

# SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

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## SWK 121 - Introduction to Social Work

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

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 course. We will also explore the internship process that is part of the social work program, including finding and securing a placement, safety procedures and an understanding of various agency structures and functions. Group 2 course. Communications - Direct, Critical Thinking - Direct, Infused: Writing Intensive.

Required Prerequisite(s): none

Recommended Prerequisite(s): none

## 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 Prerequisite(s): SWK 121, and 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 Prerequisite(s): SWK 121

Recommended Prerequisite(s): 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 Prerequisite(s): SWK 121

Recommended Prerequisite(s): SWK 211

## SWK 290A - Academic Service/Internship

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

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