

Students complete a total of 60 units of graduate work, including 10 units of supervised internship with participating agencies in the community. They will prepare an acceptable master's project or thesis which investigates social problems and appropriate intervention strategies for the purpose of building upon the profession's knowledge base.

The program prepares students for practice and advancement in the social work profession. Students develop the knowledge and skills necessary to provide direct services, consultation, training, program development, practice evaluation, and social service research on behalf of clients and community and contribute to the advancement of the profession.

Students accepted to the program must maintain an average GPA of 3.0 in all coursework. They must also complete a project or thesis under faculty supervision. In addition, all students complete two (year-long) internship experiences in participating community agencies. A limited extended degree program option is available. Consult the Master of Social Work coordinator in department office.

The M.S.W. program is accredited by the council on Social Work Education.

### Master of Social Work Degree Requirements

In the 60-unit program, all students are required to take the following courses: SWRK 200, 203, 212, 213, 220, 221, 224, 225, 227, 246, 247, 260, 261, 280, 281, 282, 283, and 292, in addition to completing a project (298) or a thesis (299), for a total of 54 units. The remaining 6 units may be selected from social work electives. Electives from other departments must be approved by the graduate coordinator.

### Master of Social Work Writing Requirement

The graduate writing requirement for the Master of Social Work is satisfied by passing a writing exam administered in SWRK 200 during the first semester of graduate coursework. The student must pass the writing exam as a prerequisite to advancement to candidacy. For more information about the writing requirement and the appeals process, refer to the *Graduate Handbook*. Students may obtain a copy of the *Graduate Handbook* from the Department of Social Work Education.

### Credential Programs

As part of the M.S.W., the Department of Social Work Education offers a program which satisfies the requirements for the California Pupil Personnel Services Credential with Specializations in School Social Work

and Child Welfare and Attendance Services. Advising and admissions information are available through the P.P.S. coordinator in the Department of Social Work Education.

## GRADUATE COURSES

### Social Work (SWRK)

**Note:** Admission to the M.S.W. program is prerequisite to all graduate courses. Exceptions may be authorized by the department chair.

#### SWRK 200. Social Welfare Policy I (3)

Philosophical and historical foundations of the profession of social work and the domain of social welfare. Includes review of major federally sponsored social policies and programs in the United States and the relationship between social problems, and programmatic professional responses.

#### SWRK 203. Social Welfare Policy II (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 200. Concurrent enrollment in SWRK 272T is recommended. Analysis of social welfare policies, including social, economic, cultural, political, legislative, administrative and legal dimensions. Comparison of various policy analysis frameworks. The role of social workers in the policy-making process.

#### SWRK 204. Social Welfare Policy Advocacy I (1)

A two-day course offered in March of the spring semester in the state capital of Sacramento, California, providing advanced skill-building in advocacy and political action on current social welfare policy issues. It is suggested, but not required, that students be currently enrolled in SWRK 203. (Formerly SWRK 272T)

#### SWRK 212. Human Behavior in the Social Environment: A Multisystems Approach (3)

Provides knowledge of the theories that attempt to bring understanding to the behavior of people as individuals, members of families, groups, organizations, and communities.

#### SWRK 213. Human Behavior and Social Environment: Cultural Diversity and Oppression (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 212. Theoretical knowledge-based implications for advanced social work practice with culturally diverse and oppressed populations. (Formerly SWRK 216)

#### SWRK 220. Seminar in Foundations for Social Work Practice I (4)

Concurrent enrollment in SWRK 280 required. Seminar about the development of social work practice, with an emphasis upon intervention with individuals, families, small groups, organizations, and communities.

#### SWRK 221. Seminar in Foundations for Social Work Practice II (4)

Prerequisite: SWRK 220 and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 281. Analysis and application of the theories, principles, and techniques of social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

#### SWRK 224. Seminar in Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 203, 213, 221, 261, 281, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 282. Analysis and application of the theories, principles, and techniques of social work practice with individuals from a strength-based, empowerment perspective.

#### SWRK 225. Advanced Social Work Practice with Task and Treatment Groups (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 200, 203, 212, 213, 220, 221, 260, 261, 280, and 281. Concurrent enrollment in SWRK 224, 246, 282, and 292. Analysis and application of the theories, principles, and techniques of skills used in task and treatment groups.

#### SWRK 227. Seminar in Advanced Social Work Practice with Couples and Families (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 224, 225, 246, 282, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 247 and 283. Analysis and application of theories, principles, and techniques of social work practice with couples and families from a strength-based, empowerment perspective.

#### SWRK 246. Seminar in Social Work Practice with Formal Organizations (2)

Prerequisites: SWRK 203, 213, 221, 261, 281, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 224, 225, and 282. Theory and practice of the administration of formal social service organizations.

#### SWRK 247. Seminar in Social Work Practice with Communities (3)

Prerequisites: SWRK 203, 213, 221, 261, 282, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 227 and 283. Theory and practice of social work intervention with communities.

#### SWRK 260. Quantitative Social Work Research (3)

Concurrent enrollment: SWRK 200, 212, 220, 280. Foundation course on social work research and evaluation using quantitative methods that prepare students for the master's project/thesis. Covers the nature of inquiry, scientific method, ethics, research designs, sampling strategies, and data analysis and presentation.

#### SWRK 261. Qualitative Social Work Research (3)

Prerequisite: SWRK 200, 212, 220, 260, 280. Concurrent enrollment: SWRK 203, 221, 281. Foundation course on social