Social Work

The course of study consists of three major components: (1) required University Core Curriculum course work; (2) required social work major course work; (3) general University electives. The University's Core Curriculum program, required of all students pursuing a bachelor’s degree, is a carefully balanced series of courses of inquiry in the sciences, social sciences, humanities, fine arts, English and communication skills, mathematics, health, and multicultural studies. The University Core Curriculum courses in sociology, political science, economics, human biology and psychology are particularly relevant to the Social Work major.

The Social Work requirements in the curriculum include courses that define the role of the profession as it relates to society, politics, and the economy; that provide the conceptual framework to address problems and changed circumstances for individuals, families, groups, and communities; and that examine the structure, functions, policies, programs, and strategies of the social welfare system. Methods courses cover interviewing and interpersonal helping skills, problem solving, group theory, community organization, community development, and social research. This core of courses is designed to give students a solid foundation in understanding, creating and applying research that will help the students become effective professionals and to give the students the potential to add to the body of knowledge that will guide their daily decisions and behavior. The field practicum provides an opportunity to integrate theoretical knowledge and helping skills learned in the classroom with the real world settings of southern Illinois social service agencies. A concurrent weekly seminar supports this integration of theory and practice. The practicum is taken in the second semester of the senior year.

General University electives may be chosen from any University courses which are relevant to personal interests and/or social work. Students may use University electives to pursue a minor in a field of study related to social work major, for example: Africana Studies, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Child and Family Services, Criminology and Criminal Justice, etc.

Social work majors must maintain a minimum overall grade point average of 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale). Students admitted into the program must achieve at least a grade of C in SOCW 275 & SOCW 383 courses and maintain at least a 2.25 overall grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in each semester to remain in the program.

Students must have an overall grade point average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) in Core Social Work Courses (SOCW 275, SOCW 383, SOCW 400A, SOCW 400B, SOCW 401, SOCW 402, SOCW 411 and SOCW 421) to enroll in field practicum (SOCW 441 & SOCW 442).

The School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 1701 Duke St. Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457, Phone: (703) 683-8080.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work, College of Education and Human Services

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### Social Work Courses

**SOCW275 - Social Welfare as Social Inst** 275-3 Social Welfare as a Social Institution. Explores the interdependence of social, cultural, political and economic factors in the history and practice of social welfare with special reference to development of the social work profession. Focus on service integration and coordination in community-based delivery systems in rural areas, especially for poor and oppressed populations.

**SOCW291 - Social Servcs Minority Groups** 291-3 Social Services and Minority Groups. Exploration of the needs, experiences and attitudes of minority populations pertaining to delivery of social services in rural settings. Emphasis on relationship of cultural diversity to practice, policy and research content.

**SOCW295 - Volunteerism & Service** 295-1 to 6 Volunteerism and Service Learning in Social Work. This course is designed for freshmen and sophomores who are volunteering service to community, social service, or health agencies in southern Illinois. Credit based upon time spent in direct service. Mandatory Pass/Fail.

**SOCW350A - SW Special Issues Practice** 350A-1 (1 credit per topic) Social Work Special Issues-Practice. May be repeated up to 2 semester hours. Topics will be selected. Limit to no more than one credit hour per semester. Restricted to junior standing or higher.
SOCW350B - SW Special Issues Policy 350B-1 (1 credit per topic) Social Work Special Issues-Policy and Planning. May be repeated up to 2 semester hours. Topics will be selected. Limit to no more than one credit hour per semester. Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW350C - SW Special Issues-Welfare 350C-1 (1 credit per topic) Social Work Special Issues-Public Welfare Services. May be repeated up to 2 semester hours. Topics will be selected. Limit to no more than one credit hour per semester. Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW361 - Child & Family Services 361-3 Child and Family Services. Problems of child-parent relationships and difficulties in social functioning of children and adolescents. Adoptions, foster home and institutional placements, protective services. Focus on services in rural areas. Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW363 - Social Work with the Aged 363-3 Social Work with the Aged. Basic concepts of social work methods applied to the older adult group. Characteristics of the aged group, its needs and potentials. Social trends and institutions involved in services to the aged. Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW366 - Public Policies & Programs Aged 366-3 Public Policies and Programs for the Aged. An introduction to public policy, program and planning for the aged. A framework is utilized for analyzing policy issues, programs and research in such areas as income maintenance, long term care, transportation, leisure time, housing and social services in order to aid present and future practitioners who work with the aged. Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW383 - Social Work Interviewing 383-3 Social Work Interviewing and Interpersonal Helping Skills. This is an introductory course on interpersonal skills in social work practice within a systems context. Intake, interviewing and recording are emphasized. Focus on practice in multi-service settings. Prerequisite: PSYC 102. Restricted to Social Work majors only. Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW396 - Readings in Social Work 396-1 to 3 Readings in Social Work. Varying elective topics not ordinarily covered in depth in regular courses and of specific interest to advanced students. Special approval needed from the instructor.

SOCW397 - Statistics for SW 397-3 Statistics for Social Work. Statistical methods as applied to social work, focusing on basic descriptive and inferential statistics and their relationship to social work research. Students are provided with statistical methods and models that are applicable to social work research. Lastly, students are prepared to critically analyze published research and apply statistical principles in their own research. Restricted to Social Work majors only at junior standing or higher.

SOCW400A - HSBE in SW I 400A-3 Human Behavior and the Social Environment in Social Work I. The first of two courses that examine the normal and dysfunctional life span development from a systems theory perspective. This course focuses on the behavior of individuals and families. It also explores the impact of the environment and the implications for generalist practice with rural populations. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: PLB 115 or ZOOL 115 or ANTH 240A and SOC 108. Restricted to Social Work majors only at junior standing or higher.

SOCW400B - HSBE in SW II 400B-3 Human Behavior and the Social Environment in Social Work II. The second of two courses that examines the normal and dysfunctional life span development from a systems theory perspective that is used to examine the theoretical and practice implications of the life cycle as they relate to the development of groups and organizations. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: PLB 115 or ZOOL 115 or ANTH 240A and SOC 108. Restricted to Social Work majors only at junior standing or higher.

SOCW401 - Generalist Practice I 401-3 Generalist Practice in Social Work I. The first of two courses, which prepares for generalist practice. Focuses on intervention skills with individuals and families at a beginning level of proficiency. Emphasis on assessment and treatment in multi-service agencies in rural settings. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: SOCW 275 and SOCW 383. Restricted to Social Work majors only at junior standing or higher.

SOCW402 - Generalist Practice II 402-3 Generalist Practice in Social Work II. Generalist practice skills and knowledge with groups, organizations and communities at beginning level of proficiency. Emphasis on assessment and treatment in multi-service agencies in rural settings. Not for graduate
credit. Prerequisite: SOCW 275 and SOCW 383. Restricted to Social Work majors only at junior standing or higher.

**SOCW411 - Research Methods in SW** 411-3 Research Methods in Social Work. Social work research in generalist practice. Examines the principles, concepts and methods of scientific investigation in terms of its application to social work research and practices. Provides basic skills for self-assessment research in field practicum in spring semester. Not for graduate credit. Prerequisite: SOCW 397, SOC 308, QUAN 402, MATH 282, PSYC 211 or approved statistics course. Restricted to Social Work majors only at junior standing or higher.


**SOCW441 - Field Practicum** 441-9 Field Practicum. Students are expected to complete 420 hours in an approved social service agency during the course of the semester. Utilizes learning contracts with goals, objectives and evaluation to integrate course content into practice, including practice self-assessment. Not for graduate credit. Mandatory Pass/Fail. Restricted to senior standing with GPA of 2.50 in core social work courses. Prerequisites: SOCW 275, 291, 383, 400A, 400B, 401, 402, 411, 421. Must be taken concurrently with weekly practicum seminar, SOCW 442.

**SOCW442 - Field Practicum Seminar** 442-3 Field Practicum Seminar. The seminar assists the student who is in field practicum to systematically conceptualize and integrate the field experience with generalist systems theory, skills and knowledge. The seminar builds on and reemphasizes content provided in previous social work courses. Seminar discussion focuses on shared fieldwork experiences: practice issues related to social work principles, ethics and professionalism, and intervention strategies. Not for graduate credit. To be taken concurrently with SOCW 441.

**SOCW446A - Sel Topics: Counsel w/Indivdls** 446A-3 Selected Topics: Social Work Counseling With Individuals. (Same as SOCW 546A) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446B - Sel Topics: Practice w/Groups** 446B-3 Selected Topics: Social Work Practice with Groups. (Same as SOCW 546B) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446C - Sel Topics: SW Intervention** 446C-3 Selected Topics: Social Work Intervention with Traumatic Stress Events. (Same as SOCW 546C) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446D - Sel Topics Medical Social Work** 446D-3 Selected Topics: Medical Social Work. (Same as SOCW 546D) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446E - Sel Topics: Substnc Abuse & MH** 446E-3 Selected Topics: Substance Abuse and Mental Health. (Same as SOCW 546E) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446F - Sel Topics: SW Family Therapy** 446F-3 Selected Topics: Social Work Family Therapy. (Same as SOCW 546F) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446G - Sel Topics Admin Grant Writing** 446G-3 Selected Topics: Administration and Grant Writing. (Same as SOCW 546G) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446H - Sel Topics: Child Welfare** 446H-3 Selected Topics: Child Welfare. (Same as SOCW 546H) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

**SOCW446I - Sel Topics: Spirituality** 446I-3 Selected Topics: Spirituality. (Same as SOCW 546I) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.
SOCW446J - Selected Topics: Adoption 446J-3 Selected Topics: Adoption. (Same as SOCW 546J) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW446K - Military Social Work 446K-3 Selected Topics: Military Social Work. (Same as SOCW 546K) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.

SOCW446L - Selected Topics: Other 446L-3 Selected Topics: Other. (Same as SOCW 546L) (May be repeated with different sections). Restricted to junior standing or higher.


SOCW478C - Intl Social Work India 478C-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-India. Provides an international perspective for the study of social work groups, organizations and communities. Focuses on the examination of assessment and problem solving interventions and cross-cultural comparisons of policy and practice.


SOCW496 - Independent Research in SW 496-1 to 3 Independent Research in Social Work. Provides opportunity for students to conduct independent research with the guidance of a faculty member. Topics of research are identified by the student and faculty member. Special approval needed from the instructor.


SOCW501 - Generalist Practice 501-3 Generalist Practice. This course emphasizes the development of advanced intervention skills related to generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities in multiple-service, community-based agencies characteristic of rural areas. Restricted to admission to the program.

SOCW502 - HSBE for Social Work 502-3 Perspectives on Human Behavior for Social Work Practice. Selective examination of the theoretical basis of development and inter-relational aspects of individuals and families throughout the life span. Normal development stages and impacts of social systems on the growth of individuals in diverse populations of rural areas is emphasized. Prerequisite: eligibility for advanced standing. Must be taken concurrently with SOCW 512 and SOCW 522. Grade of B or better is required. Restricted to admission to the School of Social Work with eligibility for advanced standing.

SOCW504 - Ethnic Diversity 504-2 Ethnic Diversity in Social Work. Examination of issues involved in delivering social services to various ethnic and cultural groups. Sensitizes students to personal, familial, or community problems of ethnic or cultural origin. Implications for understanding social services to populations who have experienced discrimination are discussed. Restricted to admission to the program.

SOCW505 - Foundations of SW Service 505-2 Foundations of Social Work and Services. Examination of both historical and philosophical developments of the social welfare system as an institution and social work as a profession in the United States. Future trends in social work education and practice are predicted based on social and political mentality prevailing at present time. Restricted to admission to program.

SOCW510 - Families and Groups 510-3 Families, Groups and Organizations in Social Work. Examination of systems and advanced generalist practice theories within the context of rural, integrated and multiple-service social services delivery systems. Specific practice examples will be used to facilitate understanding of how theory guides practice with families, groups, organizations and communities. Restricted to admission to the program.

SOCW511 - Social Work Research 511-3 Social Work Research. This course emphasizes the importance of scientific inquiry within social work practice and covers the application of basic concepts of research methodology to social work including problem formulation, research design, sampling, measurement, and data analysis. Includes single-system methodology as it applies to social work practice in rural areas. Prepares students to conduct an individualized single-system project based on practice intervention with clients or systems in their practicum setting in the final semester of their studies. Prerequisite: an introduction to statistics course or concurrent enrollment allowed. Restricted to admission to the program.

SOCW512 - Advanced SW Research 512-3 Advanced Social Work Research. Selective examination of inductive and deductive methods in social work knowledge building. Includes research methodologies and group designs as applied to social work practices in rural areas. Prepares students to conduct an individualized single-system project based on practice intervention with clients or systems in their practicum setting in the final semester of their studies. Prerequisite: eligibility for advanced standing. Must be taken concurrently with SOCW 502 and 522. Grade of B or better is required to continue in the advanced standing program. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW520 - Social Work Practice II 520-3 Social Work Practice II. Foundation practice focusing on process, methods, and skills for work with groups, communities, and organizations. Prerequisite: SOCW 510.
SOCW521 - Social Work Policy 521-3 Social Work Policy Practice. Examines the historical development of social welfare and professional social work in Europe and the United States. The course introduces a systematic framework for policy analysis with particular attention paid to policies affecting diverse rural populations, women and minorities. Restricted to admission to the program; restricted to social work graduate students only.

SOCW522 - Advanced SW Policy Practice 522-3 Advanced Social Work Policy Practice. Selective examination of the historical development of social welfare and professional social work in Europe and the United States. Uses a systematic framework for policy analysis with particular attention paid to policies affecting women, low income, oppressed, and diverse rural populations. Prerequisite: eligibility for advanced standing. Must be taken concurrently with SOCW 502 and 512. Grade of B or better is required to continue in the advanced standing program. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW530 - Subst Abuse & SW Practce 530-3 Substance Abuse and Social Work Practice. In-depth knowledge of social work assessment of both individuals and families involved in substance abuse. Students are provided with advanced knowledge and skills in various social work intervention models applicable to the area of substance abuse.

SOCW531 - Psychosocial Disorders 531-3 Psychosocial Disorders in Social Work Practice. This course provides a basic knowledge of psychopathology and how it impacts individual functioning and family dynamics. Students become familiar with the theoretical basis and the basic structure of DSM-IV and models of interdisciplinary clinical practice in mental health. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B).

SOCW532 - Program Evaluation for SW 532-3 Program Evaluation for Social Work. This course focuses on the application of research methods especially in evaluating programs or program components in the area of concentration and to the practicum experience. Includes content on self-evaluation in practice. Prerequisite: grade of B or better in SOCW 511 or SOCW 512 and an introduction to statistics course. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW533 - SW Practice in Schools 533-2 Social Work Practice in the Schools. In-depth examination of the history and practice of social work in primary and secondary schools. Roles of school social workers and practice approaches are emphasized. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses, SPED 408 or SPED 420. Restricted to admission to the School of Social Work certification program.

SOCW535 - Legal Aspects of SW Practice 535-3 Legal Aspects of Social Work Practice. Examination of law and legal procedures that relate directly to social work practice in general. Legal perspectives of a specific concentration field of practice are discussed in depth.

SOCW541A - Foundation Seminar I 541A-2 Foundation Seminar I. Seminar which is taken concurrently with Foundation Practicum I. The seminar emphasizes the relationship between the practicum experience, social work practice, policy, human behavior and the social environment (HBSE) and research curricula. Restricted to admission to the program.

SOCW541B - Foundation Practicum I 541B-2 Foundation Practicum I. Field practicum which is taken concurrently with Foundation Seminar I and is a structured and supervised on-site field practice in a selected agency. Practicum is equivalent to 12 hours per week for 15 weeks (a total of 360 hours) over two semesters. Graded S/U. Restricted to admission to the program and concurrent registration in SOCW 541A.

SOCW542A - Foundation Seminar II 542A-2 Foundation Seminar II. Seminar which is taken concurrently with Foundation Practicum II and serves as a continuation of SOCW 541A. The seminar emphasizes the relationship between the practicum experience, social work practice, policy, human behavior and the social environment (HBSE) and research curricula. Prerequisite: SOCW 541A&B. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW542B - Foundation Practicum II 542B-2 Foundation Practicum II. Field practicum which is taken concurrently with Foundation Seminar II and serves as a continuation of SOCW 541B, which is a structured and supervised on-site field practice in a selected agency with concurrent seminar. This is the second on-site field practice with concurrent seminar. Continuation of SOCW 541B. Graded S/U.
Prerequisite: SOCW 541A&B and concurrent registration in SOCW 542A. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

**SOCW543A - Adv Practicum Seminar I**
543A-3 Advanced Practicum Seminar I. Concentration specific practicum seminar with concurrent field practicum, SOCW 543B. Practicum seminar focuses on the application of advanced generalist theory, knowledge and skills covered in the curriculum within the specific concentration area (Children, Youth and Families/School Social Work; Health/Mental Health). Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B). Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

**SOCW543B - Advanced Practicum I**
543B-3 Advanced Practicum I. On-site concentration specific field practice in an approved agency with appropriate supervision equivalent to 20 hours per week for 15 weeks (a total of 607 hours is required to be completed in two semesters) with a concurrent seminar. The practicum focuses on the application of advanced concentration theory, knowledge and skills covered in the curriculum. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, 542A&B). Concurrent enrollment required in SOCW 543A. Graded S/U. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

**SOCW544A - Adv Practicum Seminar II**
544A-3 Advanced Practicum Seminar II. A continuation of the concentration specific practicum seminar concurrent field practicum SOCW 544B. Continuation of SOCW 543A. Prerequisite: SOCW 543A&B and registration in SOCW 544B. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

**SOCW544B - Advanced Practicum II**
544B-3 Advanced Practicum II. A continuation of the concentration specific practicum of 20 hours per week in the field for 15 weeks with a concurrent seminar, SOCW 544A. Graded S/U. Continuation of SOCW 543B. Prerequisite: SOCW 543A&B and concurrent registration in SOCW 544A. Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

**SOCW546A - Sel Topics:Counsel Individuals**
546A-3 Selected Topics: Social Work Counseling with Individuals. (Same as SOCW 446A) (May be repeated with different sections).

**SOCW546B - Sel Topics: Practice w/Groups**
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SOCW546L - Selected Topics: Other 546L-3 Selected Topics: Other. (Same as SOCW 446L) (May be repeated with different sections).

SOCW550 - SW Practice in H/MH 550-2 Social Work Practice in Health and Mental Health Settings. Examination of social and emotional impacts of illness and death on individuals. Implications of physical and mental disorders to social work practice are discussed with particular emphasis on cultural, racial, religious, gender and other psychosocial aspects of illness. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B).

SOCW551 - Adv SW Practice I: H/MH 551-3 Advanced Social Work Practice I: Health and Mental Health. This is the first of a two-part course that emphasizes health and mental health delivery within systems theory and an advanced generalist practice skills framework. Includes case studies and exercise aimed at practice with diverse populations in rural areas. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B). Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.


SOCW555 - Adv Policy & Practice: H/MH 555-3 Advanced Policy Analysis and Practice: Health and Mental Health. This course applies a systematic analytical framework for a critical and in-depth analysis of federal, state and local policies that shape programs affecting health and mental health in rural settings. Examines how policy impacts practice with diverse populations. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B). Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.


SOCW559 - Aging & Mental Health 559-3 Aging and Mental Health. (Same as GRON 559) Examination of the nature and etiology of mental health problems facing older Americans. Review of research reports to build a theoretical basis for mental disorders.

SOCW560 - SW Practice Children & Youth 560-2 Social Work Practice with Children and Youth. Advanced level of knowledge and skills that are relevant to the prevention and amelioration of problems related to maladaptive parent-child interaction, parental inability to provide child care, parents’ unrealistic expectations of a physically and mentally limited child. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B). Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW561 - SW Practice I: C, Y & F 561-3 Social Work Practice I: Children, Youth and Family. This is the first part of a two-part course that emphasizes family-centered practice (family preservation, integrated services) within systems theory and an advanced generalist practice skills framework. Includes case studies and exercises aimed at practice with diverse populations in rural areas. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B). Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW565 - Adv Policy & Practice: CYF 565-3 Advanced Policy Analysis and Practice: Children, Youth and Families. This course applies a systematic analytical framework for a critical and in-depth analysis of federal, state and local policies that shape programs affecting children, youth, and families in rural settings. Examines how policy impacts practice with diverse populations. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B). Restricted to Master of Social Work students only.

SOCW565B - School SW Policy & Prog 565B-3 Advanced Policy Analysis: Children, Youth and Families. This course applies a systematic analytical framework for a critical and in-depth analysis of federal, state and local policies that shape programs affecting children, youth and families in rural settings. Examines how policy impacts practice with diverse populations. Prerequisite: completion of foundation transition courses.


SOCW570 - Gerontology & Social Work 570-3 Gerontology and Social Work. Examines the major psycho-social and ecological theories of human aging within the framework of social work practice. Extrapolations of those theories and application of them to social work practice and research are emphasized.

SOCW575 - Policy & Program Issues Aging 575-3 Policy and Program Issues of Aging. (Same as GRON 575) Examination of public policies that impact on the quality of life of the elderly. Major programs are identified and analyzed. Future policy issues are discussed.

SOCW576 - Selected Topics in Aging 576-1 to 6 Selected Topics in Aging Practice Issues. Examination of selected knowledge and skills useful for gerontological social work practice. In-depth study on specific topics will be conducted. Prerequisite: SOCW 570.

SOCW577 - Selected Topics: Research 577-1 to 4 Selected Topics in Research. Individualized advanced research projects related to student interest. Graded S/U. Prerequisite: completion of foundation or transition courses (SOCW 502, 512, & 522 or SOCW 500, 501, 504, 510, 511, 521, 541A&B, & 542A&B).

SOCW578 - International Social Work 578-3 to 6 International Social Work. Critical examination of the nature and scope of social welfare programs in other nations including: personal social services, income maintenance, health care and social development programs.


SOCW601 - Continuing Enrollment 601-1 per semester Continuing Enrollment. For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs or who are in the process of working on their dissertation, thesis, or research paper. The student must have completed a minimum of 24 hours of dissertation research, or the minimum thesis, or research hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF only.

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