SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Social Work (SWO)

SWO 4315 Foundations for Social Justice (3)
Examines theories and practices of social justice as related to oppressed groups in a multicultural society utilizing religious and nonreligious perspectives. Addresses issues of power, inequality, and privilege, and the diverse experiences of oppressed groups in framing strategies to promote social justice.

SWO 4316 Trauma, Loss, and Mourning (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing or graduate student
Specialized knowledge and skills for loss and grief and therapeutic interventions for the bereaved, including bereaved children. Preparation for work with loss of relationship and health across the lifespan. Emphasis on religious faith and grief, and the response of faith communities and religiously affiliated providers to suicide, divorce, loss of parental rights, and other disenfranchised grief.

SWO 4317 Human Trafficking (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing or graduate student
This course is designed to help students gain a better understanding of contemporary human trafficking and modern day slavery. The roles that entities such as government, the media, faith-based organizations, organized crime, and culture play in this complex human rights and social injustice issue will also be explored.

SWO 4393 Sociology of Aging (3)
Cross-listed as GRT 4393, SOC 4393
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing
Impact of aging upon individuals and society, as well as the reactions of individuals and society to aging. Social gerontology is the principal focus of attention of the course.

SWO 4395 Aging and Mental Health (3)
Cross-listed as GRT 4395, SOC 4395
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing
Mental health needs and related problems of aging individuals with considerable discussion of approved mental health treatments for such persons.

SWO 4V80 Special Topics (1-3)
Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing or graduate student
Provides instruction in areas of social work knowledge, values, and/or skills that are not available in the standard social work baccalaureate or graduate curricula. Course may be repeated up to six times with different topic of study, not to exceed a maximum of six semester hours.

SWO 5190 Introduction to Advanced Internship (1)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 5301, or a grade of B or better in SWO 5492, or a grade of B or better in SWO 4492; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5337 and 5379; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5376 or 5377
Introduction to the advanced internship in a specialization

SWO 5213 Cross Cultural Interactive Seminar IV (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Consent of instructor
Through this course, students have the opportunity to synthesize learning from the explicit and implicit social work curriculum of the MSW program, identify major learning gleaned through the program, and prepare for reentry into their social work practice in international context.

SWO 5221 Introduction to the Profession (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to Master of Social Work program
History and development of the social work profession, social work values and ethics, foundations of knowledge, and fields of practice with systems of all sizes.

SWO 5282 Evaluation of Practice I (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 4492 with a grade of B or better; and credit or concurrent enrollment in either SWO 5375 or 5379
Selection and implementation of outcome-based evaluation of practice protocols to inform intervention decisions by advanced practice social workers.

SWO 5283 Evaluation of Practice II (2)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 5282
Selection and implementation of outcome-based program evaluation protocols to inform intervention decisions by advanced practice social workers.

SWO 5298 Capstone (2)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5490 or 5790, and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5283
Integrative seminar to demonstrate readiness to practice social work at an advanced level in the student’s area of specialization. A grade of B or better must be received in this course in order to complete requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5301 Advanced Practice Readiness I (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission into the Master of Social Work program
This course prepares students for entrance into Baylor’s Advanced standing MSW Program. Introduces the mission of the program with an emphasis on integrated faith and social work practice, the strengths perspective, and building communities. Overviews the professional foundation to include human behavior and the social environment and social work practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations.

SWO 5310 International Social Work (3)
This course provides students the opportunity to conceptualize international social work practice in domestic contexts and abroad. Through four seminars and an experiential learning weekend, students explore social work within a human rights framework; develop cultural competency; grasp specific international social issues, strengths, and intervention strategies; and contextualize social work skills with international client systems.

SWO 5311 International Research and Strategic Planning (3)
In this course, students identify and analyze a global social issue of their choice, research systemic causality of the issue, explore best practice models, and create a strategic approach for addressing the issue utilizing accumulated research and governmental, non-governmental, and congregational resources. This multidisciplinary course explores community interventions informed by engineering, nursing, business, and public health.
SWO 5322 Social Policy For Social Work Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 5221 or 5122
Introduces the historical context of social policy and services in the United States, the analysis of current developments, and how social workers influence social welfare policy and provide social services.

SWO 5323 Administrative Practice in Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 5322; or a grade of B or better in SWO 4492
Administrative Practice in Social Work prepares students to perform managerial functions in public, nonprofit, and faith-based human service organizations with particular emphasis on those with programs designed to improve human wellness. Specific attention is given to the topics of leadership, human resources, fund raising, organization development, structure and governance, resource management, and efforts to link human service organizations in an integrated community-wide service delivery system.

SWO 5335 Frameworks and Perspectives for Community Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5492 with a grade of B or better, or SWO 4492 with a grade of B or better
Guides advanced practice social workers in the evaluation and selection of frameworks for community change. Emphasizes values, professional role, and cultural influences on how change is envisioned, enacted, and evaluated.

SWO 5337 Advanced Clinical Theories and Models (3)
Pre-requisite(s): credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5492 with a grade of B or better, or SWO 4492 with a grade of B or better
Prepares students learn and apply developmental, sociological, psychological, and therapeutic theories to the needs of individuals, families, groups, and communities. The course explores advanced clinical theories and empirically informed and emerging models for practice.

SWO 5362 Professional Practice with Groups (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5561
Knowledge, values, and skills needed for working with groups.

SWO 5375 Advanced Practice I: Community Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5335
Prepares advanced practice social workers to promote community problem-solving and development. Emphasizes community assets; leadership development; and change strategy selection, enactment, and evaluation. Focuses on congregations and religiously affiliated organizations as agents of community change. A grade of B or better must be received in this course in order to complete requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5377 Advanced Clinical Practice: Children and Families (3)
Pre-requisite(s): B or better in SWO 5379 or concurrent enrollment
Emphasizes application of theory, models, and skills in contexts of practice with children and families. Includes instruction on models and theories and the impact of crisis and trauma on the family. Exposes students to a variety of themes in child and family practice such as grief, levels of need, strengths, and collaborative work. A grade of B or better must be received in this course in order to complete requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5378 Advanced Practice II: Community Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): B or better in SWO 5375
Continuation of 5375. Prepares advanced practice social workers to promote community problem-solving and development. Emphasizes community assets; leadership development; and change strategy selection, enactment, and evaluation. Focuses on congregations and religiously affiliated organizations as agents of community change. A grade of B or better must be received in this course in order to complete requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5379 Advanced Clinical Practice: Individuals, Families, and Groups (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5337
Prepares students with specialized knowledge and skills for advanced clinical practice within a broad array of practice contexts. Uses social work knowledge, skills, and values to prepare students to assess and intervene at the levels of individual, family, and group with some discussion of organizational and community practice. The course provides an overview of major theoretical clinical practice models.

SWO 5381 Research for Social Work Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of C in SWO 5221 or a minimum grade of C in SWO 5122
Critical evaluation and use of research and conducting research in one's own professional practice.

SWO 5463 Professional Practice with Communities and Organizations (4)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of B or better in both SWO 5362 and 5561
Knowledge, values, and skills needed for working with communities and organizations.

SWO 5490 Part II Advanced Internship (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit in 5335 or 5337; a minimum grade of B in SWO 5494; and a minimum grade of B in SWO 5375 or 5379; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5376, 5377, or 5378; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5323
Second of two semesters of the advanced internship in a specified area of specialization

SWO 5491 Foundation Internship I (4)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of C in SWO 5122 or a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5221; and a minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in both SWO 5362 and SWO 5561
Orientation and introduction to field internship, at least 240 hours of applied learning in the field, and an integrative seminar.

SWO 5492 Foundation Internship II (4)
Pre-requisite(s): B or higher in SWO 5362, 5491, and 5561; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5463, 5381, and 5322
Additional 240 hours of field experience; continuation of SWO 5491. Includes more sophisticated social work practice opportunities and expectations.

SWO 5494 Part I Advanced Internship (4)
Pre-requisite(s): credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5492 with a grade of B or better, or 4492 with a grade of B or better; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5337 or 5335; and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5379 or 5375
Introduction and first of two semesters of the advanced internship in a specified area of specialization
SWO 5561 Professional Practice with Individuals and Families (5)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5221; or a minimum grade of C in SWO 5122
Knowledge, values, and skills needed for working with individuals and families.

SWO 5790 Advanced Internship (7)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 5323 and 5337; and a grade of B or better in SWO 5190 or 5494; and a grade of B or better in SWO 5376 or 5377; and a grade of B or better in SWO 5379
Advanced internship in specialization area

SWO 5V70 Independent Study in Social Work (1-3)
Pre-requisite(s): Consent of instructor
Independent study in Social Work course may be repeated up to six times with different topics of study, not to exceed a maximum of six semester hours to fulfill elective credit.

SWO 5V80 Advanced Special Topics (1-3)
Pre-requisite(s): Graduate student
Provides advanced instruction in areas of social work knowledge, values, and/or skills that are not available in the standard social work graduate curriculum. Special topics in social work. Course may be repeated up to six times with different topic of study, not to exceed a maximum of six semester hours.

SWO 6331 Christianity, Ethics, and Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Explores research, theory, and practices related to religion and spirituality as they can inform social work practice. Specific emphasis is placed on the role of religion in contemplating the meaning of well-being and social justice.

SWO 6332 Social Policy and the Religious Sector (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Through current research, congregations and religiously affiliated organizations are examined, specifically through the lens of history, social work practice, social capital, and organizational theories, behaviors, and identities.

SWO 6333 Religious and Cultural Diversity (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Draws on the world religions to reflect on divergent cultural, ethical, and helping systems for believers. Offers the foundations for helping by looking within a wide variety of religious traditions for support and understanding.

SWO 6342 Academic Leadership and Administration in Social Work Education (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Explores research, theory, and practices of leadership in social service organizations, social work education, and communities.

SWO 6343 Program Evaluation (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
This course focuses on planning evaluation research for human service and educational programs and will prepare students to develop program evaluations to help agencies document their outcomes.

SWO 6351 Theory and Model Development for Social Work Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Students will critically examine historic, philosophical, aesthetic, and social science foundations for classic and current social work intervention theories and models.

SWO 6352 Higher Educational Teaching and Learning in Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 5351
This interactive course prepares students for teaching in higher education. Exploration of learning styles, content delivery, teaching methods, curriculum and lesson plan development, and critical thinking stimulation prepares the student to develop and deliver courses in social work higher education venues. The course uses theory and practical skill development, including demonstration of teaching methods and student learning.

SWO 6353 Teaching Practicum (3)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 6351 and 6352
Students work with their peers and the instructor as they navigate all aspects of planning and executing a successful course of instruction for social work students.

SWO 6380 Quantitative Research for Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Focuses on quantitative research methodology as applied to research in the human services and social work. Emphasizes the epistemological basis of different research methods, forming appropriate research questions and hypotheses, conducting literature reviews, developing research designs, and selecting and applying preliminary data analysis techniques.

SWO 6381 Statistical Analysis for Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
An overview of statistical tests used to analyze data in social work. Emphasizes critical-thinking skills needed to evaluate others' use of statistical tests as well as to conduct one's own analyses, choose a statistical test, check that assumptions have been met, and interpret SPSS output. The course covers: correlation, Student's t-test, the ANOVA family, linear regression, and logistic regression.

SWO 6382 Qualitative Research for Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
Study of the philosophical underpinnings of qualitative methods. Students explore the similarities and differences between post-positivism and constructivism as they develop qualitative proposals for social work research.

SWO 6384 Introduction to Doctoral Research (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major
This course assists students in articulating a broad research agenda as a solid foundation for developing a dissertation topic, becoming familiar with and articulating the state of the current literature within their research agenda, and becoming socialized to scholarly and first phase of dissertation proposal writing, the publication process, and ways in which a strong empirically-informed argument can strengthen a research grant proposal.

SWO 6385 Measurement in Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 6381
Content prepares students for questionnaire construction and sample selection in conjunction with measurement development.

SWO 6386 Advanced Qualitative Research (3)
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 6382
Focus is on the theoretical, methodological, and practical aspects of collecting, managing, and analyzing data from different qualitative traditions. Specific content is tailored to topics relevant for dissertation research.
SWO 6387  Research Practicum  (3)  
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 6381 and 6382  
Students refine proposals from the quantitative and qualitative courses, submit them for review, and carry out the studies from problem formulation to submission of two manuscripts suitable for peer-reviewed journal publications.

SWO 6V00  Dissertation Proposal and Prospectus  (1-3)  
Prerequisites(s): SWO 6381, SWO 6382, SWO 6583, SWO 6284, SWO 6385, SWO 6386. Research for doctoral students studying for preliminary examinations, preparing a topic proposal, or writing a prospectus in anticipation of candidacy. The course may be repeated.

SWO 6V76  Special Topics in Social Work Practice and Research  (3-6)  
Pre-requisite(s): SWO 6351, SWO 6380, SWO 6382, and SWO 6384  
Special topics in social work practice and research. May be repeated for credit, provided that the topic is not duplicated, for a maximum of 6 credit hours.

SWO 6V99  Dissertation  (1-12)  
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to PhD program; SWO major  
Research, data analysis, and writing and oral/written defense of an approved doctoral dissertation. At least nine hours of SWO 6V99 are required. Students may not enroll for dissertation hours until they have been officially accepted into candidacy for the Ph.D. degree.