

SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

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, 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, Gen. Psychology, Intro 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, Gen. Chemistry I, Physical Science, Gen. Physics I (Choose 1)			(4 hours)

GOAL V

SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I	(4 hours)
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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)
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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	(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 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 (19 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: 3 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 [Fall]: 4 hours

An examination of the direct skills basic to the generalist practice of social work with individuals and families. Students will utilize an understanding of the social work process to develop skills in assessment, intervention, evaluation, problem-solving, and termination with individuals and families. The course will also incorporate social work values and ethics. The lab will cover role playing, active listening and interviewing, solving case scenarios, note-taking, and using common social work recording and documentation formats. (Lec. 3, Lab 1)

SWK 312 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II [Spring]: 3 hours

An examination of the direct skills basic to the generalist practice of social work with groups, organizations, and communities. Students build upon the principles of practice from person-in-environment perspective and apply it to mezzo- and macro-level systems. Students will utilize an understanding of the social work process to develop skills in assessment, intervention, evaluation, problem-solving, and termination with groups, organizations, and communities. Impact of these practice levels on the larger social environment will be explored. The course will also incorporate social work values and ethics.

Prerequisite: SWK 311

SWK 313 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH AGING POPULATIONS: 3 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: 3 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: 3 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 323 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SETTINGS: 3 hours
This elective course provides a brief history and a current overview of community mental health issues with an emphasis on substance abuse theory, treatment, and practice.

SWK 332 RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL WORKERS (CT): 3 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: 3 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: 3 hours
An examination of the institution of social welfare with emphasis on the history and systemic nature of service programs. Students examine economic and political processes that impact the social welfare system, especially as they relate to oppressed populations. Students will also be introduced to social policy analysis concepts that will be applied in senior-level course work.

SWK 343 SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATIONS & MANAGEMENT: 3 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 312 and SWK 424.

SWK 361 PREPARATION FOR FIELD EXPERIENCE: 1 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: 3 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: 3 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 415 CHILD WELFARE & PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CT): 3 hours

This course presents the policies, concepts, programs, and practice in child welfare and protective services. This course gives an overview of protective services for at-risk groups, with an emphasis on children and their families. Topics such as safety, rapport building, and leadership will also be discussed. Students will learn effective interviewing, assessment, decision-making, and intervention skills for child welfare and protective service practice.

SWK 425 SOUTHERN PEOPLES AND CULTURES (CT): 3 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.

SWK 463 FIELD EXPERIENCE I: 4 hours

Supervised field experience in generalist Social Work Practice in approved agency setting. Fifteen (15) hours per week of field work required. Students attend 1 hour per week supervision with field instructor and 1 hour per week of field seminar.

Prerequisite: Restricted to Social Work majors

SWK 464 FIELD EXPERIENCE II: 4 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. 1 hour per week with field instructor and 1 hour per week field seminar.

Prerequisites: SWK 463 and Restricted to Social Work majors

SWK 495 SENIOR SEMINAR: 3 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