

SOCIAL WORK (SO W)

SO W 121 Introduction To Social Work 3.00

Overview of the social work profession, including its historical roots, practice settings, clients served, methods of practice, and values and ethics. Also provides an overview of knowledge and skills needed for generalist social work practice with diverse populations. Twenty hours of required service learning in a community social service agency provides an added opportunity to learn about the profession. Open to all majors.

University Studies Requirements:

- Social Science

SO W 189 Social Work Elective 1.00-9.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to UW-S course.

SO W 289 Social Work Elective 1.00-9.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

SO W 301 Study Away 6.00

Field trips designed by the faculty to give students direct experiences in abroad or domestic locations. Each program includes preparatory reading, orientation meetings, a faculty-supervised study tour, and a concluding reflection or action. Students must obtain approval for taking these courses prior to participation. For specific degree requirements, please consult your advisor. May be repeated only if the content is different. As offered.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SOW 121 with a grade of C or better.

SO W 325 Ecology of Social Welfare Policy 3.00

First in a two-course sequence. Provides an ecological overview of policymaking-how differing systems and values interact to create the policymaking environment. Begins with a review of the history of social welfare and uses this historical lens to examine the structure of present social welfare policies and service programs. Focuses on understanding the political forces and processes which impact social policy development, as well as upon how ethical, cultural, social and economic justice issues impact the creation of social welfare policy and programs at the local, regional, national and international levels. Open to all majors.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 121 with a grade of C or above or Program Consent

SO W 326 Methods of Practice: Social Welfare Policy Advocacy 3.00

Second in a two-course social policy sequence. Builds upon the ecological foundation established in SO W 325. Students build critical thinking and other practical skills necessary to conduct social welfare policy analysis. Students will be introduced to the concepts of regulation and resistance, and apply those to understanding current and historical social welfare policies. Students will be taught how to propose social welfare policy alternatives to meet the service, economic and social justice needs of vulnerable regional people. Finally, students will be trained to apply advocacy skills and to use social and economic justice principles in addressing social welfare needs.

Prerequisites:

Formal admission to the SW Cohort and completion of SO W 325, SO W 340, SO W 341 and SO W 344 with a grade of C or above, or Program Consent

SO W 329 Crisis Intervention 3.00

In-depth study of the theoretical basis of what constitutes a crisis, crisis intervention and the steps to be taken in crisis resolution. Focuses on micro, and macro applications of crisis intervention models and practice skills, examining both situational and maturational crises and the implications of crisis intervention for work with individuals, groups and communities, and at the international level. Open to all majors.

SO W 340 Methods of Practice: Interpersonal Skills for Social Workers 3.00

Teaches future social work practitioners interpersonal helping skills within a solution focused perspective. Emphasis is on interpersonal communication and development of interviewing skills ranging from basic to advanced. Students will be taught the conscious use of self, the use of empathy, ethics and boundary issues encountered in interviewing, and examine cross-cultural differences in the interpersonal skills process. Interviewing with specific populations will also be discussed including work with children, people in crisis and involuntary clients. Exercises, role playing and simulations focused on situations encountered specifically at the micro and mezzo of social work practice are used to enhance learning.

Prerequisites:

Formal admission into the Social Work program cohort. Corequisites are enrollment in SO W 341 and SO W 344, or Program Consent

SO W 341 Methods of Practice: Individual Case Work 3.00

This course is devoted to development of the entry-level social work practitioner. Focuses on understanding and using current models and theories of social work practice employed by the generalist social worker in casework with individuals, particularly the ethnic/socially sensitive perspective, the ecological model, the problem-solving model, the task-centered approach, evidence-based approach, and the strengths perspective. Course delineates the basic social work helping process: engagement including exploration and data gathering, assessment and planning, intervention, monitoring and evaluation, and termination. Course components also include varying forms of professional documentation and application of the NASW Code of Ethics. Emphasis on presenting students with professional knowledge, values, ethics, and skills to think critically about and conduct effective case work with individuals.

Prerequisites:

Formal admission into the Social Work program cohort. Corequisites are enrollment in SO W 340 and SO W 344

SO W 344 Human Behavior In the Social Environment I (HBSE I) 3.00

Examines social work perspectives, knowledge and theory related to human development across the life span in relation to their biological, psychological, intellectual, social, spiritual and cultural contexts. Knowledge from the social sciences is integrated to provide a comprehensive view of people interacting with their environments.

Prerequisites:

Formal admission into the Social Work program cohort. Corequisites are enrollment in SO W 340 and SO W 341, or Program Consent

SO W 345 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (HBSE II) 3.00

Study of the basic concepts of social systems theory particularly relevant to macro level issue impact with vulnerable and at risk populations. Knowledge from the social sciences is integrated to provide a basis for intervention with individuals, families, and communities impacted by the intersectionality of discrimination and oppression. Special emphasis is made on self-examination in relation to ethical, social justice, and human diversity issues and on acquiring transferable sets of skills in learning to interact effectively with populations that have experienced trauma, marginalization and oppression.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 340, SO W 341 and SO W 344 with a grade of C or above in all courses. Enrollment in SO W 365 and SO W 368 are corequisites, or Program Consent

SO W 350 Introduction to Addiction and Recovery 3.00

Overview of the dynamics of addiction, examining societal attitudes and policies and the impact upon individuals, families, agencies and communities. Includes description of the recovery process and the role of social work, criminal justice and other helping professionals in the treatment of addiction. Opportunity to conduct intensive study of this area. Emphasis is placed on learning to interact effectively with vulnerable and at-risk populations. Open to all majors.

SO W 365 Method of Practice: Social Work with Groups 3.00

This course uses the basic framework of social work practice, theory, helping processes and skills examined in SOW 340 and 341. Primary emphasis on development of skills to work with both professional and client small-group systems. Group work includes learning effective practice approaches with people from diverse client groups and using the group setting to impact change. The course focuses on understanding stages and dynamics of group process, using groups to address social and economic justice issues and resolving ethical dilemmas that may arise in a group practice context.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 340, SO W 341, and SO W 344 with a grade of C or above in all courses. SO W 345 and SO W 368 are corequisites for taking this course, or Program Consent

SO W 366 Methods of Practice: Agency and Community Macro Skills 3.00

This course teaches macro practice at the agency and community levels for social work and other forms of community change. Course focuses on: 1) conscious use of self and ethics in macro practice; 2) organizational development, facilitation, scenario planning, administration and supervision; and 3) assessment of community needs and social change strategies; 4) budgeting; and 5) grant and report writing. This course is cross listed with PLI 366.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 345, SO W 365, and SO W 368 are prerequisites with a grade of C or above in all courses. SO W 380 and 326 are corequisites for the course, or Program Consent

SO W 368 Methods of Practice: Social Work with Families 3.00

This course uses the basic framework of social work practice, theory, helping processes and skills examined in SOW 340 and 341. Primary emphasis on development of skills to work with various types of family systems. Emphasis will include learning effective practice approaches with people from diverse families and using the family setting to help impact change. Course focuses on engagement, assessment and intervention strategies, recognizing and resolving ethical dilemmas, and social and economic justice issues within family practice contexts.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 340, SO W 341, and SO W 344 with a grade of C or above in all courses. Enrollment in SO W 345 and SO W 365 are co-requisites

SO W 380 Methods of Practice: Social Work Research 3.00

This course introduces basic concepts and approaches of social science research. Specific focus on agency-based approaches often employed by social work researchers, and emphasis on understanding the research process including conceptualization, planning, data collection, data analysis, and research writing. Express attention given to ethical and diversity issues often encountered in social work research writing. Students will also contribute to a program evaluation research selected by the instructor.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 345, SO W 365, and SO W 368 are prerequisites with a grade of C or above in all courses. SO W 366 and 326 are corequisites for the course and either MATH 130 or PSYC 301 with a grade of C or above.

SO W 386 Working with American Indian Families 3.00

Focuses on issues related to contemporary American Indian family life, including recognition of the importance of American Indian tribal contexts and community-based assets; tribal sovereignty, development, implementation, and compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978; and other social policy issues on American Indian families. A primary focus of the course reviews how historic political actions have shaped Native America today. Effective social work approaches when helping American Indian families include support in micro, mezzo, and macro settings, strengths of the American Indian family and community; focus on the concepts of cultural sensitivity and cultural humility specific to the American Indian perspective. Offers an opportunity to better understand and work more effectively with American Indian families. Open to non-majors and can be used as a University Studies Diversity requirement. Cross listed FNS/S OW 386

University Studies Requirements:

- Diversity

SO W 389 Social Work Elective 1.00-12.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

SO W 420 Prep for Field Seminar 0.00

A non-credit course required of all social work majors in the semester prior to field internship. Activities include two one-hour seminars to discuss internship expectations, planning, and preparation and meeting with the Field Coordinator for placement. Students also engage in resume prep, job skill development and formal steps to ensure the social work internship. Pass/Fail.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 340, 341, 344, 345, 365 and 368 with a grade of C or above in all courses.

SO W 422 Social Work Field Instruction I 5.00

The student internship consisting of one half of the required 450 hours in a community agency.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 325, 326, 340, 341, 344, 345, 365, 366, 368 and 380 with a grade of C or above in all courses and completion of SO W 420 with a pass. Enrollment in SO W 423 is a corequisite.

SO W 423 Social Work Field Seminar I 1.00

A weekly or bi-weekly seminar to discuss social work content related to field internship.

Prerequisites:

Enrollment in SO W 422 is corequisite.

SO W 426 Selected Topics in Social Work 3.00

Intensive study of a specific area. This is a Social Work elective and may be repeated for credit when topics are different. Open to non-majors. On demand.

SO W 427 Social Work Field Instruction II 5.00

The second half of the required 450 hours of field internship.

Prerequisites:

Completion of SO W 325, 326, 340, 341, 344, 345, 365, 366, 368 and 380 with a grade of C or above in all courses, and completion of SO W 420 with a grade of pass is prerequisite. Enrollment in SO W 428 is corequisite.

SO W 428 Social Work Field Seminar II 1.00

A weekly or bi weekly seminar to discuss social work content related to field internship.

Prerequisites:

Enrollment in SO W 427 is corequisite.

SO W 489 Social Work Elective 1.00-9.00

Transfer credits ONLY from another accredited institution not equivalent to a UW-S course.

SO W 498 Independent Projects 1.00-4.00

Students complete an intensive independent study project. Student engage in self-directed study, with instructor input, for which the student develops a detailed contract to guide the project. Contract must demonstrate understanding, application and integration of the social work topic under study. Contract must address ethical, diversity and social justice implications of topic chosen. The class may be designed around any one of a number of relevant social work topics. Instructor's approval required and a permission number needed to register. 1-4 credits.

Prerequisites:

Prerequisite for taking this course is having declared SO W as the Major and completion of SO W 121 with a grade of C or above.