SOCW Courses

Please note: The prerequisites listed below for SOCW 3361 and 3362 are correct. The UHD Catalog is incorrect at this time and will be corrected for the next catalog issue.

SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare
Prerequisite: none
An introduction to the broad field of social work, with an overview of the history and development of the profession and of social welfare in the U.S. Exploration of the ideology, values, and ethics core to the profession, fields of practice, and issues of professionalism. This course is open to non-social work majors.

SOCW 2363 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy
Prerequisite: none
A discussion of theoretical perspectives on policy development, an overview and history of social welfare policy in the United States, and an investigation of the affects of social welfare policy on the social contract, with a particular focus upon marginalized groups. This course is open to non-social work majors.

SOCW 3311 Urban Practice 1
Prerequisite: SOCW 2361 or may take concurrently
This course provides a foundation of the knowledge, values and skills required for ethical and effective generalist social work practice. Utilizing Strengths, Empowerment, Ecosystems and transcultural perspectives and methods, students learn to practice social work specifically with individuals and families from diverse backgrounds within their environmental context. To promote the well being of individuals and families, students learn culturally competent assessment and interview skills and data collection and intervention methods, and begin the process of professional development. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 3312 Urban Practice 2
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361 and SOCW 3311, or may take concurrently
Building on SOCW 2311, this course focuses on ethical and effective social work practice specifically with groups, organizations and communities grounded in empowerment, strengths and transnational perspectives. Institutional, organizational and group leadership skill development is strongly emphasized as well as structural change theory, practice techniques and evaluation methods for groups and larger systems. Professional development at this level focuses on affecting the well being of clients through organizational change from within social work agencies and organizations. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 3361 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361 or may take concurrently
HBSE I provides a foundation of knowledge for the use of empirically supported theoretical frameworks to understand human development and human behavior across the life span. Human development and behavior is understood from the multiple contexts of
biology, psychology, sociology and spirituality. Special emphasis is placed on the effects of social and economic oppression to fully contextualize human growth and development, and behavior. This course is open to non-social work majors, prerequisites still apply.

SOCW 3362 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361 or may take concurrently
Building on SOCW 3361, HBSE II continues the focus on human development and behavior across the life span with additional emphasis on utilizing and incorporating evidence-based evaluation of practice and program interventions as necessary at all levels of social work practice: individual, family, group, organizational and community. This course is open to non-social work majors, prerequisites still apply.

SOCW 3363 Urban Issues in a Global Environment
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361 and junior-level standing
An overview of contemporary urban life and the complexities of the urban form, with a focus on the impact of structure, location, and globalization upon different populations and how this impacts and is impacted by the social work profession. This course is open to non-social work majors, prerequisites still apply.

SOCW 3364 Social Justice & Professional Ethics
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361 and junior-level standing
An examination of professional values and ethics as codified by the NASW and the IFSW and the subsequent responsibilities to social justice incumbent upon social workers in every area of practice. This course is open to non-social work majors, prerequisites still apply.

SOCW 3313 Case Management
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361 and junior-level standing
Students apply their social work knowledge, values and skills to the organizational and technical process of case management. Specific emphasis is placed on ethical and effective case management skill development utilizing a real life and real time cases as presented by experienced local master level host social workers. Students will follow assigned cases throughout the course and learn to navigate and work effectively through and with bureaucratic and administrative systems to meet the needs of clients and to work to change these human service institutions and service delivery systems when unjust or inadequate. Integrating classroom learning with real world practice experience through this service learning component will help students begin the process of applying social work values and skills in preparation for field experience. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 4361 Comparative Social Policy
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 2363 and junior-level standing
An overview of policy development in the U.S. and in other countries; in-depth analyses of selected social policies in the United States with a comparison between other countries and the affects of policies on general well-being, with a focus on marginalized groups in society. This course is open to non-social work majors, prerequisites still apply.
SOCW 4311  Issues in Social Services
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 2363, SOCW 3311 and junior-level standing
An analysis of social service delivery systems and the complex web of services, exploration of the impact of bureaucratic administration upon service delivery, with a focus on the balancing of worker responsibilities while adhering to professional ethics, values, and a commitment to social justice. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 3331  Practice with Aging Populations
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 3311 & SOCW 3312 and junior-level standing
This course explores demographic, economic and social trends regarding the aging process and the experience of aging from a variety of perspectives including cultural variations. This class explores economic, social and psychological concerns of well and vulnerable elderly with a focus on marginalized populations. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 3332  Practice with Children & Adolescents
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 3311 & SOCW 3312 and junior-level standing
An exploration of the knowledge and practice skills specific for working with this vulnerable population. Attention is given to the child welfare and juvenile justice systems and to policy, trends, and skills for influencing legislative agendas which affect children and adolescents. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 4401  Field Experience 1
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 3311, SOCW 3312, SOCW 3364 and senior-level standing
Provides 200 hours of professionally supervised field experience. Students, under the supervision of an approved agency field supervisor, engage in generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities of great diversity. Field assignments, projects, and papers help students integrate and apply classroom learning. Weekly or Biweekly group seminars are designed to process and evaluate field experiences. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 4502  Field Experience 2
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 3311, SOCW 3312, SOCW 3364 and senior-level standing
Building on SW 4491, this course provides an additional 200 hours of supervised generalist social work field experience in a new or the same agency. Field assignments, projects, and papers focus on leadership skill development and the use of evidence-based interventions and practice evaluation. Field seminar expands to incorporate a greater focus on professional development to include capstone activities, graduate school and
employment readiness and licensure exam preparation. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 4331  Urban Community Organizing  
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 3311 & SOCW 3312 and junior-level standing  
An overview and critical analysis of the profession’s involvement in community organizing and the skills and techniques of effective organizing with various populations. This course has a service learning component. This course is only open to social work majors.

SOCW 4332  Crisis Intervention  
Prerequisites: SOCW 2361, SOCW 3311 & SOCW 3312 and junior-level standing  
An examination of crisis theory, models of intervention, intervention strategies at multiple levels across populations, and use and purposes of supervision. This course is only open to social work majors.