

BSW Program

Course Directory 2018-2019

SOWK 3000. The Social Work Profession & Practice

- Three credits.

Overview of social work profession and generalist social work practice at micro, mezzo and macro levels.

SOWK 3100. Human Behavior and Social Environment I

- Three credits

Examine theories of human behavior in the social environment from a “person-in-environment” approach. Focuses macro contextual factors that shape human experience.

SOWK 3101. Human Behavior and Social Environment II

- Four credits.

Examine theories of human behavior of individuals, families, communities, groups, and organizations and lifespan development. Students complete shadowing requirement for an additional credit.

SOWK 3200. Social Welfare Policy and Services

- Three credits.

Provides an overview of social welfare and social policy in the United States and the emergence of the social work profession in a historical perspective.

SOWK 3201. Advocacy for Social Policy Change

- Three credits

Provides a basis to understand the process of social policy development and conceptual frameworks for social policy analysis. Engage in policy practice to address social and economic well-being.

SOWK 3250. Understanding Social Justice and Diversity through Intergroup Dialogue

- Three credits

Examines the mechanisms of human oppression on various levels and focuses on engaging diversity and differences in social work practice and advancing human rights and social and economic justice. Students participate in intergroup dialogue.

SOWK 3350. Research Methods for Social Work Practice

- Three credits

Introduces students to basic concepts and procedures of social work research. Includes research design, ethics, and culturally sensitive research practice.

SOWK 3501. Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families

- Three credits.

Develops generalist social work practice knowledge, values, and skills from a strengths-based, empowerment model at the micro level. Prepares students to practice with individuals and families from differing backgrounds.

SOWK 3502. Social Work Practice with Groups

- Three credits.

Focuses on the mezzo-level of social work practice, primarily formal groups. Theory, knowledge, and analyses of group dynamics and the development of effective group work skills are emphasized.

SOWK 3503. Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations

- Three credits.

Prepares students to work with organizations and communities. Practice skills are developed that promote social work ethics and values, including advancing human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice.

SOWK 3700. Field Education I

- Three credits.

Students will be placed in field units in the community. They will engage in 200 hours of supervised field experience in generalist Social Work practice in the fall semester of their senior year.

SOWK 3701. Field Education II

- Three credits.

Students continue their field placement in a field unit in the community. They will engage in 200 hours of supervised field experience in generalist Social Work practice in the spring semester of their senior year.

SOWK 3800. Field Seminar I

- Two credits.

Concurrent with their field placement, students attend field seminar led by their faculty advisor. Focus on critical thinking and integrating field practice experiences with theories and evidence-based research, the development of professional identity, self-reflection, cultural competence, and identifying ethical issues.

SOWK 3801. Field Seminar II

- Two credits.

Concurrent with their field placement, students attend field seminar led by their faculty advisor. Focus on critical thinking and integrating field practice experiences with theories and evidence-based research, further development of professional identity, self-reflection, problem solving ethical issues, and cultural competence.

SOWK 3993. Foreign Study

- Credits and hours by arrangement.
- Prerequisite: Consent of BSW Director required, normally to be granted prior to the student's departure.

May count toward the major with consent of the advisor. Special topics may be taken in a foreign study program. May count for elective credit.

SOWK 3995. Special Topics in Social Work

- Credits and hours by arrangement.

With a change in content, may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites, required preparation, and recommended preparation vary. May count for elective credit.

SOWK 3998. Variable Topics in Social Work

- Credits and hours by arrangement.

With a change in content, this course may be repeated for credit. Prerequisites, required preparation, and recommended preparation vary. May count for elective credit.

SOWK 3999. Independent Study

- Credits and hours by arrangement.
- Prerequisite: Open only with consent of instructor.

With a change in content may be repeated for credit.

SOWK 4100W. Capstone Senior Seminar in Social Work

- Four credits.
- Open only to seniors in their final semester.

Capstone course integrating and analyzing social work theory and practice through research, writing, and discussion of advanced texts. Completion of this seminar satisfies the writing in the major and information literacy exit requirements.