

## SOCIAL WORK (SWSS)

### Courses

#### **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 Envr 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 Envr 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. Pre/co-requisite: 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 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.

#### **SWSS 301. Social Work in Health. 3 Credits.**

Based on examinations of current trends with clients of multiple ages, needs, and cultural perspectives, this course examines social work roles in delivering health services. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation coursework; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

#### **SWSS 302. Social Work in Mental Health. 3 Credits.**

Advanced knowledge and skills in working with children with severe emotional disturbances and adults with persistent mental illness. Community-based services are emphasized. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation coursework; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

#### **SWSS 310. Soc Work W/ Children & Fam I. 3 Credits.**

Focus is on families whose major task is child rearing and child caring. Covers advanced knowledge, concepts, and methods of contemporary child/family services within a family-centered approach. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation course work; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 311. Soc Work W/Children & Fam II. 3 Credits.**

Focus is on families with adolescents, families with no children and families with dependent adults. Advanced analysis of families from an adult member perspective and from a critical view of family ideology and myth. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation coursework; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 314. Transformative Social Work I. 3 Credits.**

Advanced practice in transformative social work will focus on developing relational, profound, and generative meanings for change across populations, fields of practice and social issues. Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Year.

**SWSS 315. Transformative Social Work II. 3 Credits.**

Advanced practice in Transformative Social Work II will focus on practical applications across populations at risk, field of practice and social issues. Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Year.

**SWSS 316. Integrative Appr Transform SW. 3 Credits.**

In this course students will synthesize their exploration of their area of focus in transformative social work through scholarly reading, research and classroom presentations. Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Year.

**SWSS 320. Adv Soc Welf Policy Anl&Prac. 3 Credits.**

In depth analysis of social welfare policy with application to children and families or health and mental health is required. There is an emphasis on the skills of the policy practitioner. Prerequisite: Completion of SWSS 220 and SWSS 221; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 327. Adv Social Work Research. 3 Credits.**

An analysis of social work research from methodological and theoretical perspectives is emphasized. The application of research to the student's concentration area is required. Prerequisites: Completion of SWSS 227; a basic statistics course; MSW advanced standing; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 330. Assessment in Social Work. 3 Credits.**

An advanced MSW concentration elective that analyzes competing and complementary assessment strategies and their implications in social work in health/mental health and with children and families. Prerequisite: Completion of MSW foundation course work; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 331. Feminist Social Work Practice. 3 Credits.**

An advanced MSW concentration elective that analyzes practice conceptions and dilemmas of feminist social work in a global context and emphasizes professional activism and leadership. Prerequisite: Completion of MSW foundation course work; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 332. SW w/Battered Women&Children. 3 Credits.**

An advanced MSW concentration elective that investigates theoretical and practical issues of social work practice with battered women and their children and develops related recommendations. Prerequisite: Completion of MSW foundation course work; or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 333. Social Work with Groups. 3 Credits.**

An advanced MSW concentration elective that integrates professional history, conceptual overviews and direct experience with methods for group work distinctive to social work practice. Prerequisite: Completion of MSW foundation course work or Instructor permission.

**SWSS 334. Intrdisc Sem Neurodev Disabil I. 3 Credits.**

Seminar exploring interdisciplinary process, collaborative teaming, cultural competence and family-centered care as they relate to children and families affected by neurodevelopmental and related disabilities. Pre/co-requisites: Permission of Instructor, Graduate standing. Cross-listed with: CMSI 311, EDSP 295, GRNU 296, PSYC 380, MVSR 381.

**SWSS 335. Intrdisc Sem Neurodev Disabil 2. 3 Credits.**

Seminar exploring interdisciplinary process, collaborative teaming, cultural competence and family-centered care as they relate to children and families affected by neurodevelopmental and related disabilities. Pre/co-requisite: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with: CMSI 312, EDSP 295, GRNU 296, PSYC 380, MSVR 381.

**SWSS 336. Addressing Substance Abuse SW. 3 Credits.**

In this course, students will investigate the research on the etiological and contributing factors to substance abuse, and study gender specific and culturally responsive treatment strategies, than include trauma-focused, motivational interviewing and cognitive-behavioral approaches. Prerequisites: Social Work majors, Concentration year status (completion of foundation year or having advancing standing status in the MSW program).

**SWSS 338. TSW Responses to Violence. 3 Credits.**

Considers transformative social work with adults' and adolescents' experiences of violence along a continuum from interpersonal to collective. Employs a global, poststructural/constructionist practice stance centered on human rights and social justice, safety and agency. Emphasizes collaborative practices in diverse communities. Prerequisites: Completion of all MSW foundation courses or MSW Advanced Standing status.

**SWSS 340. Trans. Change in SW Orgs. 3 Credits.**

This course prepares social workers to lead transformative organizational change; change that reorients the way the organization functions through critical questioning of standing organizational discourse and practices. Topics include: futures research, change models, constructivist approaches, & social inequity and difference. Prerequisites: Completion of first year of the MSW program or Advanced Standing status in the MSW program.

**SWSS 380. Prof Issues in Social Work. 2-4 Credits.**

Designed to cover selected social work issues in depth. Major emphasis on intensive and critical analysis of the literature and practice in a given area. Prerequisite: Instructor Permission.

**SWSS 390. Concentration Yr Field Pract. 3-4 Credits.**

Supervised field-based learning of 15-20 hours per week. Students are placed in human service agencies and organizations and apply advanced social work practice related to an area of concentration. Prerequisite: Completion of all Foundation Year Graduate Level Coursework; permission of Field Education Coordinator.

**SWSS 397. Independent Study. 1-6 Credits.**

Individual work on Social Work issue(s) selected by the student in consultation with a faculty member. Prerequisite: Instructor permission required.

**SWSS 398. Final Project. 1-3 Credits.**

A written identification and analysis of a social work issue related to the student's concentration is prepared and presented. Prerequisite: Successful completion of foundation coursework and Instructor permission. Variable three credits. Total of three credits required. Fulfills Graduate College comprehensive examination requirement.