

SOCIAL WORK COURSE LISTINGS

Graduate Course Descriptions: MSW Foundation Year

SOWK 6011: Social Welfare Policies & Programs 3

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. *Cr. 3. Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program or the permission of the instructor. Offered in the Fall semester.*

SOWK 6020: Achieving Justice in a Diverse World 3

Historical, political and socio-economic forces that maintain oppressive values, attitudes, and behaviors in society are examined. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program or the permission of the instructor. Offered in the Fall semester and some Summer sessions.*

SOWK 6021: Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3

Lays the theoretical groundwork for social work practice with individuals over the lifespan. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program or the permission of the instructor. Offered in the Fall semester.*

SOWK 6031: Direct Practice Methods 3

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 in the Fall semester.*

SOWK 6032: Theory and Practice with Families and Groups 3

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 in the Spring semester.*

SOWK 6033: Theory and Practice with Communities and Organizations 3

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 only in the Spring semester.*

SOWK 6041: Research in Social Work 3

Provides students with the knowledge, values and skills to employ evidence-based interventions to evaluate practice. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW Program or consent of the instructor. Offered only in the Spring semester.*

SOWK 6051: Foundation Field Seminar I 1

Connects the theoretical and conceptual contribution of the classroom with the practical world of the field practice setting. *Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6055: Foundation Field Experience I. Offered only in the Fall semester.*

SOWK 6052: Foundation Field Seminar II 1

Connects the theoretical and conceptual contribution of the classroom with the practical world of the field practice setting. *Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6056: Foundation Field Experience II. Offered only in the Spring semester.*

SOWK 6055: Foundation Field Experience I 3

MSW-supervised field experience of 225 clock hours. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program, successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6020, SOWK 6021, SOWK 6031, and SOWK 6055; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6051: Foundation Field Seminar I, and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator. Offered only in the Fall semester.*

SOWK 6056: Foundation Field Experience II 3
MSW-supervised field experience of 225 clock hours. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program, successful completion of first semester foundation coursework, completion of or concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6032, SOWK 6033, SOWK 6041; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 6052, and consent of MSW Field Coordinator. Offered only in the Spring semester.

Graduate Course Descriptions: MSW Advanced Concentration Year

SOWK 7010: Ethical Decision Making in Social Work Practice 3
Identification of ethical issues and the skills necessary to resolve ethical dilemmas, with attention given to making ethical decisions when confronted with conflicting choices or duties that occur within the context professional practice. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the Master of Social Work program or consent of Instructor.

SOWK 7011: Legal and Ethical Issues in Children and Family Policies 3
Critical examination of current and proposed policies impacting children, vulnerable adults and families over the lifespan. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all foundation year coursework or consent of instructor. Offered only in the Spring semester.

SOWK 7021: Family Dynamics Through the Life Cycle 3
Provides the advanced theoretical bases for understanding complex family processes over the life span. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all foundation year coursework or consent of instructor. Offered only in the Fall semester and some Summer sessions.

SOWK 7031: Assessment and Practice with Children and Adolescents 3
Examination of theories of childhood and adolescent development, methods of assessment, and the facilitation of change. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all foundation year coursework and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021. Offered only in the Fall semester.

SOWK 7032: Assessment and Practice with Families 3
Focuses on engagement, assessment, planning, and service provision to families. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all foundation year coursework and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021. Offered only in the Spring semester.

SOWK 7033: Assessment and Practice with Vulnerable Adults 3
Focuses on engagement, assessment and service provision with vulnerable adults. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all foundation year coursework and completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021. Offered only in the Spring semester.

SOWK 7041: Evaluation of Practice with Children and Families 3
Applying research knowledge and skill in social service programs for children and families over the lifespan. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all foundation year coursework or consent of instructor. Offered only in the Spring semester.

SOWK 7051: Advanced Field Seminar I 1
Opportunity to connect advanced coursework to social work practice with vulnerable children, families and adults in the field. *Prerequisites:* Concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7055: Advanced Field Experience I. Offered only in the Fall semester.

SOWK 7052: Advanced Field Seminar II 1
Continued opportunities to connect advanced coursework to social work practice with vulnerable children, families and adults in the field. *Prerequisites:* Concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7056: Advanced Field Experience II. Offered only in the Spring semester.

- SOWK 7055: Advanced Field Experience I 3**
 Advanced MSW-supervised placement of 225 clock hours. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7021, SOWK 7031, and SOWK 7041; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7051; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator. Offered only in the Fall semester.
- SOWK 7056: Advanced Field Experience II 3**
 Advanced MSW-supervised placement of 225 clock hours. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of, or concurrent enrollment in, SOWK 7032, SOWK 7033, and SOWK 7011; concurrent enrollment in SOWK 7052; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator. Offered only in the Spring semester.

Graduate Course Description of MSW Program Electives

- SOWK 6130: School Social Work 3**
 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 consent of the instructor.
- SOWK 6131: Family Violence Across the Lifespan 3**
 Examines the various forms of violence in families, including intimate partner abuse, child abuse and elder abuse. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor.
- SOWK 6132: Grief and Loss in Social Work Practice 3**
 This elective course examines theories and interventions related to grief and loss. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor.
- SOWK 6133: Social Work Practice with Older Adults 3**
 Examines the developmental stages of later adulthood, the aging process and best practices in meeting the needs of older adults. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor.
- SOWK 6134: Special Topics in Social Work 3**
 Topics vary from semester to semester depending on the needs and interest of the students and the southwest Georgia service area. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program or consent of the instructor.
- SOWK 7130: Social Work Practice with Abusing and Neglecting Families 3**
 Examines the historical, legal and best social work practices with abusing and neglecting families. *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program; successful completion of all foundation year coursework.
- SOWK 7131: Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology 3**
 Prepares social workers to understand the medical model of mental health practice (e.g., DSM IV, mental health diagnoses, psychiatric treatment, medications, etc.). *Prerequisites:* Admission to the MSW program or consent of instructor.
- SOWK 7132: Social Work with Groups 3**
 Knowledge, values and empirically-supported practice skills for competent group work with diverse children, adolescents and families. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all MSW foundation year course work.
- SOWK 7133: Behavioral Methods in Social Work Practice 3**
 Examines best practices in behavioral interventions in a variety of settings. *Prerequisites:* Successful completion of all MSW foundation year course work.

- SOWK 7134: Social Work Practice with Substance Abusing Families 3**
Provides theories and methods in the assessment, prevention, intervention and rehabilitation of substance abusers and their family members. *Prerequisites: Successful completion of all MSW foundation year course work.*
- SOWK 7135: Social Work Practice with Military Families 3**
Evidence-based theories and methods in the assessment, prevention, intervention and rehabilitation with military veterans and their families. *Prerequisites: Successful completion of all MSW foundation year course work.*
- SOWK 7136: Case Management 3**
Provides knowledge regarding the historical development, processes and models for case management in the social services. *Prerequisites: Successful completion of all MSW foundation year coursework.*
- SOWK 7137: Crisis Intervention 3**
Examination of the impact of specific crises on individuals and families such as life-threatening illness, trauma, physical and mental disability, and death. *Prerequisites: Successful completion of all MSW foundation year course work.*
- SOWK 7138: Supervision in the Social Services 3**
Provides the knowledge, values and skills necessary to provide competent supervision in social service organizations. *Prerequisites: Successful completion of all MSW foundation year coursework.*
- SOWK 7139: Special Topics in Social Work 3 - 6**
A variable content elective graduate course focusing on selected topics in social work and social welfare. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program and consent of the instructor.*
- SOWK 7141: Directed Independent Study 3 - 6**
An individualized research study of a social work issue conducted under the direction and supervision of graduate faculty. Course may be taken twice for up to three credits each or once for up to six credits. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program, written consent of the sponsoring faculty member, and written consent of the MSW Program Director.*
- SOWK 7155: Field Experience Elective I 1**
Requires 75 clock hours of elective field work (beyond the required 900 clock hours) in an approved MSW-supervised social work setting. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program; successful completion, or successful progress in, required field placement; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator.*
- SOWK 7156: Field Experience Elective II 2**
Requires 150 clock hours of elective field work (beyond the required 900 clock hours) in an approved MSW-supervised social work setting. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program; successful completion of, or successful progress in, required field placement; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator.*
- SOWK 7157: Field Experience Elective II 3**
Requires 225 clock hours of elective field work (beyond the required 900 clock hours) in an approved MSW-supervised social work setting. *Prerequisites: Admission to the MSW program; successful completion of, or successful progress in, required field placement; and written consent of the MSW Field Coordinator.*