

Social Work Courses

Courses

SOWK 5178. Independent Study.

Students will engage in independent work for one credit through one of three pathways: state of the art study, participate in research, or complete additional practicum hours.

1 Credit Hour

5 Total Contact Hour

0 Lab Hour

0 Lecture Hour

5.333 Other Hour

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5278. Independent Study.

Students will engage in independent work for one credit through one of three pathways: state of the art study, participate in research, or complete additional practicum hours.

2 Credit Hours

10 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

10.666 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5300. The Social Work Profession.

Introduction to human service delivery systems in the U.S. with an emphasis on the social work profession, its mission, philosophy, ethics, and diverse fields.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5311. Human Behav in Soc Wk Envir I.

This course will contribute to the generalist social worker's ability to understand and critically analyze the interactions among families, groups, organizations, and communities.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5312. Human Behav in Soc Wk Envir II.

In this course, students will gain an understanding of what physical, mental, social, and economic justic hazards can adversely impact an individual's growth and development during their lifetime.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5313. Research Project.

Requires that students apply knowledge of the research process through active participation in an original research project under the direction of the course instructor.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5315. Clinical Assessment.

An introduction to competency-based assessment of psychological disorders, substance abuse disorders, the ecological perspective on mental health and the bio-psychosocial framework for assessment and intervention.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

SOWK 5316. Culturally Grounded Social Wk.

This course covers emerging trends in cultural competence and adaptation, and the culturally-grounded perspective from a standpoint of intersectionality. Students will examine the impact of discrimination, oppression, and economic deprivation on disenfranchised populations and theoretical and historical perspectives on racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, ageism, ableism, and other forms of discrimination and powerlessness with an emphasis on social work in the U.S.-Mexico Border region. Students will develop awareness of their own culture and attitudes, beliefs, and responses to diversity within the context of professional social work values and culturally responsive practice.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5320. Assessment & Interv in Spanish.

The development of skills and a theoretical basis for advanced social work practice with Spanish dominant clients using the Spanish language and conducting assessments and interventions that are culturally and linguistically competent.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of CPSY,EPHY,GUID,PH,REHC,SOWK

SOWK 5330. Social Work Practice I.

Develops knowledge, values, and skills in the application of practice theory including the use of professional communication skills in engagement, assessment, intervention, and termination in work with diverse individuals.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5331. SOWK Theory & Pract w/Indiv.

This course will assist students in developing knowledge, values, and skills in the application of theory and practice, including the use of professional communication skills in engagement, assessment, intervention, and termination in work with diverse individuals.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5332. SOWK Theory & Pract w/Families.

This course continues to build on the series of theory and practice courses to advance their knowledge and skills in family social work practice. This course will focus on specific interventions in the assessment and treatment of family problems within a border context. Students will examine theories related to family systems and family therapy.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5333 w/B or better)

SOWK 5333. SOWK Theory & Pract w/Groups.

This course builds upon the generalist practice course series to expand student's knowledge and practice skills in social work group theory and practice. Using an evidence based practice lens, students will expand their group practice skills and knowledge with clients in various social work settings. Students will critically examine how race, culture, gender, class, and stressors influence the group process.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5331 w/B or better)

SOWK 5335. Foundation Practicum I.

Foundation Practicum I (0-1-15) The first foundation practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and integrative seminar that integrates knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in social work practice in the border region.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

SOWK 5336. Foundation Practicum II.

Foundation Practicum II (0-1-15) The second foundation practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and an integrative seminar that integrates knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in social work practice in the border region.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

SOWK 5337. Foundation Intensive Pract I.

Foundation Intensive Practicum I (0-1-15) is an alternative course option to SOWK 5335. It is the first foundation practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and integrative seminar that integrates knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in social work practice in the border region. In addition, students participate in weekly supervision provided by a faculty member eligible to provide supervision as per CSWE criteria.

3 Credit Hours

15 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5300 w/C or better AND SOWK 5311 w/C or better AND SOWK 5312 w/C or better AND SOWK 5330 w/C or better AND SOWK 5340 w/C or better)

SOWK 5338. Foundation Intensive Pract II.

Foundation Intensive Practicum II (0-1-15) is an alternative course option to SOWK 5336. It is the second foundation practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and integrative seminar that integrates knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in social work practice in the border region. In addition, students participate in weekly supervision provided by a faculty member eligible to provide supervision as per CSWE criteria.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5337 w/P or better)

SOWK 5340. Social Work Practice II.

Uses social work knowledge, values, and skills in the application of practice theory to work with families and groups, with particular emphasis on work with families in border regions.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5345. Advanced Practicum I.

Advanced Practicum I (0-1-15) The first advanced practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and an integrative seminar that integrates advanced social work knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in the border region setting.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

SOWK 5346. Advanced Practicum II.

Advanced Social Work Practicum II (0-1-15) The first advanced practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and an integrative seminar that integrates advanced social work knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in the border region setting.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

SOWK 5347. Advanced Intensive Prac I.

Advanced Intensive Practicum I (0-1-15) is an alternative course option to 5345. It is the first advanced practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and an integrative seminar that integrates advanced social work knowledge of theory, practice skills, continued development of social work perspective, attitudes, ethics and values in the border region setting. In addition, students participate in weekly supervision provided by a faculty member eligible to provide supervision as per CSWE criteria.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5338 w/P or better)

SOWK 5348. Advanced Intensive Pract II.

Advanced Intensive Practicum II (0-1-15) is an alternative course option to 5346. It is the second advanced practicum course in which students participate in planned direct practice experience and an integrative seminar that integrates advanced social work perspectives, attitudes, ethics and values in the border region setting. In addition students participate in weekly supervision provided by a faculty member eligible to provide supervision as per CSWE criteria.

3 Credit Hours

16 Total Contact Hours

1 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

15 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5347 w/P or better)

SOWK 5357. Social Policy I.

Course is designed to provide students with the ability to analyze contemporary social welfare policy issues and programs to understand the relationship between social policy and social work practice.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5358. Risk & Resilience in Families.

Principles, processes, policies, and practices in the promotion of the resilience and the reduction of risk in families across the life span.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5360. Social Policy II.

This course focuses on the process and analysis of social policy development, including identification, selection, implementation, and evaluation. The course will include advanced content on policy advocacy.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

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SOWK 5365. Social Work in Healthcare.

Uses ecological theory, stressing a bio-psychsocial approach to practice, taking into account the entire person in his/her unique environment.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

SOWK 5367. Social Wk w LGBTQI.

Social Work with the LGBTQI Community This course focuses on providing information and skills to allow social workers to provide culturally competent service to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex individuals in the border region. This course will provide students with advanced social work knowledge, skills, and values needed for practice with sexual minority populations at the individual, family, group, organization, and community levels. Students learn about the history and contemporary mechanisms of oppression constraining people of marginalized gender identities and sexual identities in order to create social change and promote social justice in practice settings and policy work.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

SOWK 5370. Social Work Research.

Presents an overview of evidence-based social work practice, including assessing, evaluation, and use in practice of existing, original research data and processes for designing and conducting research projects.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5375. Social Work & the Aging.

Using a bio-psycho-social approach in assessment and intervention with the elderly. The course presents social work roles and models for assessment and intervention with the client and his/her support system.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5378. Independent Study.

Students will engage in independent work through one of three pathways: state-of-the-art study, participate in research, or do additional practicum hours.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

0 Lecture Hours

3 Other Hours

SOWK 5379. Soc Wk with Military Families.

Students will gain familiarity with the issues and resources available to address issues of individuals and families affiliated with the US military. Formal and informal military structures, including benefits structures, military culture, active duty, reserve and retired military structures will be explored. The history of social work within the military will be examined. Issues members of the military or military families may present to social service workers will be examined. Issues related to discrimination and oppression within the military will be discussed. Ethical concerns that emerge from social work practice with military families will be addressed.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5380. Social Work in the Bdr Regn.

An introduction to social work in a multi-cultural, international region, with emphasis on social work with Hispanic families. A review of social development on the U.S.-Mexico border.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

SOWK 5381. Multicultural Macro Practice I.

This first of a two-semester course sequence builds on the generalist foundation, providing advanced knowledge and skills in macro-level practice to prepare for leadership roles in communities and organizations. The first semester focuses on cross-cutting skills relevant to all macro practice domains.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5382. Multicultural Macro Practice II.

This second of a two-semester course sequence builds on the generalist foundation, providing advanced knowledge and skills in macro-level practice to prepare for leadership roles in communities and organizations. The second semester focuses on two of the major domains of practice (Community Organizing and Human Services Management), applying knowledge and skills in the first semester to practice in these domains.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

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SOWK 5383. SOWK Th & Pract-Hum Srv Org.

The course provides advanced knowledge and skills to prepare social workers for practice within human service organizations. The content is framed within a strengths perspective that recognizes the importance of social work values and our mission of promoting social and economic justice in the US-Mexico Border region. Students will examine social work roles within organizations, examine how values and ethics undergird organizational practice, and develop skills in assessment and intervention strategies at the organizational level of practice.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

Prerequisite(s): (SOWK 5333 w/C or better)

SOWK 5385. Administration & Supervision.

An introduction to social work supervision and administration. Emphasis on leadership and oversight of agencies and social work staff. Theory and practice of social work supervision.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

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SOWK 5393. Special Issues in Social Work.

The first of two foundation courses in which students have the opportunity to integrate social work theory and practice for effective professional intervention in generalist practice with individuals, families, groups and human service agencies and organizations.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK

SOWK 5395. International Social Work.

An in-depth study of international social work and social welfare emphasizing global poverty, income inequality, women in development, human rights, and human trafficking.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Major Restrictions:

Restricted to majors of SOWK