

SOCIAL WORK (SWO)

SWO 1100 Introduction to Mental Health Professions (1)

New student experience course designed to help students acclimate to college life with a focus on learning about mental health and professional paths that serve this aspect of holistic wellness.

SWO 1101 Social Justice and New Beginnings at Baylor (1)

New student experience course designed to help students acclimate to college life with a specific focus on vocational calling and social justice as defined within the social work profession.

SWO 1300 Human Flourishing & Social Issues (3)

Through this course, students will consider barriers to human flourishing in contemporary society through experiential learning opportunities in both residential and community contexts. Students will draw on the connections between leadership, social change, and human flourishing; seeking to develop a deeper understanding of self and their vocation interests in a global context.

SWO 2320 Human Diversity and Leadership (3)

This course creates opportunities to increase understanding of diversity and difference, power and privilege, and oppression—as well as an understanding of oneself. Students will look at diversities within religion, ability, age, sexual orientation in addition to race/ethnicity, class, gender. This is an essential foundation for culturally competent leadership in any professional or volunteer setting.

SWO 2321 Introduction to Social Work (3)

An introduction to the profession of social work and the institution of social welfare. Emphasis is on common human needs and problems, and the development and functioning of social welfare as an institution of society. Course content includes history, knowledge base, values, and skills of professional social work as well as contexts for practice and career opportunities.

SWO 2V80 Special Topics (1-3)

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 topics of study, not to exceed a maximum of six semester hours.

SWO 3305 Introduction to Gerontology (3)

Cross-listed as GRT 3305, SOC 3305

See SOC 3305 for course information.

SWO 3351 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3)

Human development across the life course with emphasis on the effects of the social and physical environment on maturation. Special attention given to gender issues, experiences of racial and ethnic minorities, and other special populations.

SWO 3352 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3)

Pre-requisite(s): SWO 2320

The environmental contexts for human behavior with a special emphasis on groups, organizations and communities. Issues of human diversity, social and economic justice, and environments of populations at risk are emphasized.

SWO 3371 Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families (3)

Pre-requisite(s): SWO 2321 and credit or concurrent enrollment in 3351, and admission to Social Work program

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.

SWO 4301 Social Work Research (3)

Pre-requisite(s): SWO 4305 and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 4322 and 4492

The basic purpose, methods and techniques of social research, evaluation of professional social work practice, and social program evaluation.

SWO 4305 Data Analysis for Social Work (3)

Pre-requisite(s): MTH 1301 or 1320 or 1321 or STA 1380

Apply basic statistical tools to describe, analyze, and evaluate research issues in professional social work practice.

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)

Cross-listed as PAST 7340

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 (in)justice issue will also be explored.

SWO 4318 Interfaith & Civic Engagement (3)

Interfaith & Civic Engagement is a course designed to explore theoretical and practical issues related to engagement across and inclusive of different faiths. Students will discuss various civic and interfaith practices related to leadership, policy, and religious identity. Students will engage cultural and religious humility while considering their own sense of formation and worldview through reading, writing, and class discussion, to cultivate personal growth, civic capacity, and intercultural skills.

SWO 4322 Social Policy for Social Work Practice (3)

Pre-requisite(s): Non-majors must have consent of instructor

Historical and current patterns of provision of social welfare services, the effect of social policy on people gaining optimal health and well-being, and the effect of social policy on social work practice.

SWO 4323 Advanced Policy Frameworks: Poverty and Economic Inequality (3)

Pre-requisite(s): SWO 4322

This course explores social policy related to poverty and economic inequality. Utilizing social justice and anti-oppressive frameworks and building on content from SWO 4322 the course emphasizes economic policies and financial concepts as related to individuals and families across the life cycle, as well as communities, particularly those on the margins of society and experiencing poverty and near-poverty. The course examines and integrates research, social policy, policy advocacy, and policy change efforts related to poverty.

SWO 4372 Generalist Practice with Groups (3)

Pre-requisite(s): SWO 3351 and minimum grade of B in 3371, and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 3352 and 4373

Knowledge and skills appropriate to social work intervention with small treatment and task groups representing different backgrounds, building on the skills learned in SWO 3371 with individuals and families.

SWO 4373 Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities (3)

Pre-requisite(s): SWO 3351 and minimum grade of B in 3371, and credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 3352 and 4372

Knowledge, skills and strategies appropriate to work with organizations, neighborhoods, and communities to foster social and economic justice.

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 4401 Statistics for Social Workers (4)

Pre-requisite(s): MTH 1301 or 1320 or 1321 or STA 1380

Apply basic statistical tools to describe, analyze, and evaluate research issues in professional social work practice.

SWO 4491 Social Work Internship I (4)

Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of B in SWO 4372 and 4373 and admission to field program and consent of Director or Associate Director of Field Education - Generalist Practice

First semester of Field internship requiring 240 hours of Social Work practice with supervision by a professional social worker within a local setting and a weekly integrative seminar. Requires integration of liberal arts background and social work knowledge, skills, values, and ethics within the structure of the agency, demonstrating beginning competence around each of the program's educational objectives and competencies.

SWO 4492 Social Work Internship II (4)

Pre-requisite(s): A minimum grade of B in SWO 4491; Credit or concurrent enrollment in SWO 4301 and SWO 4322

Second semester of Practicum internship requiring integration of liberal arts background and Social Work knowledge, skills, values, and ethics through two hundred forty hours of supervised practice in a community agency and a weekly integrative seminar. Student must demonstrate competence around each of the program's educational objectives and competencies.

SWO 4V70 Special Topics in Social Work (1-3)

Pre-requisite(s): Consent of instructor

Course for students who wish to study an area of social work not covered by a formal course. May be repeated for up to a total of six hours credit when the subject matter varies.

SWO 4V80 Special Topics (1-3)

Pre-requisite(s): Upper-level standing or graduate student

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