

# SOCIAL WORK (SOWK)

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## **SOWK 6011 - Social Welfare Policies & Prog (3 Credits)**

Examines the history and current structures of social policies and services, the role of policy in service delivery and the role of practice in policy development. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

## **SOWK 6020 - Achieving Justice Diverse Wrld (3 Credits)**

Historical, political, and socio-economic forces that maintain oppressive structures, values, attitudes, and behaviors in society are examined. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

## **SOWK 6021 - Hum Behav/Social Environment (3 Credits)**

Lays the theoretical groundwork for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations over the lifespan. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor. Offered: Fall.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

## **SOWK 6031 - Direct Practice Methods (3 Credits)**

Provides students with the knowledge, values and skills to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate individuals. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 6021. Offered: Fall.

Lecture hours: 3

## **SOWK 6032 - Theory/Pract Families/Groups (3 Credits)**

Provides students with the knowledge, values and skills to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate families and groups. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program and completion or concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6021. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

## **SOWK 6033 - Theory/Pract Comm/Organization (3 Credits)**

Provides students with the knowledge, values and skills to engage, assess, intervene and evaluate communities and organizations.

Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program and completion or concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6021. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

## **SOWK 6041 - Research in Social Work (3 Credits)**

Provides students with the knowledge, values, and skills to employ evidence-based interventions to evaluate practice. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

## **SOWK 6051 - Generalist Practice Field Seminar I (1 Credit)**

This first of two Generalist Practice Year Field Seminar courses provides MSW students with the opportunity to analyze and process their work in the field, further integrating classroom learning with social work practice experiences in the field placement. Prerequisites: Completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 6020, SOWK 6021, SOWK 6031, SOWK 6011; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6055 and written consent of MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 1

Other hours: 1

## **SOWK 6052 - Generalist Practice Field Seminar II (1 Credit)**

This second of two Generalist Practice Year Field Seminar courses provides MSW students with the opportunity to analyze and process their work in the field, further integrating classroom learning with social work practice experiences in the field placement. Prerequisites: Completion of SOWK 6020, SOWK 6021, SOWK 6031, SOWK 6011, SOWK 6051, SOWK 6055; completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 6032, SOWK 6033, SOWK 6041, and a 6000-level elective; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6056; and written consent of MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 1

Other hours: 1

## **SOWK 6053 - Foundation Field Seminar Block (2 Credits)**

Lecture hours: 2

**SOWK 6055 - Generalist Practice Field Experience I (3 Credits)**

The first of two Generalist Practice Year Field Experience provides MSW Students an opportunity to integrate classroom learning and apply generalist social work knowledge, values, and skills in a practice setting with vulnerable populations. Field placements are coordinated before the semester begins and are under the supervision of an experienced master social worker to facilitate a wide range of learning opportunities that supports the development of generalist practice. Students will complete 225 clock hours (approximately 16 hours per week) in the field agency. No prior life or work experiences will be accepted in lieu of field experience. Prerequisites: Completion of, or current enrollment in SOWK 6020, SOWK 6021, SOWK 6031, SOWK 6011; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6051; and written consent of MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 6056 - Generalist Practice Field Experience II (3 Credits)**

This second of two Generalist Practice Year Field Experience provides MSW Students an opportunity to integrate classroom learning and apply generalist social work knowledge, values, and skills in a practice setting with vulnerable populations. Field placements are generally a continuation from the Fall semester field experience and are under the supervision of an experienced master social worker to facilitate a wide range of learning opportunities that supports the development of generalist practice. Students will complete 225 clock hours (approximately 16 hours per week) in the field agency. No prior life or work experiences will be accepted in lieu of field experience. Prerequisites: Completion of SOWK 6020, SOWK 6021, SOWK 6031, SOWK 6011, SOWK 6051, SOWK 6055; completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 6032, SOWK 6033, SOWK 6041, and 6000-level elective; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6052; and written consent of MSW Field Director. Offered: Spring.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 6057 - Foundation Field Exp Block (6 Credits)**

Lecture hours: 6

**SOWK 6130 - School Social Work (3 Credits)**

Overview of the various social work-related theoretical perspectives, models, and programs for intervention with children and their families in school settings. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 6131 - Family Violence Across Lifespa (3 Credits)**

Examines the various forms of violence in families, including intimate partner abuse, child abuse and elder abuse and best practices to meet their needs. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the instructor.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 6132 - Grief/Loss in Soc Wrk Practice (3 Credits)**

This elective course focuses on engaging, assessing, intervening, and evaluating individuals, families, and groups experiencing grief and loss. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 6133 - Soc Wrk Prac w/Older Adults (3 Credits)**

Examines the development stages of later adulthood, the aging process and best practices in meeting the needs of older adults. Prerequisites: Graduate admission; admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 6134 - Special Topics in Social Work (3 Credits)**

Topics vary from semester to semester depending on the needs and interest of the students and the southwest Georgia service area. Prerequisites: Graduate admission; admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 6460 - International Social Welfare P (3 Credits)**

This course will analyze key economic, political, and social policies currently affecting vulnerable populations around the world and the role of social work in addressing these issues, both internationally and locally. Students review and apply policy frameworks that promote human rights and sustainable development to a range of international problems such as poverty, health, status of women and children, the impact of global warming, etc. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7010 - Ethic Decis Making in Sowk Pra (3 Credits)**

This course assists students acquire the knowledge base for identifying ethical issues and the skills necessary to resolve ethical dilemmas in clinical practice. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the instructor.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7011 - Legal/Ethical Iss Chld/Fam Pol (3 Credits)**

Critical examination of current and proposed policies impacting children, vulnerable adults, and families over the lifespan. Prerequisites: Completion SOWK 6011 or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7021 - Family Dynam Through Life Cycl (3 Credits)**

Provides the advanced theoretical bases for understanding complex family processes over the lifespan. Prerequisites: Completion of SOWK 6011 or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7031 - Assessment/Pract w/Child/Adole (3 Credits)**

Examination of theories of childhood and adolescent development, clinical methods of engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7021. Offered: Fall.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7032 - Assessment and Practice w/Fami (3 Credits)**

Focuses on clinical engagement, assessment, planning, intervention, and evaluation with families. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021. Offered: Spring.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7033 - Assess/Pract Vulnerable Adults (3 Credits)**

Focuses on clinical engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation with vulnerable adults. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7041 - Evaluation Practice Child/Fami (3 Credits)**

Applying research knowledge, values, and skills to the evaluation of clinical practice and services for children and families over the lifespan. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6041 or admission to the ASU Graduate School and the permission of the Instructor. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7051 - Specialized Clinical Practice Field Seminar I (1 Credit)**

This first of two Specialized Clinical Practice Field Seminar courses provides MSW students with the opportunity to analyze and process their work in the field, further integrating classroom learning with social work practice experiences in the field placement. Offered only in the Fall semester. Prerequisites: Completion of SOWK 6052 and SOWK 6056; completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021, SOWK 7041, SOWK 7031, and SOWK 7131; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7055: Specialized Clinical Practice Field Experience I; written consent of MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 1

Other hours: 1

**SOWK 7052 - Specialized Clinical Practice Field Seminar II (1 Credit)**

This second of two Specialized Clinical Practice Field Seminar courses provides MSW students with the opportunity to analyze and process their work in the field, further integrating classroom learning with social work practice experiences in the field placement. Offered only in the Fall semester. Prerequisites: Completion of SOWK 7051 and SOWK 7056; completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7032, SOWK 7033, SOWK 7011, and 7000-level elective; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7056; written consent of MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Spring.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 1

Other hours: 1

**SOWK 7053 - Advance Field Block Seminar (2 Credits)**

Lecture hours: 2

**SOWK 7055 - Specialized Clinical Practice Field Experience I (3 Credits)**

The first of two Specialized Clinical Practice Year Field Experience courses provides MSW Students an opportunity to integrate classroom learning and apply clinical social work knowledge, values, and skills in a practice setting with vulnerable populations. Field placements are coordinated before the semester begins and are under the supervision of an experienced master social worker to facilitate a wide range of learning opportunities that supports the development of clinical practice. Students will complete 225 clock hours (approximately 16 hours per week) in the field agency. No prior life or work experiences will be accepted in lieu of field experience. Prerequisites: Completion of all Generalist Practice Year course requirements, concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7021, SOWK 7031, SOWK 7041; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7052; and written consent of the MSW-Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7056 - Specialized Clinical Practice Field Experience II (3 Credits)**

This second of two Specialized Clinical Practice Year Field Experience courses provides MSW Students an opportunity to integrate classroom learning and apply specialized clinical practice social work knowledge, values, and skills in a practice setting with vulnerable populations. Field placements are generally a continuation from the Fall semester field experience and are under the supervision of an experienced master social worker to facilitate a wide range of learning opportunities that supports the development of clinical practice. Students will complete 225 clock hours (approximately 16 hours per week) in the field agency. This course is only offered in the Spring semester. No prior life or work experiences will be accepted in lieu of field experience. Prerequisites: No prior life or work experiences will be accepted in lieu of field experience. Prerequisites: Completion of all first Specialized Clinical Practice Year coursework, SOWK 7031, SOWK 7033, SOWK 7011; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7052; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7057 - Advance Field Experience Block (6 Credits)**

Lecture hours: 6

**SOWK 7130 - Soc Work Prac Abus/Neglect Fam (3 Credits)**

Examines the historical, legal, and best practices with abusing and neglecting families. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program and successful completion of SOWK 6021, SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7131 - Psychopathology/Psychopharmaco (3 Credits)**

This course prepares social workers to understand the medical model of mental health practice (e.g., DSM-5-TR, mental health diagnosis, medications, etc.) and its place in clinical social work practice.

Prerequisites: Admission to the ASU Graduate School. Offered: Fall, Summer.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7132 - Social Work with Groups (3 Credits)**

Knowledge, values, and empirically supported practice skills for leading competent group work with children, adolescents, families, and vulnerable adults from diverse backgrounds. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7133 - Behav Methods Soc Wrk Practice (3 Credits)**

Examines brief behavioral and cognitive methods for treating a wide range of human problems, crises, and mental disorders. The course focuses on conceptualizing and assessing client problems, identifying appropriate treatment goals, developing comprehensive and differential treatment plans, conducting interventions, and evaluating client outcomes using research, consultation, and supervision. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**SOWK 7134 - Soc Wrk Prac Substnce Abus Fam (3 Credits)**

Presents theories and methods in the assessment, prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation of individuals with substance use disorders and their family members. Provides an overview of the causes of substance use disorders, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning. Focuses on treatment theories and techniques applied to working with individuals and families impacted by Substance Use Disorders. Selected theories include self-help approaches, cognitive and behavioral theories, family systems theory, harm reduction, and motivational interviewing. Substance abuse treatment models with diverse populations is examined. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7135 - Soc Wrk Prac/Military Families (3 Credits)**

Evidence-based theories and methods in the engagement, assessment, prevention, intervention, rehabilitation and evaluation with military personnel, veterans, and their families. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7136 - Case Management (3 Credits)**

Examination of theories, knowledge and clinical skills required for case management practice. Content focuses on inter-professional collaborative team-based approaches for patient/client assessment, care planning, service delivery coordination, and evaluating outcomes. Emphasis is on organizational context, theoretical models, social work roles, culturally sensitive approaches, biopsychosocial assessments, triage, advocacy, interdisciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration, record keeping, and supervision in case management. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**SOWK 7137 - Crisis Intervention (3 Credits)**

Examination of the impact of specific crises on individuals and families such as lifethreatening illness, trauma, physical and mental disability, and death. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7138 - Supervision in the Social Scie (3 Credits)**

Course focuses on the acquisition of the roles and essential knowledge and skills of supervisors, leaders, and administrators in social service organizations. Includes management and organizational theories, and research and theory regarding the practice of supervision. Students gain an understanding of the agency context and purposes, interpersonal insights and skill development, the importance of procedural and technical expertise, and ethical decision-making to address the complex problems facing leaders in social work. Prerequisites: Successful completion of SOWK 6021; SOWK 6031; SOWK 6032; and SOWK 6033. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

Other hours: 3

**SOWK 7139 - Global Research (3-6 Credits)**

A variable content elective graduate course focusing on selected topics in social work and social welfare. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program or admission to the ASU Graduate School and consent of the instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3-6

**SOWK 7141 - Directed Independent Study (3-6 Credits)**

An individualized research study of a social work issue conducted under the direction and supervision of graduate faculty. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program, written consent of the sponsoring faculty member, and written consent of the MSW Program Director. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7155 - Field Experience Elective I (1 Credit)**

Requires 75 clock hours of elective field work in an approved MSW-supervised social work setting. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program, completion of SOWK 6051; SOWK 6052; SOWK 6055; and SOWK 6056; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**SOWK 7156 - Field Experience Elective II (2 Credits)**

Requires 150 clock hours of elective field work in an approved MSW-supervised social work setting. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program, completion of SOWK 6051; SOWK 6052; SOWK 6055; and SOWK 6056; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**SOWK 7157 - Field Experience Elective II (3 Credits)**

Requires 225 clock hours of elective field work in an approved MSW-supervised social work setting. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program, completion of SOWK 6051; SOWK 6052; SOWK 6055; and SOWK 6056; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator. Offered: Fall, Spring.

**SOWK 7158 - Core Components and Skills for Trauma-informed Practice (3 Credits)**

This course will introduce students to the use of 12 common trauma-informed practice elements using an anti-racist framework in the intervention and treatment of traumatized children and their families. The course provides a trajectory for intervention that considers the impact of trauma, the intervention objective(s) that can be used to ameliorate that impact, and the identification of practice elements that, if used skillfully, will support the intervention objective. Thus, the course highlights how effective use of common trauma-informed practice elements relies on the interconnection of the impact of trauma, intervention objectives, and practice elements in the context of a sound therapeutic relationship.

Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Graduate.

Lecture hours: 3

**SOWK 7400 - Policy in Rural Areas (3 Credits)**