

COURSES

PDF SOCIAL WORK

SW101 Introduction to Social Work 3 Credits

Introduces the profession of social work within a historical context. Emphasis on values, human diversity, analysis of social problem solving and fields of practice.

accurate, and unbiased. Stresses the importance of nonjudgmental and unbiased communication and rapport. Examines the roles of power differentials, gender, culture, class, context, and ethnicity/race on professional communication.

SW230 Crisis Intervention 3 Credits

Analyzes types of crisis theory, effects of crisis on the individual, family and community. Looks at methods and resources for crisis intervention.

SW250 Social Welfare History and Policy 3 Credits

Explores the historical development of the social work profession and current policies governing the social service delivery system within the United States. Presents social policy as a social construction influenced by a range of ideologies and interests. Special attention is paid to social welfare policy and programs relevant to the practice of social work, including poverty, child and family well-being, mental and physical disability, health, and racial, ethnic, and sexual minorities. Includes a focus on the role of policy in creating, maintaining or eradicating social inequities.

SW310 Structural Oppression 3 Credits

Prerequisite: SW 101 and SW 250 First course in a two course sequence that promotes a multidimensional understanding of human functioning and behavior across systems and the life course. Specifically examines human behavior manifested in larger systems as well as the reciprocal relationship between individual functioning and social institutions. Orients students to social work perspectives that view human behavior as being influenced and impinged upon by environmental forces. Advances student's ability to critically examine the role of power, privilege and oppression in shaping life experiences.

SW311 Theoretical Perspectives on Human Behavior 3 Credits

Prerequisites: SW 310 Second course in two-course sequence that promotes a multidimensional understanding of human functioning and behavior across systems and the life course. Specifically examines human behavior and functioning among individuals and families. Emphasizes an evidence-informed approach to assessing human functioning. Advances student ability to critically apply a range of theories and research to better understand and assess human behavior and development.

SW321 Basics of Professional Communication 3 Credits

Prerequisite: SW 101 and 250. Focuses on the development of basis communication and observational skills needed for subsequent social work methods courses. Addresses communications topics including: active listening, questioning, empathetic responding, paraphrasing, summarizing, persuasive writing, and non-verbal communication. Emphasizes developing observation and communication skills that capture events in ways that are descriptive,