Social Work (SOCW)

Courses

SOCW 410. Human Behavior & Social Envt. 3 hours.
Human development through the life span including urban family, group, community, and organizational interactions with social, cultural, psychological factors. Course Information: Credit is not given for SOCW 410 if the student has credit for SOCW 535. Some sections may be fully or partially online. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and consent of the instructor or admission to the MSW program.

SOCW 411. Social Work in Multicult Soc. 3 hours.
Examines the social construction of race in groups, communities, and organizations with focus on African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native/Indigenous people, and other diverse populations. Particular attention to resistance to oppression. Course Information: Credit is not given for SOCW 411 if the student has credit for SOCW 537. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the post-MSW Type 73 program and consent of the instructor.

History of social welfare policy, role of social work profession, examining origins and development of current social welfare system, policies, and service delivery, in view of principles of human rights, social, economic, environmental justice. Course Information: Credit is not given for SOCW 420 if the student has credit for SOCW 550. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and Admission to the MSW program.

SOCW 430. Practice I: Individuals & Orgs. 3 hours.
Overview of generalist social work as method and process emphasizing fundamental competencies, values, principles, and practice behaviors. Special attention to practice with individuals and practice with and within organizations. Course Information: Credit is not given for SOCW 430 if the student has credit for SOCW 501. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and Admission to the MSW program.

SOCW 431. Practice II: Families, Grp&Comm. 3 hours.
Generalist social work practice. Special attention to practice with families, groups, and communities. Course Information: Credit is not given for SOCW 431 if the student has credit for SOCW 502. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430 and graduate standing.

SOCW 460. Research I: Social Work Resrch. 3 hours.
Prepares students to demonstrate basic competencies in the knowledge, values, and skills of research methodology in social work, including problem formulation, design of research, measurement, sampling, data analysis. Course Information: Credit is not given for SOCW 460 if the student has credit for SOCW 560. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing and Admission to the MSW program.

SOCW 480. Special Study School SOCW. 3 hours.
Ecological and strengths-based interventions in urban school systems. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. This course is fully online. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the post-MSW Type 73 program and graduate standing.

SOCW 503. Family Pract Urban Communities. 3 hours.
Empowering at-risk urban families using strengths-based intervention; brief treatment models; attention to diversity, community, poor, and other urban at-risk populations. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430.

SOCW 504. Group Theory & Practice. 3 hours.
Theory and practice of social work with empower groups in both clinical and large system settings; diversity and equity issues. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430.

Functions of scholarship in social work, contributions of scholarship to social and economic justice, research methodologies and knowledge building processes for practice and policy analysis. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Previously listed as SOCW 592. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Social Work program or consent of the instructor.

Functions and processes of research in social work, knowledge-building methodologies and the contributions of multiple research models to the growth of knowledge for the profession. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 508.

SOCW 511. Practice with Children. 3 hours.
Direct treatment with urban at-risk children including situations involving homelessness, substance-abuse, violence; treatment modalities emphasizing family, community, culture. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430.

SOCW 512. International Social Work. 3 hours.
Introduction to the field of international social work; emphasis on social development theory and practice strategies to attack poverty and improve human well-being globally and locally. Prerequisite(s): Credit or concurrent registration in SOCW 411 and SOCW 420; or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 517. Pract: Fam Violence,Abuse,Neg. 3 hours.
Ecological approach to family violence: physical, psychological and sexual abuse of children, women and elders at practice and policy levels; urban vulnerable population. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430; or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 519. Practice III: OCP. 3 hours.
Provide students with the tools needed in order to build effective, culturally-relevant, community based organizations to combat structural violence, promote social justice, and improve the quality of and access to the social determinants of health. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in SOCW 431.

SOCW 520. Practice IV: CHUD. 3 hours.
It focuses on community methods of practice. Human rights, health inequities and the social determinants of health are used to contextualize community. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in SOCW 519.

SOCW 521. Aging: Social Work Response. 3 hours.
Psychological, social, biological aging factors of individuals and families; emphasis on practice skills for community, long-term care and hospital-based services with urban emphases. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410; or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 522. Crisis Intervention. 3 hours.
Nature of crises including suicide and large-scale disaster; strengths-based interventions in urban settings: medical and mental health facilities, schools, community centers, and neighborhoods. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430.

SOCW 523. Drug & Alcohol Social Work. 3 hours.
History and pharmacology of alcohol and other drugs; etiology of abuse and dependence; assessment and treatment models; practice in multidisciplinary settings; emphasis on urban systems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430.
SOCW 525. Social Work with Women. 3 hours.
Research, policy, and practice approaches to working with women in diverse urban settings; empowerment and diversity perspectives. Course Information: Same as GWS 525. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410; or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 527. Topics in Social Services. 3 hours.
Critical review of selected areas of social work, social services, and social welfare. Course Information: May be repeated. Students may register in more than one section per term. Depending on the section of this course, field trips may be part of the course. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 529. Kinship Care. 3 hours.
Provides a comprehensive overview focusing on the growing number of children who are raised by relatives other than their parents. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. This course may be offered fully online or in a blended-online format. Please check the Schedule of Classes for information on the format of the course offering. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor. Recommended background: Interest in children, families, and family caregiving.

SOCW 530. Leadership & Professional Development. 3 hours.
Social work leadership and professional development including writing for publication, communication skills, personal leadership plan development, theory and practice of leadership at individual agency and community levels. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410.

SOCW 531. Policy II: CHUD. 3 hours.
Advanced policy content for urban communities including health disparities, discrimination, urban poverty and social dislocation. Analytical and policy practice skills addressed. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in SOCW 420.

SOCW 532. Social Work in Corrections. 3 hours.
Policy and practice roles of social workers in correctional settings with emphasis on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and poverty factors. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410; or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 533. Sexual Minority Communities. 3 hours.
Community and social justice framework applied to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered populations; historical development of sexual minority communities; overview of social work response. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 534. Independent Study: Practice. 1-3 hours.
Independent study in practice area not covered by existing course offerings. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and approval of the college.

SOCW 538. Social Work and Human Rights. 3 hours.
Assists students to understand the historical development of human rights principles related to vulnerable populations to prepare for advocacy for this population. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410 and consent of the instructor.

SOCW 539. Mental Health w/Child & Adolescent. 3 hours.
Critical, strengths-based understanding of current classification and diagnostic systems for assessment and treatment planning with children and adolescents. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 540. Mental Health Issues w/Adults. 3 hours.
Critical, strengths-based understanding of current classification and diagnostic systems for assessment and treatment planning with adults. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 544. Community Violence. 3 hours.
Urban community violence; impact on individuals and society; policies and theories critically studied from race, class, and gender perspectives, including LBGTQ; social work implications. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 545. HIV/AIDS: Social Work. 3 hours.
HIV prevention and intervention in urban settings; system and ecological understanding of impact of HIV on society and role of social work practice and policy. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 546. Adolescents & Young Adults. 3 hours.
Health and social development of the adolescent and young adult populations and special subgroups (e.g. parenting, homeless) are reviewed from a critical pedagogy and public health science perspective. Course Information: Same as CHSC 544. Prerequisite(s): CHSC 421 and credit or concurrent registration in CHSC 422; and graduate or professional standing; or approval of the department. Recommended background: Research, policy and/or practice and interest in adolescence and youth and in community development and intervention studies; ethnic/minority studies; education; health and social/human service professions.

SOCW 547. Advanced Child Welfare Pract. 3 hours.
Focuses on practice in child welfare with children and families who have experienced abuse or neglect and addresses theoretical and programmatic aspects of child welfare practice, with particular attention to practice in Illinois. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 430 and SOCW 431 and SOCW 460 and SOCW 410 and SOCW 460 and SOCW 411 and SOCW 420.

SOCW 548. Social Entrepreneurship. 3 hours.
Introduction to global spectrum of socially responsible ventures providing innovative solutions to poverty and other social issues through entrepreneurship. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 431.

SOCW 549. Indep Study: Hum Behavr & Soc Env. 1-3 hours.
Independent study in human behavior and social environment areas not covered by existing course offerings. Course Information: May be repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and approval of the college.

SOCW 551. Policy II: School Soc Wk Policy. 3 hours.
Critical analysis of federal, state, and local policies relevant to social work practice in urban school systems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 420.

SOCW 552. Policy II: Child & Family Policy. 3 hours.
Critical analysis of policies affecting welfare of families and children; focus on child welfare, juvenile justice, adult criminal justice, mental health, and special education systems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 420.

SOCW 554. Policy II: Mental Health. 3 hours.
Critical analysis of policies and structures in mental health delivery system with a focus on persons with chronic mental illness. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 420.
SOCW 557. Soc Work w/Military Serv Membr. 3 hours.
Social work with military services members, veterans and families in a
variety of settings. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 410 and
SOCW 430; or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 558. Social Work & the Law. 3 hours.
Social work input in legal system: family law, family violence, crime,
delinquency, civil rights, education, health, mental health, social
advocacy, social work practice regulation. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): SOCW 420 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 559. Indep Study:Soc Welf Pol& Serv. 1-3 hours.
Independent study in social welfare policy and services areas not
covered by existing course offerings. Course Information: May be
repeated to a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the
instructor and approval of the college.

SOCW 563. Program Evaluation. 3 hours.
Prepares students to demonstrate advanced competencies in designing
needs assessments and program evaluations. Emphasis on evaluation of
programs serving urban at-risk populations. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): SOCW 460 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 565. Research Seminars:Social Svce. 3 hours.
Methodologies and results of research in selected fields of social
services; special issues and problems in practice; relationship of
research, theory, and practice; priorities for future research. Course
Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 460 or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 566. Doctoral Independent Study. 1-5 hours.
Individual research under faculty direction of an area not adequately
covered in an existing graduate level course. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): Open only to Ph.D. degree students and approval of the
department.

SOCW 567. Research Project. 0-9 hours.
Application of research methods to social work problems in an individual
or group project or library research project. Preparation of a formal
report based on field study processes and findings. Course Information:
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. If taken for
a minimum of 3 credits this course will be accepted as meeting MSW
degree requirements for advanced research in all concentrations except
the School Social Work concentration. Prerequisite(s): Grade of A in
SOCW 460 or an equivalent course or consent of the instructor; and
approval of the college.

SOCW 569. Indep Study in Research. 1-3 hours.
Independent study in research methodology or areas not covered by
existing course offerings. Course Information: May be repeated to a
maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor and approval of the
college.

SOCW 570. Field Instruction I. 5 hours.
Students are assigned to social agencies where, under the supervision of
an agency field instructor, selected micro and macro system cases
are carried for social work services. Course Information: Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.

SOCW 571. Field Instruction II. 5 hours.
Students are assigned to social agencies where, under the supervision of
an agency field instructor, they carry selected cases or groups for social
work services. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading
only. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 570 and consent of the instructor.

SOCW 572. Field Instruction III. 8 hours.
Students are assigned to social agencies where, under the supervision of
an agency field instructor, selected micro and macro system cases
are carried for social work services. Course Information: Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 571 and consent of the
instructor.

SOCW 573. Field Instruction IV. 8 hours.
Students are assigned to social agencies where, under the supervision of
an agency field instructor, selected micro and macro system cases
are carried for social work services. Course Information: Satisfactory/
Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 572 and consent of the
instructor.

SOCW 574. Studies in Field Instruct I. 2-4 hours.
Practicum experiences in approved social agencies/organizations where
students carry selected cases applying knowledge to skill applications
under the supervision of an agency field instructor. Course Information:
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the
instructor.

SOCW 575. Studies in Field Instruct II. 2-4 hours.
Practicum experiences in approved social agencies/organizations where
students carry selected cases applying knowledge to skill applications
under the supervision of an agency field instructor. Course Information:
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the
instructor.

SOCW 577. Social Welfare History. 3 hours.
Social work history in context of political, economic, and social
developments; focus on gender, class, and race; critical application of
theoretical models. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Admission to the
Ph.D. in Social Work program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 578. Qualitative Methods in SW Res. 3 hours.
Theoretical foundations and methods for qualitative research in social
work; consideration of issues of power, privilege, and oppression and
their significance in research approaches and implementation. Course
Information: Extensive computer use required. MSW students may
enroll in this course and expect to have some differences in workload
and assignments compared to PhD students enrolled. Prerequisite(s):
Consent of the instructor. In addition, students need consent of academic advisor.

SOCW 582. Pract III: Child & Family. 3 hours.
Ecological and strengths-based practice with urban children and families
using trauma-informed, culturally-grounded, family-centered framework;
special focus on child welfare. Course Information: Prerequisite(s):
SOCW 431.

SOCW 583. Pract IV: Child & Family. 3 hours.
Critical analysis and application of ecological, strengths-based, evidence-
based practice approaches to urban at-risk children and families facing
abuse, neglect, mental illness, grief/loss; interactions with criminal and
juvenile justice systems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 582.

SOCW 586. Pract III: Mental Health. 3 hours.
Strengths-based assessment and treatment planning in urban settings;
diversity issues; managed care settings; critical use of current mental
health diagnostic and classification systems. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): SOCW 431.

SOCW 587. Pract IV: Mental Health. 3 hours.
Advanced urban mental health practice; diversity issues; focus on
children and adolescents and their families; critical application of
current mental health diagnosis and classification. Course Information:
Prerequisite(s): SOCW 586.
SOCW 588. Pract III: School Social Work. 3 hours.
Response to intervention, tier-based model, ecological and strengths-based perspectives for the development of basic competencies for urban school social work; diversity issues. Course Information: Students take a (free) online course as part of the course requirement. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 431 and consent of the instructor.

SOCW 589. Pract IV: School Social Work. 3 hours.
Response to intervention, tier-based model, ecological systems, strengths perspective for practice in urban school systems; use of groups, consultation, classroom interventions, family empowerment, community interventions; diversity issues. Course Information: Students take a (free) online course as part of the course requirement. Prerequisite(s): SOCW 588.

SOCW 590. Practice Approaches. 3 hours.
Historical and current developments in the conceptualization of social work practice. Implications of practice approaches for contributing to social justice. Values and ethics addressed. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Social Work program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 591. Social Welfare Policy. 3 hours.
Analysis of social welfare policies with particular attention to issues of social and economic justice; conceptual models for analysis; application of models to selected problems. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Admission to the PhD in Social Work program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 593. Social Stats and Data Analysis. 3 hours.
Selected statistical and analytical methods as applied to social issues. Use of computerized tools, sampling, hypothesis testing, descriptive and inferential procedure, introduction to multivariate analysis. Course Information: Extensive computer use required. Prerequisite(s): Admission to Ph.D. in Social Work program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 594. Dissertation Proseminar. 3 hours.
Preparation in development of dissertation focus and planning of dissertation research. Readings are assigned and discussed in class. Emphasis on ideas for dissertation topic, its formulation, operationalization, and research design. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): SOCW 592 and SOCW 593.

SOCW 595. Social Work Ed Seminar. 3 hours.
Preparation for roles as social work educators. Historical development of social work education with special emphasis on relation between curriculum design and the accreditation process. Pedagogical issues such as selecting educational objectives, teaching methods, and evaluation of student performance. Students must participate in a teaching laboratory. Course Information: Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Social Work program.

SOCW 596. Proseminar: Selected Topics. 3 hours.
Review and critique of selected areas of social work content, theory, or practice. State of current knowledge and needed research stressed. Course Information: May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the Ph.D. in Social Work program or consent of the instructor.

SOCW 597. Applied & Gen Linear Regression. 3 hours.
Concepts and uses of multivariate statistical techniques as well as using the computer to do data analyses; use of Stata. Course Information: Extensive computer use required.

Individual research, under faculty direction, on social work doctoral dissertation. Course Information: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. Prerequisite(s): Consent of the instructor.