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Comparative study of social welfare (social insurance, public welfare, charity and philanthropy, social services, and mutual aid) in the United States, and selected nations from five regions of the world as defined by the International Congress of Schools of Social Work (African, Asian, European, Latin American, and North American regions). (Same as SOC SCI 1041 (900:041)) (Fall and Spring)

Legal aspects, goals, and values of the social work profession, and roles of the social worker in social service agencies. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041) or consent of instructor. (Fall and Spring)

Survey of several American minorities, including Hispanics, Blacks, Asians, and Native Americans. Multi-disciplinary study of these groups with particular emphasis on geographic origins, linguistic traditions and current modes of economic subsistence. Introduction to folkways and mores of each group. (Same as SOC SCI 1045 (900:045)) (Fall and Spring)

Data-analytic techniques appropriate to social work research. Reasons to learn statistics, measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion and variability, levels of measurement, frequency tables and histograms, percentiles, Z-scores, inferential statistics, p-values, confidence intervals, Type I and Type II errors, chi-square, Pearson, Spearman, and point bi-serial correlations, shared variance, one-way ANOVA, multi-way ANOVA, linear regression, ANCOVA. Introduction to LISREL and basic epidemiological analyses including incidence, prevalence, relative risk, and odds-ratio. Prerequisite(s): completion of mathematics requirement for the Liberal Arts Core. (Variable)

Knowledge, skills, and values for generalist social work practice utilizing a problem-solving approach and a phase-based model to social work practice. Emphasis is on skill development and essential competencies and corresponding practice behaviors consistent with the purpose and scope of the Social Work profession and the Council on Social Work Education. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041); SW 2042 (450:042) (may be corequisite); or consent of instructor. (Fall and Spring)

SW 3102 (450:102). Conflict Resolution — 3 hrs.
Survey of social science theory and research in conflict resolution with emphasis on development of less destructive modes of problem solving in social formations. (Same as ANTH 3470 (990:102) and SOC 3090 (980:102)) (Variable)

SW 3184 (450:184). Field Instruction — 11-15 hrs.
440 clock hours required. Eleven credit hours may be earned by: (1) 3-1/2 days per week on a semester basis; or (2) full-time for eleven weeks during a semester; or (3) full-time for eleven weeks during the summer. Additional credit hours will require additional clock hours in field instruction. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): SW 2042 (450:042); SW 4164/5164 (450:164g); SW 3185 (450:185) and a statistics course; completion of SW 2091 (450:091) and SW 3192 (450:192) with a minimum grade of C in each course; Social Work major; minimum UNI GPA of 2.40; senior standing. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

Application of research to social work practice including formulation of research questions and hypotheses, strategies of research design, measurement and methods of collecting data, questionnaire construction, data presentation, and report writing. Prerequisite(s): MATH 1100 (800:023) or equivalent; SOC 2020 (980:080); junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

May be repeated only with consent of department. Prerequisite(s): 6 hours in social work; consent of department. (Fall and Spring)

This is the second course in the B.A.S.W. practice sequence, and it is at an intermediate level. This course, which builds on the skills and competencies learned in the Social Work Practice I, employs selected models of practice for in-depth study with emphasis on the theoretical basis of each model and the acquisition of skills and knowledge for work with individuals and families. This course includes experiential exercises, including behavior rehearsal, discussions, and presentations. Prerequisite(s): Social Work major; completion of SW 2091 (450:091) with a minimum grade of C; minimum UNI GPA of 2.40. (Fall and Spring)

SW 4121/5121 (450:121g). Mental Deviance and Mental Health Institutions — 3 hrs.
Study of social factors associated with mental illness, its onset, the organizational context of its care and treatment, and its effects on various societal institutions. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001) or SOC 1060 (980:060); junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4142/5142 (450:142g). Working With Racial and Ethnic Minorities — 3 hrs.
Examination of values and behaviors related to ethnic group membership and social class. Utilization of such knowledge for problem assessment and intervention. Development of ethnic-sensitive practice skills. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041); junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4143/5143 (450:143g). Stress and Stress Management in the Helping Professions — 3 hrs.
Stress and stress management for helping professionals and their clientele. Physiological, psychological, social, and economic factors producing stress. Coping, management, and prevention procedures. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

Policy development and the consequences of policy for social welfare institutions. Frameworks for policy analysis. Planning, program design, and policy decisions for administration of social services. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041); SW 2042 (450:042); senior standing. (Fall and Spring)

SW 4163/5163 (450:163g). Diversity and Difference — 3 hrs.
Study of interpersonal and social relations of minority groups within the larger American society. Prerequisite(s): SOC 1000 (980:001); junior standing. (Fall and Spring)
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Integrates multiple sources of knowledge in the analysis of models of human behavior from a person-environment perspective; attention is paid to structural components in oppression and the importance of difference in shaping life experiences. Prerequisite(s): FAM SERV 1055 (31F:055) or PSYCH 2202 (400:120); BIOL 1014 (840:014) or a course in biology; junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

SW 4171/5171 (450:171g). Addictions Treatment — 3 hrs.
Social, legal, political, psychological, biological, spiritual, and ethical factors related to the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs, eating disorders, and behavioral additions such as shopping and gambling. Various intervention models with an emphasis on harm reduction, stages of change, and strengths perspective. The role of a professional social work in the field of addictions treatment, application of social work ethical principles to guide professional practice, and response to contexts that shape practice. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4172/5172 (450:172g). Human Services Administration — 3 hrs.
Major concepts, principles, methods, and theories of administration of human services agencies, public and private. Application of systems theories to administration of these agencies. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041); junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4173/5173 (450:173g). Social Services for Older Adults — 3 hrs.
This course will provide an introduction to the various programs and services designed to serve older Americans. Related literature on population demographics and trends, social perceptions of the elderly, and current and projected needs of an increasingly older population will be discussed. Examination of the legislative bases and policies formulated to create administrative structures and programs will be included. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041); junior standing. (Variable)

Review of development of family and children’s services and practice, focusing on current services, programs, and social work practice issues. Examination of policies and legislation, emphasizing how such policies affect family functioning and the delivery of services. Prerequisite(s): SW 1041 (450:041); junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4190 (450:190). Specialized Field Placement — 1-6 hrs.
Specialized Field Placement can be designed to meet unique situations; beyond SW 3184 (450:184). Students may elect 1-6 hours credit; 40 clock hours equals 1 credit hour. Student may enroll for maximum of 18 credit hours in a combination of SW 3184 (450:184) and SW 4190 (450:190). Prerequisite(s): SW 3192 (450:192); minimum UNI GPA of 2.40. Enrollment by consent of the Field Coordinator only. (Fall and Spring)

SW 4193/5193 (450:193g). Therapeutic Communication — 3 hrs.
Survey of practice approaches with individuals, examination of integrative approaches to practice (common factors, and technical, theoretical, and assimilative integration); and, analysis of the advantages and limitations of using empirically supported treatments. Prerequisite(s): SW 3192 (450:192); junior standing. (Variable)

In-depth exploration of an advanced topic in social work practice or social welfare policy. May be repeated on different topics. Prerequisite(s): junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4195/5195 (450:195g). Family and Group Practice — 3 hrs.
Family, family network, and group work intervention skills. Prerequisite(s): SW 3192 (450:192); junior standing. (Variable)

SW 4196/5196 (450:196g). Community and Organizational Practice — 3 hrs.
This course is designed for students to develop a knowledge base and practice skills fundamental to effect social change within communities and organizations. Students will learn methods of assessing macro systems as well as developing implementing, and evaluating appropriate intervention strategies to advance human rights and socio-economic and political justice for the society as a whole, especially, for populations at risk. Prerequisite(s): SW 3192 (450:192); junior standing. (Fall and Spring)

Overview of systemic factors that shape behavior across the life span of the individual with particular attention to diversity and oppressed populations. Examination of person-environment interactions as they relate to generalist social work. Prerequisite(s): admission to graduate program in Social Work or written consent of instructor. (Fall)

Introduces foundation core of the generalist social work practice approach. Develops practice skills in context of social work values and ethics. Prerequisite(s): admission to graduate program in Social Work or written consent of instructor. (Fall)

Builds on SW 6214 (450:214) addressing social work practice from a generalist perspective and includes mezzo-system knowledge and intervention skills for working with small groups and families. Prerequisite(s): SW 6214 (450:214). (Spring)

SW 6216 (450:216). Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities — 3 hrs.
This course is designed for students to develop a knowledge base and practice skills fundamental to effect social change within communities and organizations. Students will learn methods of assessing macro systems as well as developing implementing, and evaluating appropriate intervention strategies to advance human rights and socio-economic and political justice for the society as a whole, especially, for populations at risk. Prerequisite(s): SW 6214 (450:214). (Spring)

This course provides an overview of the basic concepts, principles, and procedures used by social workers in applied research. Students will learn about a variety of aspects of scientific inquiry that will help them understand the role of research in the field of social work. The course will provide special emphases on the different stages of the research process, including problem formulation, sampling, measurement, design, data collection, and data analysis within the context of professional values, ethics, and commitment to social and economic justice. Prerequisite(s): admission to graduate program
in Social Work or written consent of instructor and completion of a college level course in statistical methods. (Fall)

**SW 6220. Foundation Practicum — 6 hrs.**
Practicum placement for first year M.S.W. students, spring semester. 400 clock hours required. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): Admission to graduate program in Social Work or written consent of instructor. (Spring)

**SW 6222. Foundation Practicum I — 2 hrs.**
Practicum placement for first year M.S.W. students, fall semester. 150 clock hours required; concurrent with classes. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): admission to graduate program in Social Work or written consent of instructor. (Fall)

**SW 6223. Foundation Practicum Seminar I — 1 hr.**
This seminar complements SW 6222 Foundation Practicum I. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Fall)

**SW 6224. Foundation Practicum II — 4 hrs.**
Practicum placement for first year M.S.W. students, spring semester. 250 clock hours required; concurrent with classes. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): SW 6222. (Spring)

**SW 6225. Foundation Practicum Seminar II — 1 hr.**
This seminar complements SW 6224 Foundation Practicum II. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Spring)

**SW 6230 (450:230). Injustice and Oppression — 3 hrs.**
Examination of the psychological, social, and economic genesis of the conditions, dynamics, and consequences of social and economic injustice. Social work commitment of advocacy in addressing social and economic injustice and institutionalized oppression. Prerequisite(s): admission to graduate program in Social Work or consent of instructor. (Fall)

**SW 6234. Primary and Secondary Trauma — 3 hrs.**
This course serves as an introduction to understanding the key concepts of trauma informed systems of care in generalist social work practice. Students will learn to identify and understand the various types of trauma along with the behaviors and responses seen in survivors of trauma, diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and other trauma reactions, basic neurological and biological effects of trauma, and the relationships between trauma and other mental health disorders. An overview of the central principles and key concepts of trauma informed care along with examples will also be provided, including a review of the concept of secondary (or vicarious) trauma affecting caregivers and professionals. This will involve knowledge and skills related to self-exploration and awareness and self-care. Prerequisite(s): Completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Summer)

**SW 6235. Systems Redesign and Community Collaboration — 3 hrs.**
The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and skills that students will need as employees, change agents, or consultants of organizations. Students are provided opportunities to increase their knowledge of organizational change to reduce secondary trauma to clients and collaboration between agencies to become more user-friendly to clients with multiple issues. In addition, students learn about their behavior and the behavior of others in the organizational setting and how that may influence clients, staff, and administration, especially those with traumatic histories. Interventions that promote safety and reduce vulnerability of clients and staff are explored and skills to effectively communicate with interdisciplinary teams are reviewed. Agency policies and procedures and advocacy strategies are examined with the goal of reducing secondary trauma. Prerequisite(s): Completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Summer)

**SW 6242 (450:242). Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals — 3 hrs.**
Advanced social work assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation skills, including person-in-environment and strengths perspectives, and evidence-based practice, are covered in this course. The impact of trauma on individuals in the context of diverse identities and life experiences are examined and increased self-awareness when working with individuals is addressed. Strategies for empowering trauma services are provided. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

**SW 6243 (450:243). Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups — 3 hrs.**
Application of knowledge of small group structure and dynamics to social work intervention using groups as a medium for individual change and growth as well as facilitation of groups. Differential social work group practice with diverse populations using a trauma informed approach. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall and Spring)

**SW 6244 (450:244). Advanced Social Work Practice with Families — 3 hrs.**
Development of advanced social work practice skills, techniques, and interventions with families, building on the core foundation of generalist social work practice. Special attention is given to culturally-diverse and rural families using a trauma informed approach to practice. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall and Spring)

**SW 6245. Advanced Standing Research — 3 hrs.**
This course builds on the concepts, principles, and procedures of applied research that were covered in the undergraduate program. Students will learn about a variety of aspects of scientific inquiry that will help them understand the role of research in the field of social work. The course will provide special emphases on the different stages of the research process, including problem formulation, sampling, measurement, design, data collection, and data analysis within the context of professional values, ethics, and commitment to social and economic justice. Prerequisite(s): Graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Summer)

**SW 6262 (450:262). Administrative Social Work Practice — 3 hrs.**
Development of skills to manage human service organizations. Organizational theory, strategic planning, board development, supervision and personnel management, budgeting and financial management, case management and collaboration, and cultural diversity. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program,
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or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

SW 6263 (450:263). Grant Writing, Fund Raising, Contracting, and Marketing — 3 hrs.
Securing funding for human service agencies and programs. Grant writing to private foundations and public agencies, fund-raising from individuals and corporations, planning and implementing comprehensive fund-raising programs, and developing service contracts. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

SW 6264 (450:264). Organizational Development and Networking — 3 hrs.
Review of research literature on organizational development, examination of the processes and problems endemic to human service organizations, staff skill development, and networking. (Fall)

SW 6265. Advanced Social Work Research — 3 hrs.
Evaluation of direct social work practice and social service programs. Qualitative research methods; single system design, quantitative program evaluation; quasi-experimental design, the use of observation, interviewing, participatory evaluation, and user-controlled evaluation. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

SW 6266. Trauma Informed Practice Practicum — 8 hrs.
Field practicum for second year M.S.W. Trauma Informed Practice concentration students. 500 clock hours required. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

SW 6267. Trauma Informed Practice Practicum Seminar — 2 hrs.
This seminar complements SW 6266 Trauma Informed Practice Practicum. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Spring and Summer)

SW 6268. Trauma Informed Practice Practicum I — 4 hrs.
Fall semester practicum for second year M.S.W. Trauma Focused Clinical Practice concentration students. 250 clock hours required; concurrent with classes. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

SW 6269. Trauma Informed Practice Practicum I Seminar — 1 hr.
This seminar complements SW 6268 Trauma Informed Practice Practicum I. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Fall)

SW 6270. Trauma Informed Practice Practicum II — 4 hrs.
Practicum placement for second year M.S.W. Trauma Informed Practice concentration students, spring semester or summer. 250 clock hours required; concurrent with classes or summer following second year classes. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): SW 6268; SW 6269. (Spring)

SW 6271. Trauma Informed Practice Practicum II Seminar — 1 hr.
This seminar complements SW 6270 Trauma Informed Practice Practicum II. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Spring)

SW 6272. Advanced Social Administration Practicum — 8 hrs.
Field practicum for second year M.S.W. Social Administration concentration students. 500 clock hours required. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. (Spring and Summer)

SW 6273. Advanced Social Administration Practicum Seminar — 2 hrs.
This seminar complements SW 6272 Advanced Social Administration Practicum. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Spring and Summer)

SW 6274. Advanced Social Administration Practicum I — 4 hrs.
Practicum placement for second year M.S.W. Social Administration concentration students, fall semester. 250 clock hours, concurrent with classes. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): completion of first year of M.S.W. program, or graduation from a Council on Social Work Education accredited undergraduate curriculum. (Fall)

SW 6275. Advanced Social Administration Practicum I Seminar — 1 hr.
This seminar complements SW 6274 Advanced Social Administration Practicum I. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Fall)

SW 6276. Advanced Social Administration Practicum II — 4 hrs.
Practicum placement of second year M.S.W. Social Administration concentration students, spring semester or summer. 250 clock hours. Practicum established by arrangement with Department of Social Work Field Director. Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite(s): SW 6274; SW 6275. (Spring)

SW 6277. Advanced Social Administration Practicum II Seminar — 1 hr.
This seminar complements SW 6276 Advanced Social Administration Practicum II. This is a graded portion of field practicum. (Spring)

SW 6280 (450:280). Crisis Intervention — 3 hrs.
Introduction to the theoretical foundations and social work practice techniques of crisis intervention. Life events that often trigger crisis, coping mechanisms, and social work practice techniques. Prerequisite(s): SW 6214 (450:214). (Variable)

SW 6285 (450:285). Readings — 1-6 hrs.
Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor. (Fall and Spring)