SOCIAL WORK (SWSS)

Courses

SWSS 002. Foundations of Social Work. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the profession of social work, its functions, values, knowledge, and the problems it addresses. Includes a service-learning component.

SWSS 003. Human Needs & Social Services. 3 Credits.
Students provide volunteer service in a human service agency, relate observations to theory about clients, agency structure, programs, and operations, and assess their commitment to the profession of social work. Prerequisite: SWSS 002 or Instructor permission.

SWSS 005. Biosociopolitical Issues SW. 3 Credits.
Outlines human body organ systems and extrapolates from the biological into the socio-political. Bioethical dilemmas, environmental racism, and multiple chemical sensitivity studied from a social work perspective. Prerequisite: Social Work major or Instructor permission.

SWSS 007. Quantitative Meth SW Research. 3 Credits.
Introduction to statistics and social work research methods. This course introduces students to quantitative methodology in research and practice.

SWSS 008. Civic Engagemnt&Self-Reflectn. 1 Credit.
This seminar is specifically designed for Dewey House residents to accompany their residential learning experiences and their collective and individual service in the community.

SWSS 047. D2: Theories in Social Work I. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of traditional and contemporary theories of social work and human behavior and their application in generalist direct practice social work. Prerequisites: SWSS 002; SWSS 003.

SWSS 048. D2: Theories in Social Work II. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of traditional and contemporary theories of social work and human behavior and their application in generalist group and macro practice contexts. Prerequisites: SWSS 002, SWSS 003, and SWSS 147.

SWSS 140. D1:SW w/Indigenous: VT Abenaki. 3 Credits.
An introduction to social work practice and cultural competency with the Abenaki tribe in Northwestern Vermont. An understanding of tribal history and traditions prepares students to work effectively and respectfully from a cross-cultural perspective. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; Social Work major.

SWSS 147. D2: Theories in Social Work I. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of traditional and contemporary theories of social work and human behavior and their application in generalist direct practice social work. Prerequisites: SWSS 002, SWSS 003.

SWSS 148. D2: Theories in Social Work II. 3 Credits.
Critical examination of traditional and contemporary theories of social work and human behavior and their application in generalist group and macro practice contexts. Prerequisites: SWSS 002, SWSS 003, and SWSS 147.

SWSS 150. Independent Study. 1-12 Credits.
Supervised practicum, readings, or research on special topics not within the boundaries of an existing course for advanced level students. Prerequisites: Social Work major, Instructor permission, pre-arrangement.

SWSS 160. Soc Wrk Pr:Chld,Fam&Youth Svc. 3 Credits.
Explores perspectives relevant to child protection and family support. Emphasizes skills in writing reports, giving oral testimony, making referrals, interdisciplinary collaboration, ethical decision making, and cultural competence. Pre/co-requisite: Junior status in Social Work; SWSS 002, SWSS 003, SWSS 047, SWSS 048; or permission of Instructor.

SWSS 163. Theory & Integration Prep Sem. 3 Credits.
This course is a bridge between theories studied in pre- and co-requisite courses and senior year. It prepares the student for their field pacticum. Pre/co-requisites: SWSS 047, SWSS 048, SWSS 164, SWSS 165, and SWSS 166.

SWSS 164. Intro Social Work Research. 3 Credits.
Introduction to models and methods of social research from a social work perspective. Prerequisite: SWSS 002, SWSS 003, SWSS 047, SWSS 048, or Instructor permission.

SWSS 165. Iss & Pol in Social Welfare I. 3 Credits.
An introduction to economic, political, historical, and social forces that influence the development and implementation of social welfare policy. Prerequisite: SWSS 002, SWSS 003, SWSS 047, SWSS 048, or Instructor permission.

SWSS 166. Iss & Pol in Social Welfare II. 3 Credits.
In-depth examination of social welfare policy and accompanying social services in the U.S.; major policy analysis models presented and used. Prerequisite: SWSS 165 or Instructor permission.

SWSS 168. Social Work Practice I. 3 Credits.
Social work theory and practice methods employed by social workers in providing services to individuals, families, and small group. Prerequisite: Social Work major, Senior standing or Instructor permission.
SWSS 169. Social Work Practice II. 3 Credits.
Social work theory and practice methods employed by social workers in providing services to groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisites: Social Work major; SWSS 168; Senior standing; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 171. Field Experience Seminar I. 3 Credits.
Weekly integrative seminar; discussion of practice within field agency. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in SWSS 173.

SWSS 172. Field Experience Seminar II. 3 Credits.
Weekly integrative seminar; discussion of practice within field agency. Prerequisite: Concurrent enrollment in SWSS 174.

SWSS 173. Field Experience I. 6 Credits.
Supervised field-based learning of 15-20 hours per week. Students are placed in human service agencies and organizations and learn the application of social work, theory, ethics and skills. Prerequisite: Social Work major; Senior standing; Instructor permission; taken concurrently with SWSS 168 and SWSS 171.

SWSS 174. Field Experience II. 6 Credits.
Supervised field-based learning of 15-20 hours per week. Students are placed in human service agencies and organizations and learn the application of social work, theory, ethics and skills. Prerequisite: Social Work major; Senior standing; Instructor permission; SWSS 168 and SWSS 171; taken concurrently with SWSS 169 and SWSS 172.

SWSS 197. Readings & Research. 1-4 Credits.
Prerequisite: Social Work major. Pre-arrangement only. Variable credit.

SWSS 198. Readings & Research. 1-4 Credits.

SWSS 199. Laboratory Experience. 1-12 Credits.
Supervised practicum for advanced level students. Pre/co-requisite: Social Work major; Instructor permission; pre-arrangement.

SWSS 200. Contemporary Issues. 1-6 Credits.
Content and structure may accommodate special issues not especially appropriate within the boundaries of an existing course. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission.

SWSS 212. Social Work Practice I. 3 Credits.
A comprehensive introduction to concepts and skills employed by social workers in interactions and interventions with individuals, families, and groups is provided. Prerequisite: MSW standing; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 213. Social Work Practice II. 3 Credits.
Knowledge and skills of social work practice with organizations and communities is emphasized. Prerequisite: Completion of SWSS 212; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 216. Th Found of Hum Beh&Soc Env I. 3 Credits.
This course introduces students to the biological, psychological, cultural/social, and economic forces that influence human behavior and their implication for social work practice. Prerequisite: MSW standing; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 217. Th Found Hum Beh&Soc Env II. 3 Credits.
Focus is on theories regarding the nature and functioning of human service organizations and communities in relation to meeting human needs. Prerequisite: SWSS 216 or Instructor permission.

SWSS 220. Soc Welfare Pol & Services I. 3 Credits.
An introduction to history and philosophy of social work and social welfare and the structure of service programs is provided. Prerequisite: MSW standing or Instructor permission.

SWSS 221. Soc Welfare Pol & Services II. 3 Credits.
Focus is on the analysis of the economic, political, and social forces that influence the development and implementation of social welfare policy. Prerequisite: SWSS 220; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 224. Child Abuse & Neglect. 3 Credits.
An MSW foundation elective that considers child abuse and neglect from historical, cultural, sociopolitical and psychological perspectives and examines professional social work responses to them. Prerequisite: Matriculation in the foundation year of Graduate study in Social Work; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 225. Transf Ourselves&Comm:SW Persp. 3 Credits.
An MSW foundation elective that examines systems of oppression and social work strategies to decrease biased practices and create more equitable communities and institutions. Prerequisite: Matriculation in the foundation year of graduate study in Social Work; or Instructor permission.

SWSS 226. Assessment Theory Social Work. 3 Credits.
An MSW foundation elective analyzing competing and complementary assessment theories and their implications in social work in health/mental health and with children and families. Prerequisite: MSW standing or Instructor permission.

SWSS 227. Found of Social Work Research. 3 Credits.
An introduction to qualitative and quantitative methods of applied social research including program evaluation and the evaluation of practice and application to social work is taught. Prerequisite: MSW standing or Instructor permission.

SWSS 228. Aging:A Strength&Hum Right Per. 3 Credits.
An examination of aging for social work policy and practice from the perspectives of strengths, social justice, human rights and critical social constructionism.

SWSS 229. D2:Soc Work&Disability Rights. 3 Credits.
A multi-cultural, age, gender, economic and international exploration of having a disability in terms of language, labeling, rights, social location, legislation, services and personal narratives.

SWSS 280. Perspectives on Social Work. 4 Credits.
Taking a social constructionist stance, students explore guiding concepts of the MSW curriculum and their application to social work practice, policy, human behavior and research. Prerequisite: MSW standing.
SWSS 290. Foundation Yr Field Practicum. 3-4 Credits.
Supervised field-based learning of 15-20 hours per week. Students are placed in human service agencies and organizations and learn the purposeful application of generalist social work theory, ethics, and skills. Prerequisite: Permission of Coordinator of Field Education.

SWSS 293. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

SWSS 294. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
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SWSS 296. Social Work in Global Context. 3 Credits.
Study of social work issues in different parts of the world. Located at the University of Lapland in Finland. Prerequisite: Background in human services or social work major; or MSW standing; permission of the Instructor.