

SOCIAL WORK

Degree Offered: B.S.W.

The BSW seeks to prepare students to be knowledgeable, competent, and value driven generalists in social work. The program will prepare students to serve poor persons, the oppressed, and populations at-risk in the rural setting of the South in particular.

Requirements for the Social Work Major

A Major in Social Work consists of the following 128 hours:

A. Required General Education Courses

GOAL I

REL 101	Introduction to Old Testament	(3 hours)
REL 102	Introduction to New Testament	(3 hours)

GOAL II

HIS 103	World History I	(3 hours)
HIS 104	World History II	(3 hours)
ART 200, MUS 200, <u>or</u> ENG 200		
Art, Music <u>or</u> Theatre Appreciation		(3 hours)
ENG 201, ENG 202, ENG 209, ENG 210, ENG 211, ENG 212		
British, American, or World Literature (Choose Any 2)		(6 hours)
SWK 201	Introduction to Social Work	(3 hours)
BUS 101, PSY 201, SOC 201, PSC 201		
Macroeconomics, General Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, American Government (Choose 1)		(3 hours)

GOAL III

ENG 101	English Composition I	(3 hours)
ENG 102	English Composition II	(3 hours)
ENG 104	Public Speaking	(3 hours)

GOAL IV

MAT 105	Intermediate Algebra	(3 hours)
MAT 231	Business Statistics	(3 hours)
BIO 103, BIO 104, BIO 105, CHE 100, CHE 101, PHY 102, PHY 201		
Foundations of Biology, Principles of Biology, Botany, Introductory Chemistry, General Chemistry I, Physical Science, General Physics I (Choose 1)		(4 hours)

GOAL V
SPA 101 Elementary Spanish I (4 hours)

GOAL VI
HPE 121 Health and Fitness (3 hours)
HPE, FPA, EQS Activity Course (1 hour)

GOAL VII
WST 101 Women in Society (3 hours)

GOAL VIII
BTA 105 Computer Application (1 hour)

Other Required Courses
SPA 102 Elementary Spanish II (4 hours)
JUD 101 Foundations of Success (1 hour)

B. Required Social Work Courses

SWK 311 Social Work Practice I (4 hours)
SWK 312 Social Work Practice II (3 hours)
SWK 313 Social Work & Aging Populations (3 hours)
SWK 321 Human Behavior in the Social Env. I (3 hours)
SWK 322 Human Behavior in the Social Env. II (3 hours)
SWK 332 Social Work Research (3 hours)
SWK 341 Social Welfare Policy I (3 hours)
SWK 342 Social Welfare Policy II (3 hours)
SWK 361 Preparation for Field Experience (1 hour)
SWK 392 Social Work in Rural Settings (3 hours)
SWK 393 Spirituality in Social Work (3 hours)
SWK 414 Social Work Practice III (3 hours)
SWK 415 Child Welfare & Protective Services (3 hours)
SWK 425 Southern Peoples and Cultures (3 hours)
SWK 463 Field Experience I (4 hours)
SWK 464 Field Experience II (4 hours)
SWK 495 Senior Seminar (3 hours)

C. Elective Hours to complete required hours for graduation (13 hours)
Suggested classes include SPA 201 and SPA 202, Intermediate Spanish I and II

Course Descriptions

SWK 201 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL

WELFARE: Three hours

This course will provide an overview of how society has cared for people in need. Covered topics will include: the development of the Social Work profession in response to social problems; how the needs of people are addressed by Social Workers in contemporary society, Social Work theories, values, and ethics; and Social Work career opportunities in both secular and faith-based settings.

SWK 311 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I: Four hours

Study of generalist Social Work practice with individual client systems and the integration of the theoretical perspectives and research findings with practical applications. Will also incorporate Social Work values and ethics. The lab will cover role playing, common practice and interviewing scenarios, practice in note-taking, and using common Social Work recording formats. (3 Lec. 1 Lab)

SWK 312 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II: Three hours

Theory, skills, and values of generalist Social Work practice in small group settings both natural and created. Work with families is also briefly covered. Covers group theory, leadership, diversity, values, oppression, empowerment and justice.

Prerequisite: SWK 311

SWK 313 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH AGING POPULATIONS:

Three hours

Work with elderly populations, covers home care, senior centers and activity centers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes and hospice care. Issues of physical decline and dementia, loss and grieving.

SWK 321 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I:

Three hours

This course explores the development and determinants of human behavior considering bio-psycho-social-spiritual factors. It covers the study of individual and family development across the life span and the impact of oppression, discrimination, and social and economic injustice. Issues of culture will also be addressed.

SWK 322 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II:

Three hours

This is the second course in the human behavior in the social environment sequence. The course covers group behavioral and organization theory and its applications in mezzo and macro practice with attention to group work and community development. An exploration of neighborhoods and other expressions of “community” will be addressed. Issues of diversity, oppression and cultural competence are also addressed.

Prerequisites: SWK 321

SWK 332 RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (CT): Three hours

Basic research theory, methods and design. Course includes values and ethics in research; research design and field techniques; naturalistic observation; experiments; surveys; single subject designs; qualitative research, computer/statistical analysis.

Prerequisites: BUS 231, Introductory Statistics, or equivalent or consent of instructor

SWK 334 ADVANCED SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH: Three hours

Elective course in intermediate to advanced quantitative analysis. Covers multiple regression, path analysis, multiple correlation, manova, and time series analysis. Some consideration of correction factors for skewed and other non-bell curve data. Includes brief introduction to chaos systems concepts. (Minimum enrollment of six students required).

SWK 341 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY I: Three hours

Historical, cultural, economic, political and policy processes and their influences on development of U.S. social welfare politics and the Social Work Profession. Reviews historical policies and programs from the Code of Hammurabi to the creation of the 1996 TANF program. Addresses Social Work values on social justice and oppression.

SWK 342 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY II: Three hours

Study of social welfare issues, policy and programs development, and implementation from the 1996 TANF to the present. Includes policy analysis of policies and programs such as health care, food subsidies, cash assistance, jobs and employment. Analyzes impacts on populations at-risk.

Prerequisite: SWK 341

SWK 343 SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATIONS AND MANAGEMENT:

Three hours

Elective course covers theory and applications of management theory and principles, for community development, organizational administration. Also reviews non-profit human services organization's administration. Continues and goes beyond topics covered in SWK 414 and SWK 424.

SWK 361 PREPARATION FOR FIELD EXPERIENCE: One hour

Seminars preparing students for Social Work field placement. Reviews career development, self-knowledge, professional ethics and behavior, supervision, confidentiality, insurance/liability, agency policies, licensure and related internship concerns.

Co-requisites: SWK 311, SWK 321

SWK 392 SOCIAL WORK IN RURAL SETTINGS: Three hours

Course provides a field study of a rural community and conceptual tools for community analysis, including human needs and services for southern populations, issues of distance and social justice. Availability of technology to rural communities. Guest lecturers as available.

Prerequisites: SWK 361, SWK 311, SWK 321

SWK 393 SPIRITUALITY IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE: Three hours

Examination of the role of spirituality and religion in Social Work practice. Study of the religious theologies, cultures, and religious traditions of the peoples of the rural South. Religious cultural competence and the appropriate/inappropriate use of the religious self in social work practice.

SWK 414 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III: Three hours

Theory and skills development for generalist Social Work practice. Focus upon Social Work practice with larger social environment systems, including communities, organizations, Social Work management and administration, and political structures. Particular attention will be paid to the impacts of larger social systems upon minorities, women, the South and at-risk populations. The roles of these systems in conveying institutional racism and social justice/injustice will be explored.

Prerequisite: SWK 312

SWK 415 CHILD WELFARE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES: Three hours

Covers policies, common agency practices and legislation in the areas of practice with abused, neglected and sexually abused children. Issues of foster placement, group placement and adoption as well as forensic evidence and testimony are covered.

Prerequisite: SWK 414

SWK 425 SOUTHERN PEOPLES AND CULTURES: Three hours

This is a “cultural competence” building course designed to build understanding of competent practice with the varied peoples and cultures of the Rural South. Covers cultural issues of African Americans, Native Americans, Latino/as, Poor Caucasians, other new migrants. Also includes macro-cultural issues such as the legacy of slavery and the voting rights/civil rights struggles, the ongoing shift from agricultural employment to technology based industries with related issues of widespread displaced workers and low levels of educational attainment. Prerequisites: SWK 414

SWK 463 FIELD EXPERIENCE I: Four hours

Supervised field experience in generalist Social Work Practice in approved agency setting. Fifteen (15) hours per week of field work required. Students attend one hour per week supervision with field instructor and one hour per week of field seminar. Prerequisite: Restricted to Social Work majors

SWK 464 FIELD EXPERIENCE II: Four hours

Supervised field experience in generalist Social Work Practice in approved agency setting. Students attend weekly seminars as part of this three credit course. Fifteen (15) hours per week of field work required. One hour per week with field instructor and one hour per week field seminar. Prerequisites: SWK 463 and Restricted to Social Work majors

SWK 495 SENIOR SEMINAR: Three hours

Integrative capstone course on the professional foundations of Social Work focusing on future trends, challenges, and international Social Work issues. This seminar will focus on integrating Social Work knowledge, skills and values into competent generalist practice. Course is centered around a class senior study of a social issue project. Prerequisite: Senior Social Work major in good standing with the Social Work program