Prerequisite:* SOC-111, PSY-111 or CMI-223

## **SWK-441 GERONTOLOGY (3 Credits)**

An interdisciplinary approach to the study of aging. This course provides a comprehensive view of the physiological, social and psychological dimensions of the aging process.

*Prerequisite:* SOC-111 or PSY-111

**SWK-450 FIELD PRACTICUM I (5 Credits)**

Students are placed in a community agency (minimum of 200 hours) under the supervision of a professional social worker. Opportunities are provided to integrate the knowledge, values, and skills of generalist practice in the field setting with client systems that may include: individuals, families, small groups, organizations and communities. Emphasis is on the enhancement and well being of diverse and vulnerable populations and working towards the amelioration of environmental conditions that affect people adversely.

*Prerequisite:* Approval into Social Work department, SWK-451

**SWK-451 FIELD PRACTICUM SEMINAR I (1 Credit)**

A seminar, held on campus, in which students may share practicum experiences, integrate theoretical knowledge, consider ethical and value issues, and practice mutual support and supervision. Emphasis is on the understanding of oneself in the helping role and developing cultural sensitivity in working with diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities. Course fee applied.

*Prerequisite:* Approval into social work department, SWK-450

**SWK-460 FIELD PRACTICUM II (5 Credits)**

Students are placed in a community agency (minimum of 200 hours) under the supervision of a professional social worker. Opportunities are provided to integrate the knowledge, values, and skills of generalist practice in the field setting with client systems that may include: individuals, families, small groups, organizations and communities. Emphasis is on the enhancement and well being of diverse and vulnerable populations and working towards the amelioration of environmental conditions that affect people adversely.

*Prerequisite:* Approval into Social Work department, SWK-461

**SWK-461 FIELD PRACTICUM SEMINAR II (1 Credit)**

A seminar, held on campus, in which students may share practicum experiences, integrate theoretical knowledge, consider ethical and value issues, and practice mutual support and supervision. Emphasis is on the understanding of oneself in the helping role and developing cultural sensitivity in working with diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities.

*Prerequisite:* Approval into Social Work Program, Take SWK-460 concurrently

**SWK-462 CAPSTONE SEMINAR: SOCIAL WORK (3 Credits)**

This course serves as the capstone to the Social Work Program. Its primary emphasis is on professional development and self-evaluation in the context of the social work competencies. Students complete a social work portfolio, capstone paper and project to demonstrate proficiency in all the social work competencies and their readiness to enter into professional social work practice at the undergraduate level or graduate school. Content related to Christian worldview and social work practice is infused throughout the full semester in order to encourage professional development. Course fee applied.

*Prerequisite:* Approval into Social Work department, Senior status required

**SWK-470 DIRECTED READINGS (1-3 Credits)**

*Prerequisite:* None

**SWK-480 ADVANCED TOPICS (3 Credits)**

An elective course on a selected topic related to social work generalist practice. May include current issues or trends, special populations or advanced practice skills.

*Prerequisite:* None

**SWK-490 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 Credits)**

An elective course requiring student research and a written report on a specific area of interest related to social work practice. The topic is selected by the student with final approval and supervision by Social Work faculty.

*Prerequisite:* None