SOCIAL WORK (SW)

SW-105  Introduction to Social Work  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Social work and its professional practices, its goals, guiding philosophy, and basic assumptions; the uses of the professional relationship; roles of the professional social worker and collaborative activity in the helping process. Not open to students who have completed SO-105. Previously listed as SW-101.

SW-198  Special Topics in Social Work (100 Level)  Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An intensive study of a particular subject or problem in social work to be announced prior to registration. May be conducted on either a lecture-discussion or a seminar basis. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

SW-205  Global Human Rights and Social Justice  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): BI, EL, GU, SJS, SUS
Examines social issues and injustices from a global perspective. A central focus will be the struggles of individuals, families, and communities from around the world. Introduces the student to the concepts of social justice, human rights, social welfare and oppression, and discusses ways to promote social welfare from a human rights and social justice perspective.

SW-222  Writing for Social Workers  Credits: 1
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Designed to prepare BSW students to successfully master the skill of writing professionally and effectively. Course work and activities will provide a hands-on experience with social work writing tasks. Topics addressed include standards for scholarly writing, conducting literature reviews, writing mechanics, writing logically and coherently, adhering to APA format, writing for social media, the use of strengths-based empowerment language, and resume writing. Intended to strengthen students’ writing, an essential social work skill, and to support students’ efforts on writing tasks assigned in future courses, internship placements, and in the field of social work.

SW-223  Human Behavior and Social Environment I  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or SW-205
Co-requisite(s): BY-105
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
A study of significant life tasks in the physical, social, and emotional development of the individual.

SW-224  Human Behavior and Social Environment II  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): GS
This is the second course in a two-semester course sequence where students learn to use theory and empirical data to analyze human behavior as it develops in a variety of sociopolitical environments. It introduces students to a broad range of theories and perspectives relating to biological, psychological, cognitive, and social development, and race, class, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation variables.

SW-260  Alcohol and Drugs  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or PY-103 or SW-205
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Addresses the special population in social work, specifically the substance abusing population. Through lecture, small group exercises, and films, the course will educate the students as to what are substance abuse and addiction, what treatment options are available, how to determine the appropriate treatment, as well as different forms of therapy and relapse-prevention work.

SW-261  Diagnosing Mental Health Issues  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or PY-103 or SW-205
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
A detailed explanation of the DSM IV and its practical use in the social work profession. Cultural applications, as well as international implications and the accurate assessment terminology, will be discussed.

SW-262  Family Counseling  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or PY-103 or SW-205
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Introduces students to the assessment and treatment of various family systems. A continuation of the ecological perspective of systems theory and social work practice illustrated in Human Behavior and the Social Environment and Social Work Practice Techniques I. Ethnic, culture, and gender issues are included as they apply to families. Family violence, substance abuse, adolescence conflict, and marital discord are among the topics discussed.

SW-264  Addictions  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or PY-103
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Addresses the addictions component of social work. Working with the clients and families to address the unbalance and dysfunction in their lives through assessment, treatment planning, and individual, group, and family therapy. Covering eating disorders, gambling, nicotine, sexual addiction, and workaholism.

SW-265  Creative Therapies  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or PY-103 or SW-205
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
With creative and interactive approaches, the students will recognize and appreciate their personal experiences to better assess the needs of their clients, as well as enhance conventional therapeutic methods. Also introduces alternate approaches to talk therapy to work with specialized client groups, such as young, traumatized, or non-verbal clients.

SW-266  Spirituality and Social Work  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 or PY-103 or SW-205
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
Explores spirituality as it broadly relates to the profession of social work. Holistic concepts under the definition of spirituality will be explored. The many ways spirituality can be used in social work practice settings will be discussed. Methods of spiritual practice and approaches to healing will be covered. Spirituality will be differentiated from formal religion.
SW-276  Administration of Gerontological Services  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
The examination of the theory and practice of the administration of programs designed to meet the needs of older adults, with an emphasis on structure of organizations, impact of public policies and funding patterns on agencies, styles of administration, development and presentation of a budget, management of public information, and relationships with other gerontological agencies.

SW-278  Family Violence  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
The characteristics and dynamics of violent families. Emphasis on the issue of domestic violence as it relates to cultural values and beliefs. Myths, motivations, and linkages to substance abuse will be addressed, as well as appropriate interventions and treatment methods.

SW-280  Peer Tutoring  Credits: 1
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Peer tutoring experience. Students will prepare course-related information for presentation to students in courses at the 100 or 200 levels. Tutors will meet weekly with a faculty supervisor and assigned students. Permission of the instructor required.

SW-298  Special Topics in Social Work (200 Level)  Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An intensive study of a particular subject or problem in social work to be announced prior to registration. May be conducted on either a lecture-discussion or a seminar basis. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

SW-299  Independent Study in Social Work  Credits: 3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Directed individual study of social work in areas of special interest. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course.

SW-317  Racism, Sexism, and Social Welfare  Credits: 3
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): CD, GS
Analysis of institutional racism and sexism in relation to social welfare; the nature of social work intervention with racial and ethnic minorities and women.

SW-325  Social Welfare Policy and Services I  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): PS-101 or PS-103
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): None
The values and norms that underlie social welfare services; the historical roots of current approaches to social services; the manifest and latent functions of social welfare; political and economic forces that shape social welfare policy and services.

SW-326  Social Welfare Policy and Services II  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-325 and either EN-101 or EN-102
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): WT
Dimensions of choice in social welfare policy design; eligibility for service; structures, staffing, and funding for services; theoretical material related to current developments and services in the field.

SW-330  Field Practice in Gerontology  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 and SW-223
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Designed to provide students with an actual learning experience in an agency or organization specializing in gerontological services. Students will be supervised by a specialist in aging and will become familiar with agency functions and services serving the aging client and client's extended family. Students will observe and, later in the semester, begin to provide service under supervision. Eight hours per week in placement and a weekly seminar at the University.

SW-332  Gender and Sexual Identities  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SO-101
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): CD, GS, SI, SJS
Draws on sociological and feminist theories of identity to question the definitions, constructions, deconstructions, ambivalences, and socially constructed nature of gender and sexual identities. In questioning such identities, this course aims at helping students understand the connections between gender and sexuality, and how those two social forces shape people's individual identities and the identities of others. The course examines how structure of race, class, gender, and sexuality, and social institutions such as family and work shape gender and sexual identities. It pays particular attention to how one's social location within power structures shapes personal identities. Also listed as SO-332.

SW-341  Social Work Practice with Groups  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-223 passed with a grade of C or higher
Term Offered: Fall Term
Course Type(s): EX5
Methods and skills utilized in generalist social work practice; major methods of social work intervention with individuals, groups, and communities using case analysis and theoretical concepts. Previously listed as SW-413.

SW-342  Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-105 and SW-223 both passed with a grade of C or higher
Co-requisite(s): SW-342L
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): EX5
Methods and skills utilized in generalist social work practice; major methods of social work intervention with individuals, groups, and communities using case analysis and theoretical concepts. Previously listed as SW-413.

SW-342L  Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families Lab  Credits: 1
Prerequisite(s): SW-223
Co-requisite(s): SW-342
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Designed to provide students with a hands-on experience with the assessment skills and tools taught in Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families class (SW-342). Students will become familiar with videotaping equipment and will develop strong assessment skills to be used with clients in the field. For Social Work majors only.

SW-344  Social Work Practice with Communities  Credits: 3
Prerequisite(s): SW-224
Term Offered: Spring Term
Course Type(s): None
Examines conceptual models of community social work; development of skills to help promote social change.
SW-371  International Service Seminar  Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): PS-101  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): EX5  
Students will learn to unite theory and practice by studying theories and policies based on human security, and learning about their applications through service-learning projects. Students will enhance their understanding of human security by volunteering in international, community organizations and reflecting on the social, political, and economic factors and policies that affect them. Also listed as PS-371, AN-371 and SO-371.

SW-383  Migration and Intercultural Cooperation  Credits: 3  
Term Offered: Summer Term  
Course Type(s): GU, RE  
Students will become familiar with issues and strategies to deal with immigrant populations effectively. Discussions will be directed towards increasing intercultural cooperation, respect for the principle of peaceful co-existence, and diversity as a strength for economic growth and societal progress. Emphasis will also be given to the theories related to ethnicity, race, culture, and geographic location of the origin of immigrant populations. Special attention will be given to the diverse issues that arise from the varied cultural backgrounds of immigrants and refugees. Students will learn skills related to culturally appropriate and tailored interventions. Experiential learning will be utilized. Prepares students using a strength-based empowerment approach to effectively utilize required resources serving the needs of diverse, immigrant populations.

SW-398  Special Topics in Social Work (300 Level)  Credits: 1-3  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): None  
An intensive study of a particular subject or problem in social work to be announced prior to registration. May be conducted on either a lecture-discussion or a seminar basis. If a prerequisite is required it will be announced in the course schedule.

SW-399  Independent Study in Social Work  Credits: 1-3  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): None  
Directed individual study of social work in areas of special interest. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course.

SW-409  Social Work Research Methods  Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): EN-101 and EN-102  
Co-requisite(s): SW-421  
Term Offered: Fall Term  
Course Type(s): WT  
Basic skills necessary for Social Work research: problem formulation, theoretical framework development, research design, methods of data collection, evaluation techniques, and data analysis.

SW-411  Data Analysis for Social Work  Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): MA-105; this course is for Social Work majors only  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): None  
Introduction to the basic knowledge and skills necessary for the analysis of data collected or reported in social work research. Preparation for the social work practitioner to assess the adequacy of statistical procedures and to appropriately choose statistical procedures to make order out of data collected within their own research. Not open to students who have successfully completed MA-151. Limited to Social Work majors.

SW-412  Practice Evaluation in Social Work  Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): SW-409, SW-411 or MA-151, Senior standing, and EN-101 and EN-102  
Co-requisite(s): SW-422  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): None  
Applications of research methods to social work practice. Using skills in practice evaluation, advanced research in single-system design will be conducted.

SW-421  Field Practice in Social Work  Credits: 6  
Prerequisite(s): SW-342 and SW-344 both passed with a grade of C or higher  
Co-requisite(s): SW-409  
Term Offered: Fall Term  
Course Type(s): EX5  
Supervised experience in a social agency; direct work with individuals, groups, or communities; preparation for professional responsibility upon graduation. Sixteen hours per week in placement and a weekly seminar at the University.

SW-422  Advanced Field Practice in Social Work  Credits: 6  
Prerequisite(s): SW-421 passed with a grade of B- or higher  
Co-requisite(s): SW-412  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): EX5  
Advanced field practice; direct services to individual clients, families, groups, and communities, with the possibility of administrative experiences. Sixteen hours per week in placement and a weekly seminar at the University.

SW-424  New Perspectives on Human Sexuality  Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): 9 credits from either Social Work, Sociology, Psychology or Anthropology  
Term Offered: All Terms  
Course Type(s): None  
Recent research and developments in the field of human sexuality focusing on individual and social problems.

SW-426  Seminar in Social Work  Credits: 3  
Prerequisite(s): SW-421 and Senior standing  
Term Offered: Spring Term  
Course Type(s): None  
Seminar focusing on topics of particular interest to Social Work students planning to enter practice or graduate school.

SW-461  Culturally Diverse Child Welfare Practices  Credits: 3  
Term Offered: Fall Term  
Course Type(s): CD, RE  
Provides an understanding of the context from which the practice of child welfare originates, examining the impact of policy upon the direct care of children at risk. Contemporary issues that face children at risk such as sexual abuse, neglect, physical abuse, poverty, and maternal substance abuse are covered, as well as recommended services and treatment that address these concerns. Public child welfare in New Jersey will be of central focus, including the impact and changes of the system's reform plan. In addition, issues of cultural diversity and cultural difference in child welfare practices and child rearing behaviors will be reviewed, with a focus on how the child welfare system could better infuse diversity of experience in policy and practice.
SW-498  Special Topics in Social Work (400 Level)  Credits: 1-3
Prerequisite(s): SW-421
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
An intensive study of a particular subject or problem in social work to be announced prior to registration. May be conducted on either a lecture-discussion or a seminar basis. If there is a prerequisite for this course it will be announced in the course schedule.

SW-499  Independent Study in Social Work  Credits: 1-3
Term Offered: All Terms
Course Type(s): None
Directed individual study of social work in areas of special interest. Prior permission of the directing professor and department chair is required to take this course.