



## BSW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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### **SW 310: INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL WELFARE**

Introduction to the profession of social work and social work roles in the social welfare system, with emphasis on social problems, society's historical response, and contemporary proposed solutions. Contains an agency experiential component of 30 hours.

### **SW 311: CURRENT ISSUES**

May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Tutorial or seminar course designed to enable each student to undertake intensive study of selected aspects of social welfare practice. Most topics are offered only in the spring semester. Some examples are:

- Topic 3. Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

### **SW 312: GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE: KNOWLEDGE, VALUES, AND SKILLS**

Introduction to generalist social work practice, with emphasis on the skills, knowledge, and values used in the profession. Contains an agency volunteer component of 45 clock hours.

Prerequisite: SW 310 with a grade of "C" or higher.

### **SW 313: SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS**

Introduction to the logic, design, and use of research, with emphasis on research designs appropriate to social work.

Prerequisite: SW 318 or any approved substitution with a grade of "C" or higher.

### **SW 318: SOCIAL WORK STATISTICS**

Introduction to statistics commonly used in social work research, including the critical analysis of the findings and inferential processes of existing research studies.

### **SW 323K: SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND ISSUES**

Study of structure and function of service delivery systems, policy analysis, and effects and influences of policy on practice and planning decisions.

Prerequisite: GOV 310L, 3 hrs of core HIS, 3 hrs of economics, and admission to the BSW major practice coursework.

### **SW 325: FOUNDATIONS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**

History and demographics of culturally diverse groups in the US, including family and community diversity. Emphasis on principles of knowledge acquisition about cultural diversity and ethnic-sensitive social work practice.

### **SW 327: HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT**

Survey of selected theories of human behavior, including a systems/ecological perspective, ego psychology, and social learning theory, with emphasis on the life cycle from adolescence through adulthood.

Prerequisite: Admission to the BSW major practice coursework.

### **SW 332: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES**

Theory and knowledge of effecting change in individuals and families, with an emphasis on skills and analyses of processes and interactions.

Prerequisite: admission to the BSW major practice coursework and completion of SW 327 with a grade of "C" or higher.

### **SW 333: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH GROUPS**

Theory and knowledge of group dynamics and the development of effective group work skills, with an emphasis on analyses of processes and interactions.

Prerequisite: admission to the BSW major practice coursework.

### **SW 334: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES**

Theory and knowledge of effecting change in organizations and communities, with an emphasis on skills and analyses of processes and interactions.

Prerequisite: admission to the major in social work.

### **SW 444: FIELD SEMINAR**

Integration of theory and practice on the basis of field practicum experiences. Concurrent enrollment in S W 640 and S W 641 is required.

### **SW 640/SW 641: SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM I/II**

Offered on the pass/fail basis only. Field practicum, providing supervised experience in which students apply knowledge and develop skills of social work practice. Requires approximately 37 hours per week in a social service agency. Educational supervision by faculty and social workers in community agencies.

Prerequisite: all degree requirements other than field courses must be completed before entering the field practicum.

### **SW 360K: CURRENT ISSUES**

May be repeated for credit when the topics vary. Tutorial or seminar course designed to enable each student to undertake intensive study of selected aspects of social welfare practice. Some examples are:

- Topic 1. Criminal justice
- Topic 2. Child abuse and neglect
- Topic 3. Dynamics of chemical dependency
- Topic 4. Treatment of chemical dependency
- Topic 5. Social work and the law
- Topic 6. African American families
- Topic 7. Gerontology
- Topic 8. Play Therapy

- Topic 9. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Topic 10. School-based Social Services
- Topic 11. Women and Addiction
- Topic 12. Death and Grief Issues
- Topic 13. Mexican American Family Systems
- Topic 14. Social Work in a Medical Setting