

## Course Descriptions

- SOCWK 100: Social Work: The Helping Profession. An introduction to the profession of social work and the various fields of social service by observing, experiencing, and analyzing social work and its place in society. An opportunity for the student to test social work as a possible career choice.
- SOCWK 200: Basic Skills for Working with People. Course develops basic skill components for the helping professions. Students learn fundamentals of interpersonal communication.
- SOCWK 310: Topics in Social Work. Supervised independent study projects. Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor.
- SOCWK 315: Human Behavior in the Social Environment. An introduction to the relationship among biological, social, psychological, and cultural systems as they affect or are affected by human behavior as it relates to the social work model of practice. Emphasis on social systems understanding of human development and behavior.
- SOCWK 330: Introduction to Social Work Research. The first of two research courses. An emphasis on social work research methodology. Examines the ethics and processes of research.
- SOCWK 510: Social Welfare. The development and present status of social welfare in meeting changing human needs and the requirements of other parts of our social system; the analysis of present-day philosophy and the functions of social welfare.
- SOCWK 525: Human Behavior and the Social Environment II. Continuation of SOCWK 315 with a focus on large systems (organizations and communities). Social systems and ecological perspectives as a framework for understanding macrosystems.

Structure and function of large systems and their impact on people. Institutional racism and other forms of institutional discrimination, and the importance of recognizing the functions and the effects of racial, ethnic, and other forms of community diversity.

- SOCWK 530: Seminar in Applied Social Work Research. Second of two research methods courses. Emphasis on designing and conducting social work research projects appropriate for baccalaureate social work practice. Attention given to research strategies for the evaluation of social work practice.
- SOCWK 550: Field Practicum Preparation. Social work majors take this course in the semester before enrollment in SOCWK 562 Field Experience, in preparation for the field practice experience. Students explore various fields of practice in social work settings and work with the instructor to plan their practicum for the following semester.
- SOCWK 560: Social Work Practice I. Continued development of social work practice skills. The social systems perspective is used to guide the development of a problem-solving methodology with attention to information gathering, assessment, and problem identification. The values of clarification and self-awareness are emphasized and the skills needed for intervention, termination and evaluation are introduced.
- SOCWK 561: Social Work Practice II. Continuation of SOCWK 560 with emphasis on skill development in intervention techniques, and practice evaluation from a social systems perspective. A variety of intervention strategies and techniques are presented with emphasis on the development of a social work frame of reference.

- SOCWK 562: Field Experience. Supervised field experience in community agencies and programs as a practical application of social work knowledge and skills gained from major course work. Emphasis on direct work with clients, whether individuals, groups or communities. Seminars make use of student's experiences to analyze social work theory and practice.
- SOCWK 564: Social Work Professional Seminar. A review of various theories in the behavioral sciences that influence the practice of social work. Primary focus of the course is on the use of these theories in implementing change in various client systems.
- SOCWK 565: Social Policy Formulation and Analysis. Examination of policies and programs developed to cope with various social problems. Emphasis will be placed on analysis of existing programs and policies and the formulation of alternative policies. Attention will be given to policy change through organizational and legislative action.
- SOCWK 568: Social Work Practice III. Continuation of social work practice sequence with focus on skills development for macro-level social work practice. Community and organization intervention strategies are presented with emphasis on the development of a social work frame of reference.
- SOCWK 570: Social Work with Groups. Taken concurrently with SOCWK 561. Course provides the theoretical framework for effective generalist social work practice with groups, facilitates the development of group leaders who possess an understanding of group dynamics and effective leadership skills through group discussion, experiential exercises and leadership experiences.