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The course of study consists of three (3) major components: (1) required University Core Curriculum course work; (2) required social work major course work; and (3) general university electives. The School of Social Work is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), 1701 Duke Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314-3457, Phone: 703-683-8080.

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 student must achieve an overall 2.0 grade point average (GPA) (on a 4.0 scale) on their university core requirements.

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.

Social Work majors must achieve a minimum grade of C in SOCW 275 & SOCW 383 and maintain a minimum overall 2.25 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in their requirements for the social work major. Further, social work majors must achieve a minimum 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) in their social work major core courses (SOCW 275, SOCW 291, SOCW 383, SOCW 400A, SOCW 400B, SOCW 401, SOCW 402, SOCW 411, and SOCW 421) to enroll in field practicum (SOCW 441 & SOCW 442).

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. The student must achieve an overall 2.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) on their general electives unless otherwise noted for specific minors.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work Requirements

Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
University Core Curriculum Requirements	39
Requirements for Major in Social Work	60

Degree Requirements	Credit Hours
ANTH 240A, PLB 115 or ZOOL 115, SOC 108, POLS 114, PSYC 102 and ECON 113 or ECON 114	(9)+6
Foundations of Social Work: SOCW 275, SOCW 291, SOCW 400A, SOCW 400B, SOCW 411, and SOCW 421	18
Social Work Practice: SOCW 383, SOCW 401, SOCW 402, SOCW 441, and SOCW 442	21
Social Work Policy, Practice, and Issues: A total of 6 hours selected from SOCW 350A, SOCW 350B, SOCW 350C), SOCW 361, SOCW 446A, SOCW 446B, SOCW 446C, SOCW 446D, SOCW 446E, SOCW 446F, SOCW 446G, SOCW 446H, SOCW 446I, SOCW 446J, SOCW 446K, SOCW 446L, SPED 420, or other approved 300 or 400 level University courses (ask for list of highly-suggested Social Work electives)	6
SOCW 291	3
At least two Liberal Arts electives at the 300 or 400 level selected from: anthropology, philosophy, history, political science, psychology or sociology (ask for list of highly suggested Liberal Arts electives)	6
An introduction to statistics course: SOCW 397, PSYC 211, SOCW 308, HCM 365, MATH 282 or QUAN 402	3
General Electives	21
Total	120

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 Work Minority Groups 291-3 Social Work with 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 & Service Learning. 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 - HBSE 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.

SOCW421 - Social Welfare Policy 421-3 Social Welfare Policy. In-depth examination of current social welfare policy and program issues in the context of social welfare history in the United States. Utilizes a systematic analytical framework for critical study of multiple causal factors (socio-economic, cultural, governmental structure). Prerequisites: ECON 113, POLS 114, SOCW 275. Not for graduate credit. 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.

SOCW478A - Intl Social Work - Germany 478A-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Germany. 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.

SOCW478B - Intl Social Work Mexico 478B-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Mexico. 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.

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.

SOCW478D - Intl Social Work Bangladesh 478D-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Bangladesh. 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.

SOCW478E - Intl Social Work Canada 478E-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Canada. 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.

SOCW478F - Intl Social Work South America 478F-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-South America. 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.

SOCW478G - Intl Social Work Asia 478G-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Asia. 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.

SOCW478H - Intl Social Work Africa 478H-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Africa. 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.

SOCW478I - Intl Social Work Classroom Based 478I-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Classroom Based. 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.

SOCW478J - Intl Social Work Other 478J-1 to 6 International Social Work: Generalist Policy and Practice-Other. 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.

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