

COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Social Work (SWO)

Foundation (Generalist) 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 Master of Social Work 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 diversity-sensitive 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 and a grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5361
Orientation and introduction to internship, 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
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; 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
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
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; a minimum grade of B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5362 and SWO 5363; a minimum grade of a C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5381 and SWO 5322
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.

Advanced (Specialization) Year Courses

SWO 5123 Introduction to Graduate Studies (1)

Pre-requisite(s): Enrollment in the MSW Program
This course introduces students to the Advanced Standing MSW program. Students will review skills, competencies, and ethics to prepare for advanced practice courses. Additionally, students will orient to MSW program policies, procedures, and resources to support academic success.

SWO 5335 Theoretical Frameworks for Community Social Work Practice (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Enrollment in SWO 5123 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): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5123; 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 5494 Part I Advanced Internship (4)

Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a C or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5338 or SWO 5335; and a minimum grade of a B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5370 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): Enrollment in SWO 5123 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 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 5382 Clinical Evaluation for Practice Improvement (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5123; or credit in SWO 5381 and a minimum grade of a B in SWO 5492

Emphasizes the importance of systematic, consistent monitoring of client outcomes as a critical part of effective clinical social work practice. Building upon skills of thorough, accurate assessment and effective client rapport, this course focuses on the next steps of collaborating with the client system (individual, family, group) to monitor feasible clinical outcomes that inform the treatment process and the continuous improvement of practice.

SWO 5323 Organizational Leadership & Management (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5123 or credit in SWO 5322 and SWO 5363; Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5491

Prepares students to perform managerial functions in public, nonprofit, and faith-based human service organizations. Specific attention is given to the topics of leadership, human resources, fundraising, grant writing, organizational development, resource management, structure and governance, and efforts to link human service organizations in an integrated community-wide service delivery system.

SWO 5376 Health Practice & Policy (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5123 or credit in SWO 5322 and SWO 5363; Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5491

Prepares students for practice within health contexts. Uses social work knowledge, skills, and values to prepare students to assess and intervene at individual, family, and group levels in healthcare settings. Discusses policy, justice, and equity issues related to health and healthcare access.

SWO 5377 Social Work Practice & Advocacy with Children & Families (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5123 or credit in SWO 5322 and credit in SWO 5363; 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.

SWO 5378 Community 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 5380 Clinical Social Work Practice II (3)

Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B in SWO 5370

Students learn transdiagnostic clinical treatment models and skills. Emphasis is given to students demonstrating clinical skills that address a wide range of client contexts and goals. A grade of B or better must be received in this course to complete the requirements for the master's degree.

SWO 5490 Part II Advanced Internship (4)

Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B in SWO 5494; A minimum grade of a B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5380 or SWO 5378

Second of two terms of the advanced internship in a specified area of specialization. This is the second part of SWO 5494.

SWO 5395 Capstone Seminar (3)

Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of a B or concurrent enrollment in SWO 5490

Integrative seminar at the end of the MSW process to provide students the opportunity to demonstrate key social work competencies at an advanced level in their area of specialization. Students develop a presentation that reflects competency in the goals and objectives of the social work program. Students create professional development plans to demonstrate readiness to enter, contribute to, and develop within the social work profession.

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.