

Social Work Education

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COURSES

Social Work (SWRK)

Note: some courses are offered once a year, either fall (F) or spring (S).

SWRK 20. Introduction to Social Work (3)

Social, economic, political, historical, and philosophic components in development of social welfare and social work in western society. FS

SWRK 122T. Topics in Social Work (1-3; max total 15)

Topics in fields of social work practice, basic social work theories, and social work methods. FS

SWRK 123. Social Welfare Policies and Programs (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 20 or by permission of instructor. Basic policies and major programs in contemporary social welfare; consumption, income supports, job provision, housing, health, civil rights, consumer advocacy, population control, environmental standards; principles of social security, administration of social services, roles of government and citizen participation. F

SWRK 124. Social Welfare Policy Advocacy (1)

A two-day course offered in March of the spring semester in the state capital of Sacramento, California. Provides beginning skill-building in advocacy and political action on current social welfare policy issues. S (Formerly SWRK 122T)

SWRK 125. Social Services for the Aging (3)

(Same as GERON 125.) Students will be acquainted with the common bio-psycho-social needs of the aging in the United States and the social services available to meet those needs. Within the context of social work values and problem-solving methods, attention will be given to issues of ethnicity, gender, and gaps in services. S

SWRK 128. Child Welfare (3)

History, development, and provision of child welfare services in the United States. Meets state of California prelicensure requirements for child abuse assessment and reporting content. FS

SWRK 129. Treatment of Chemical Dependency (3)

Intervention and treatment of the chemically dependent and of family members; community resources; laboratory skills development. Meets state of California prelicensure requirements for child abuse assessment and reporting content. Meets state of California

prelicensure requirements for human sexuality content. FS

SWRK 135. Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 20 or by permission of instructor. A general systems approach focused on the interaction of biological, psychological, and cultural phenomena with individuals, small groups, complex organizations, and communities. F

SWRK 136. Cultural Diversity and Oppression (3)

Prerequisites: G.E. Foundation and Breadth Area D. Cultural, economic, ethnic, social, and psychological considerations for helping members of groups who suffer oppressed status in heterogeneous society. Required for Cross-Cultural Competency Certificate. G.E. Multicultural/International MI (except for social work majors). FS

SWRK 137. Principles in Cross-Cultural Competence (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 136. Theoretical framework for skill-based cultural competency in educational, business, and public/private human services settings. Problem formulation and interaction skills with diverse populations. Required for Cross-Cultural Competency Certificate. FS

SWRK 152. Introduction to Mediation and Conflict Resolution for Human Service Professionals (3)

Provides students with a knowledge base in mediation as a method of conflict resolution. Develops beginning level skills in mediating conflicts as part of social work practice.

SWRK 160. Introduction to Social Work Practice: Professional Identity (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 20 or by permission of instructor. The development of professional identity in generalist social work practice. F

SWRK 161. Social Work Processes (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 20, 123, 135, and 160. Foundation for generalist social work practice. (Formerly SWRK 130) S

SWRK 170. Quantitative Research in Social Work: Theory and Application (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 20, 123, 135, and 160. Introduction to social work research and quantitative methods. Focuses on the scientific method, research design, sampling strategies, quantitative methods, data analysis, and presentation. S (Formerly SWRK 175)

SWRK 171. Qualitative Research in Social Work: Theory and Application (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 170. Introduction to the use of qualitative research methods. Focuses on an inductive approach to building knowledge for practice. Content includes

development of research questions, study design, sampling, data collection, and data analysis. F (Formerly SWRK 176)

SWRK 180. Seminar in Macro Practice (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 20, 123, 135, 136, 160, 161, and UDWS requirement. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 181. Analysis of interventive strategies in large groups, organizations, and the community. In conjunction with field experience, this class represents the macro culminating experience in the social work major. F (Formerly SWRK 141, SWRK 139)

SWRK 181. Field Instruction A (6)

First semester field internship. Prerequisites: senior standing, minimum 2.0 GPA, completion of UDWS requirement, G.E. Foundation and Breadth, and SWRK 20, 123, 135, 136, 160, 161. Concurrent enrollment in SWRK 180. Guided social work practice experience with individuals, groups, families, and organizations. Liability insurance required during internships. CR/NC grading only. F

SWRK 182. Field Instruction B (6)

Second semester field internship. Prerequisites: senior standing, minimum 2.0 GPA, SWRK 181, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 183. Guided social work practice experience with individuals, groups, families, and organizations. Liability insurance required. CR/NC grading only. S

SWRK 183. Seminar in Micro Practice (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 180 and 181. Must be taken concurrently with SWRK 182. Acquisition of micro social work practice skills integrating human behavior and social environment theories, research, and social policy in interventions with individuals, families, and small groups. With field experience, seminar represents the culminating experience in micro practice in the social work major. S (Formerly SWRK 140)

SWRK 190. Independent Study (1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for RP grading. FS

Master of Social Work

This program is designed to prepare students for advanced social work practice — as social work practitioners who are capable of intervening at individual, family, small group, organization, and community levels. Students achieve competence in problem identification, assessment, development of intervention plans, and evaluation of practice. Students build cross-cultural awareness and learn to use empowerment and social justice perspectives when making interventions with client systems of various sizes.