

# SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

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## **SWK 121 - Introduction to Social Work**

**Credit Hours: 2, Contact Hours: 2**

Division: Social Science

In this class we will gain basic knowledge about the varying and diverse areas of social work including the health care systems, rural and urban settings, criminal justice systems, systems that work with the elderly, various private and public agencies and schools. We will explore and build an understanding of client populations who may be in need of social work services. In addition, we will assess our own experiences, interests and knowledge that may guide us in the field of social work. Group 2 course. Communications - Direct, Critical Thinking - Direct, Infused: Writing Intensive.

Corequisites: SWK 170

## **SWK 170 - Service Internship Orientation**

**Credit Hours: 1, Contact Hours: 1**

Division: Social Science

Orientation and preparation for introductory internship experiences in social work areas. For example, introduction to use of supervision, supervisory evaluation, self-evaluation and varying agency structures and functions. Opportunities for internships will also be introduced. This class is done in class and seminar format. Group 2 course. Critical Thinking - Direct.

Corequisites: SWK 121

## **SWK 211 - Social Interviewing Skills**

**Credit Hours: 3, Contact Hours: 3**

Division: Social Science

Introduction to types, purposes and stages of interviewing. Basis empathy skill development will be for observation, listening, non-verbal communications, rapport building, information giving and information gathering. Beginning training in recording and documentation. Emphasis will be on self-monitoring and working with culturally diverse, oppressed or psychologically maladaptive clients. In addition, we will explore building relationships with clients that is focused on the strengths of the client. Group 2 course. Communications - Direct, Critical Thinking - Direct, Infused: Writing Intensive.

Recommended Prerequisites: SWK 121, SWK 170, completion of ENG 111/11 or placement into ENG 111.

## **SWK 221 - Introduction to Social Welfare**

**Credit Hours: 3, Contact Hours: 3**

Division: Social Science

This course explores the historical development of social welfare in the United States, how it has defined social services and implications of they have had on society today. It also reviews modern social welfare systems and the existing attitudes, philosophies and the implications of economic, political and cultural conditions. Varying major theories of behavior are also explored as they relate to social work and the clients in need of services. The course also explores the importance of social workers in social action through understanding the different political perspectives influencing the formation of welfare policy. Group 2 course. Communications - Direct, Critical Thinking - Direct, Infused: Writing Intensive.

Required Prerequisites: SWK 121, SWK 170

Recommended Prerequisites: PLS 101, ENG 11/111 or higher

## **SWK 290 - Social Work Internship**

**Credit Hours: 3, Contact Hours: 3**

Division: Social Science

This course helps to prepare students for the generalist practice in the field of social work. This is a field instruction course that students will engage in direct practice of social work education. Students will complete 120 hours in a human service agency. This placement will provide an opportunity to observe social workers while they work, as well as assisting in general service delivery under close supervision. Students must complete the 120 hours in one semester. Group 2 course. Critical Thinking - Direct.

Required Prerequisites: SWK 121, SWK 170

Recommended Prerequisites: SWK 211

## **SWK 290A - Academic Service/Internship**

**Credit Hours: 1-4, Contact Hours: 1-4**

Division: Social Science

Recommended Prerequisites: SWK 121, SWK 170