COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Social Work (SWO)

Foundation Year Courses

SWO 5320 Human Diversity & Social Justice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the Master of Social Work Program
Provides foundational content to understand better how diversity and difference shape the human experience and are critical to forming identity. Dimensions of intersectionality are explored and examined considering privilege and marginalization. Students learn to identify structural mechanisms of oppression and strategies for interrupting systems of power to create equity and inclusion in professional and community contexts.

SWO 5351 Human Behavior Theory: Person & Environment (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the MSW Program
This course prepares students to understand the foundational theoretical base of social work that drives and informs practice. Students gain applicable knowledge of the complex experiences of individuals, families, and informal and formal social networks and communities.

SWO 5361 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5351
In this course, students practice skill development by applying the steps of the generalist intervention model (engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, and termination/transition) to create diversitiesensitive care management plans for individuals and families. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

SWO 5491 Foundation Internship I (4)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit of a C or better or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5320 or SWO 5221 and a grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5361 or SWO 5561
Orientation and introduction to internships, at least 240 hours of applied learning, and an integrative seminar. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

SWO 5362 Social Work Practice with Groups (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5361 or SWO 5561
Knowledge, values, and skills needed for working with groups. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

SWO 5363 Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of B in SWO 5361 or SWO 5561
A minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5362. This course prepares students for ethical and effective social work practice with communities and organizations. Students will learn models and skills that relate to macro social work practice. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

SWO 5322 Social Policy For Social Work Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit with a C or better in SWO 5320 or SWO 5221
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 5381 Research for Social Work Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Credit with a C or better in SWO 5320 or SWO 5221
Critical evaluation and use of research and conducting research in one's own professional practice.

SWO 5492 Foundation Internship II (4)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B in SWO 5491; a minimum grade of a B in SWO 5361 or 5561; a minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5362; a minimum grade of a C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5381 and SWO 5322; and a minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5463 or SWO 5363
Social Work Internship, including at least 240 hours of applied learning and an integrative seminar. This is the second part of SWO 5491 with the addition of more sophisticated social work practice opportunities and expectations. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

Specialization Year Courses

SWO 5335 Theoretical Frameworks for Community Social Work Practice (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the Advanced Standing Program, or a minimum grade of a B in SWO 5492
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 5375 Community Social Work Practice I (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of C 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. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

SWO 5384 Program Evaluation for Practice Improvement (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the Advanced Standing Program; or credit in SWO 5381 and a minimum grade of a B in SWO 5492
Apply systematically derived, culturally responsive, and evidence-informed decisions for continuous quality improvement of human service systems, programs, and congregations.

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 5494 Part I Advanced Internship (4)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5337, SWO 5338, or SWO 5335; and a minimum grade of a B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5370, SWO 5379, or SWO 5375
Introduction and first of two semesters of the advanced internship in a specified area of specialization.

SWO 5338 Clinical Diagnosis in Social Work (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the Advanced Standing program or a minimum grade of a B in SWO 5492
This course utilizes a strengths-based social work perspective to examine common diagnoses of the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, associated assessment tools, and areas for professional, ethical, and cultural consideration in the diagnostic process.
SWO 5370 Clinical Social Work Practice I (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5337 or SWO 5338
Prepares students with specialized knowledge of theories and practice models and skills for advanced clinical practice within a broad array of practice contexts. Students learn to assess and intervene at the levels of individual, family, and group with some discussion of organizational and community practice. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5371 Community Social Work Practice II (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B in SWO 5370
Continuation of 5370. Prepares advanced practice social workers to promote community problem-solving and development. Emphasizes community assets; leadership development; and change strategy selection, enactment, and evaluation. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5375 Clinical Social Work Practice II (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B 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. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5378 Community Social Work Practice II (3)
Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B in SWO 5378
Continuation of 5378. Prepares advanced practice social workers to promote community problem-solving and development. Emphasizes community assets; leadership development; and change strategy selection, enactment, and evaluation. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master’s degree.

SWO 5377 Social Work Practice & Advocacy with Children & Families (3)
Pre-requisite(s): Admission to the Advanced Standing Program or credit in SWO 5322 and credit in SWO 5463
Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5491. Emphasizes the application of theory, models, and skills in practice contexts with children and families. Includes instruction on models and theories and the impact of crisis and trauma on the family. Exposes students to various themes in child and family practice, such as grief, levels of need, strengths, and collaborative work.