

2011-12 Course Descriptions (Proposed Changes)

SOCW - Social Work

School of Social Work (CEHS)

SOCW 230 Introduction to Social Welfare (3-0-3), fall, spring. Introduction to the field of social welfare, including the history and current structures of social welfare policy and services in the U.S. The social work profession is presented and major fields of practice are identified.

SOCW 250 Person to Person: The Fundamental Skills of Relating (3-0-3), fall, spring. An exploration of relationship skills and social work values needed for practice. Emphasis is placed on student experience in expanding personal skill areas. Principles of interviewing are introduced.

SOCW 327 Micro/Mezzo Human Behavior Theory (3-0-3), fall, spring. An examination of the biopsychosocial factors that shape human experience; attention is given to the impact of mezzo and micro systems, including families and individuals. Additional emphasis is given to diversity in these systems and within and among various groups. Special attention is given to the role of social, cultural, and spiritual development across the life span. Prerequisite: PSYC 232.

SOCW 329 Diversity, Power, & Oppression (3-0-3), spring. A foundation for the understanding of the nature, character and consequences of being excluded from available opportunities and services. Although institutional racism and sexism are the main thrust, the course also explores the implications of discrimination for other special populations, including ethnic groups, older persons, and the disabled.

SOCW 351 Social Work Practice with Micro Systems (3-1-4), fall only. Principles of social work practice; knowledge, values, and skills demanded of the social work professional in working with micro systems. Laboratory graded and credited with the course. Prerequisite: admission to the social work program or permission of the director.

SOCW 381 Field Practicum I (1-2-3), fall, spring. Experience (150 clock hours) in selected human service agencies to permit personal exploration and application of social work principles in a community setting. Prerequisite: SOCW 351.

SOCW 415 Social Research (3-0-3), fall, spring. An application of the scientific method to the study of social phenomena; consideration of basic methods of data gathering, analysis, and reporting, including basic statistics. Students experience organizing, conducting, and evaluating research. A writing-intensive course. Emphasis placed on evidence-based practice. Enrollment restricted to SOCW majors.

SOCW 416 Program & Practice Evaluation (3-0-3), spring. An examination of single-system and group designs used to evaluate practice or practice interventions with clients. The designs can be used with any size systems, e.g., individuals, couples, families, groups, or agency units. Students in this course will learn a variety of evaluative designs and statistics used with such designs. Prerequisite: SOCW 415.

SOCW 441 Social Welfare Policy and Services (3-0-3), fall. A descriptive and analytical study of social welfare programs and policies; examination of the relationship between social work and other aspects of the U.S. social welfare system noting overall impact on service delivery. Same as GERO 441/541.

SOCW 442 Policy Analysis and Practice (3-0-3), spring. An examination of the political and ideological factors of policy development, implementation and evaluation. An analysis of the elements that affect the intended and unintended outcomes of policy implementation and explores criteria for evaluating the attainment of policy goals and objectives. Emphasis on policy practice and political advocacy. Prerequisites: SOCW 320 and SOCW 441.

SOCW 444 Management and Funding of Human Services (3-0-3), on demand. Develops a working knowledge of the planning, allocation, and control processes of resources in a social service agency, the procedures and technique of developing and receiving grants and/or contract support, and addressing methods of organizational change and community improvement as they relate to social services.

SOCW 451 Social Work Practice with Macro Systems (3-1-4), spring only. Principles of social work practice; knowledge, values, and skills demanded of the social work professional in working with mezzo and macro systems. Laboratory graded and credited with the course. A writing-intensive course. Prerequisites: SOCW 381.

SOCW 481 Field Practicum II (1-6-7), spring, fall. Additional experience (300 clock hours) in selected agencies; student experience in managing a case load and being involved in all activities related to the case. Out-of-town placements may be required for some students. Prerequisites: SOCW 381, 441, 451.

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Comment [AC3]: Omit - spring

Comment [AC4]: Omit - Pre or co requisite; PSYC 232

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Comment [AC6]: Omit spring and change wording - Experience in a social service agency applying knowledge and theory and developing practice skills for a beginning level social work practitioner. Students complete 200 clock hours under the supervision of an agency-based field instructor and attend field seminar class weekly. Prerequisite: admissions to social work program or permission of the director.

Comment [AC7]: Omit spring and Change wording - Social Work practice-focused quantitative and qualitative research knowledge and skills. Includes critical evaluation of empirical literature and basic research methodology including construct operationalization; study design; selection, development, implementation, and evaluation of measures and instruments. Prerequisite: admissions to social work program or permission of the director.

Comment [AC8]: Change wording - Covers analysis of the strengths/limitations of needs assessment and program evaluation methods; the analysis and management of program data using statistical software; and the measurement of program goals/objectives through process and outcome evaluations. With an emphasis on critical thinking and evidence-based practice, students will utilize these skills to perform evaluations in their areas of interest. Prerequisite: SOCW 415.

Comment [AC9]: Change wording - Cross reference GERO 441.

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Comment [AC14]: Omit fall. Change wording - Continued experience in the same social service agency applying knowledge and theory and developing practice skills for a beginning level social work practitioner. Students complete 250 clock hours under the supervision of a ... [1]