

SOCIAL WORK

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Insight

The next decade will see significant growth in the need for professionally trained social workers. We know that the scarcity of affordable housing, a growing older adult population, and the many implications of income inequality will place increasing demands on our communities—necessitating smart, innovative, and skilled social work interventions. Thus, if you are considering a career in social work, you've come at the right time—we are going to need you.

Experience

At both the undergraduate and graduate levels, there is a rich mix of students from various backgrounds, lifestyles, and traditions which results in a diverse context for gaining the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for social work practice and fighting for social justice. The profession of social work is guided by a set of key values which include service, social justice, respecting the dignity and worth of every individual, holding the importance of human relationships as central, integrity, and competence in practice. A degree in social work is highly respected, valuable, malleable, and offers prospects for a lifetime of opportunities in social service, government, and grassroots organizations.

The School of Social Work offers an undergraduate degree in social work as well as a master's in social work which may be completed in a one-year, two-year, or three-year program. Our programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (<https://www.cswe.org/accreditation/directory/>). The baccalaureate curriculum and the first year of the MSW curriculum are based upon competencies necessary for social work practice at the foundation level. The second year of the MSW curriculum prepares students for advanced social work practice. Faculty members assess students' progress in acquiring those competencies throughout their coursework, including all practicums. For more information, please refer to the undergraduate and graduate Social Work Student Handbooks on the School of Social Work (<http://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/>) website.

Field education (<https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/field-education/index.shtml/>) is known as the signature pedagogy for social work, and along with integrated coursework, provides students the practice skills and professional behaviors needed to be competent and prepared to enter the workforce. The Field Education Practicum is a requirement to graduate with a social work degree. Students are placed as interns in regional (https://www.csuchico.edu/swrk/_assets/documents/swrk-service-area.pdf) social service programs where they are provided opportunities to integrate social work knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to life situations experienced by clients in social service agencies. Students develop practice skills that reflect social work core competencies, values, and ethics. Successful completion of the field practicum requires a personal and professional commitment to these values and ethics that are the cornerstone of the social work profession.

Outlook

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the next decade will see a 16% increase in employment opportunities for social workers. Specifically, there will be a 14% growth in child, family, and school social work positions, a 20% growth in health care and medical social work positions, and a 19% growth in mental health and substance abuse positions.

For variety, few professions can compare with social work. While social workers are employed as lobbyists, administrators, and policymakers, they frequently choose to work directly with individuals, families, and groups of people who experience challenges that are economically, politically, and socially based. Social work is unique in its dedication to working with people who are economically disadvantaged. Among the settings that employ social workers are schools, hospitals, behavioral health clinics, private counseling services, addiction treatment centers, job training programs, adult and child social services, in-home services for older adults or persons with physical and health challenges, social welfare agencies, adult corrections, and juvenile probation.

Programs

Undergraduate

Bachelor's

- Social Work BA (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/social-work/social-work-ba/>)

Graduate

Master's

- Social Work MSW (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/colleges-departments/college-behavioral-social-sciences/social-work/msw/>)

See Course Description Symbols and Terms (<https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/course-description-symbols-terms/>) for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units.

SWRK 170 Social Welfare Institutions: A Response to Power and Scarcity 3 Units GE

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course identifies groups within American society which have a high risk of disenfranchisement. Societal responses established to reduce the impact of inequitable distribution of goods, services, and opportunities based on economic, medical, educational, generational, gender, and legal scarcity are studied. Issues are examined from historical and contemporary perspectives. 3 hours lecture. (009411)

General Education: Social Sciences (D)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Lower Division

SWRK 198 Special Topics 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: Department permission.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Typically the topic is offered on a one-time-only basis and may vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours supervision. (009414)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course more than once

Course Attributes: Lower Division

<p>SWRK 200 Diversity and Social Justice 3 Units USD</p> <p>Typically Offered: Fall and spring</p> <p>This course presents a framework for understanding and openly interacting with people from diverse backgrounds that compose the rich mosaic of the United States. The class is designed to promote ethnic-sensitive interpersonal relationships. Diverse people studied are distinguished by issues of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion/spirituality, generation, and national origin. Historical and cultural experiences shaping their lives and current reality are examined. The overall goal is for students to develop high regard for the worth and dignity of all people. 3 hours lecture. (009415)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Lower Division; U.S. Diversity</p>	<p>SWRK 320 Child Welfare 3 Units</p> <p>Typically Offered: Fall and spring</p> <p>This course acquaints students with the relevant history, concepts, and structure of the child welfare system. Areas of study include the examination of abuse, neglect, commercial sexual exploitation, foster and kinship care, permanency including adoption, intergenerational family issues, disproportionality and disparity, assessment, and service delivery. The focus is on the application of generalist social work knowledge, values, skills, and the problem-solving process to child welfare practices. The course content view the impact of gender and gender identity, ability, culture, ethnicity, economic status, sexual orientation, religion/spirituality, generation, and trauma and resilience across the lifespan on child welfare issues. This is a required course for the Title IV-E students. 3 hours lecture. (009425)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>
<p>SWRK 202 Human Behavior Across the Lifespan 3 Units</p> <p>Typically Offered: Fall and spring</p> <p>Using a systems framework and selected human behavior theories across the lifespan, the biological, social, psychological, and cultural influences on individuals, families, and groups are investigated. Particular emphasis is given to ethnic and cultural diversity and promoting student self-reflection across generations and cultural competence. 3 hours lecture. (021644)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Lower Division</p>	<p>SWRK 325 Basic Skills in Social Work Practice 3 Units</p> <p>Prerequisite: Social Work majors only.</p> <p>Typically Offered: Spring only</p> <p>Introduces students to the application of social work ethics and skills for social work practice. Includes the ecological systems framework, strengths perspective, and differential application of practice knowledge related to the needs of various groups characterized by gender, race, ethnicity, culture, generation, sexual orientation, class, and ability. Students learn basic interviewing and communication skills. 3 hours clinical. (009426)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>
<p>SWRK 303 Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3 Units</p> <p>Prerequisite: Social Work majors only.</p> <p>Typically Offered: Spring only</p> <p>Second of two human behavior and social environment theory courses relevant to social work practice. While SWRK 202 focuses on individuals and families across the lifespan from diverse backgrounds, SWRK 303 studies groups, organizations, institutions, and communities as social systems. Examines the reciprocal interactions between these larger social systems and diverse individuals and families. 3 hours lecture. (009423)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>	<p>SWRK 330 Social Work Research Methods 4 Units</p> <p>Prerequisite: Social Work majors only.</p> <p>Typically Offered: Spring only</p> <p>An introduction to the logic and styles of social work research. Particular attention is given to the nature of the scientific method, the methods of formulating research questions, the design of social research and the nature of scientific evidence. A laboratory provides application of research practice introduced in class. 3 hours discussion, 1 hour lecture. (008970)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>
<p>SWRK 305 Community and Organizational Change 3 Units</p> <p>Prerequisite: Social Work majors only.</p> <p>Typically Offered: Spring only</p> <p>This course provides students with a foundation in community-based change strategies. Students explore how individuals affect communities, how communities affect individuals, and how social workers can become involved to create social change in conjunction with community members. 3 hours lecture. (015907)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units</p> <p>Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>	<p>SWRK 397 Self-Care in Social Work Practice 1 Unit</p> <p>Typically Offered: Spring only</p> <p>This course acquaints students with the concept of self-care, specifically as it relates to social work professionals. Areas of study include ways to practice self-care, various domains of self-care, integration into personal and professional life, as well as how to build, maintain, and sustain self-care as a regular practice. 1 hour lecture. (022281)</p> <p>Grade Basis: Graded</p> <p>Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 1 unit</p> <p>Course Attributes: Upper Division</p>

- SWRK 398 Special Topics** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Topics will vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 3 hours supervision. (009420)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 399 Special Problems** 1-3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (009421)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 435W Social Work Methods I (W)** 3 Units W, GW
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement, SWRK majors only.
Corequisites: SWRK 489A.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Explores the dimensions of social work practice from a systems perspective: engagement, data collection, assessment, and planning. Students develop skills in building partnerships with clients, group leadership, culturally competent relationship building, problem/need partializing and prioritizing, goal setting, and collaborative planning. Values, ethics, and ethical decision making are emphasized. Students apply knowledge of social systems, human development across the lifespan, and diversity in assessing and planning with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. 3 hours clinical. (009427)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment
- SWRK 445W Social Work Methods II (W)** 3 Units W, GW
Prerequisite: GE Written Communication (A2) requirement, SWRK 170, SWRK 200, SWRK 202, SWRK 303, SWRK 325, SWRK 330, SWRK 435W, SWRK 485, SWRK 489A, SWRK majors only.
Corequisites: SWRK 489B.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course builds on Methods I by teaching the generalist method of social work practice. Students enhance their skills in engagement, assessment and planning, and develop skills in maintaining partnerships with clients, group facilitation, culturally sensitive and diverse change strategies, clarity of role, professional collaboration, evaluation of practice, and closure applied to social work practice in group work. The role of values, ethics and ethical decision-making are applied to intervention and evaluation. Students are expected to apply their knowledge of social systems, human development across the lifespan, and diversity in intervention and evaluation with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. To continue in the Social Work Professional Sequence students must earn a grade of C or higher in this course. 3 hours clinical. (009429)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course; Graduation Writing Assessment
- SWRK 474 Policy and Programs for Older Adults** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Spring only
 Examines major social policies, legislation, programs, models of service delivery, and funding related to the needs and concerns of older adults living in the US. Barriers to service availability and delivery to older populations-at-risk, and types of advocacy efforts to promote policy change are addressed. 3 hours lecture. (001570)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 478 Mental Health Wellness and Recovery** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This undergraduate course examines the concepts and practices of wellness, recovery, and resilience for individuals, families, and society. The course addresses mental health services including psychosocial rehabilitation, peer recovery, and other approaches to treatment. Underlying values and components of the recovery movement and recovery based programs are addressed in conjunction with a historical overview of mental health treatment in the United States. 3 hours lecture. (021319)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 481 Law and Disadvantaged Persons** 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
 Explores legal issues facing the poor, older adults, disabled, and minorities, and how to advance the legal rights of the disadvantaged. Family law, consumerism, small claims court, Social Security, welfare law, and landlord/tenant rights are addressed from theoretical and practical perspectives, with an emphasis on advocating those rights. 3 hours lecture. (009431)
Cross listing(s): POLS 481
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 485 Social Welfare Policy, Programs, and Services** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Social Work majors only.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course examines economic, historical, generational, political, intellectual, sociocultural, leadership, values, ideologies and other such factors that shape social welfare policy, programs, and services. The course addresses various frameworks for studying social welfare policy and examines the roles of policy makers, processes of social change, and the roles of social workers as facilitators of positive social change. 3 hours lecture. (009432)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

- SWRK 489A Social Work Practicum I** **6 Units**
Prerequisite: SWRK majors only.
Corequisites: SWRK 435W.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Students are placed in an approved social service agency and, under the supervision of a qualified field instructor, engage in generalist social work practice with multi-level client systems. The approved agency may be public, non-profit, or proprietary. The Director of Field Education facilitates student placement. 240 hours in the agency practicum are required. 18 hours supervision. (009434)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 489B Social Work Practicum II** **6 Units**
Prerequisite: SWRK majors only, department permission.
Corequisites: SWRK 445W.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course is a continuation of SWRK 489A. Interns remain in the same agency with the same field instructor to further develop their ethical foundation, skills, knowledge, and understanding of self in the delivery of social services with multi-level client systems. 240 hours in the agency practicum are required. 18 hours supervision. (009435)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 498 Special Topics** **1-3 Units**
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is for special topics offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Topics will vary from term to term and be different for different sections. See the Class Schedule for the specific topic being offered. 1 hour lecture. (009442)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course more than once
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 499 Special Problems** **1-3 Units**
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 This course is an independent study of special problems offered for 1.0-3.0 units. You must register directly with a supervising faculty member. 3 hours supervision. (009443)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 499H Honors in Social Work** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Faculty permission.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
 The student will work closely with faculty in a particular area of interest on an original project or research topic. The year-long collaboration culminates in a professional product for public presentation. 9 hours supervision. (009444)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
- SWRK 601 Human Behavior and Social Environment** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and acceptance to the MSW program or instructor permission.
Corequisites: SWRK 605, SWRK 608, SWRK 617, SWRK 631.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course provides understanding of human behavior and social environment from an eco-systemic and value-based perspective as applicable in social work practice. Content includes theories and knowledge of human, bio-psycho-social development, and the range of social systems (families, groups, organizations, institutions, and communities) in which individuals live. This course looks at the larger view of the interaction of human behavior and the social environment across the life span from the human ancestor and family genetic inheritance to birth, childhood, youth, adult life, old age, and death. 3 hours lecture. (009446)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 605 Social Welfare Policy and Services** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and acceptance to the MSW program or instructor permission.
Corequisites: SWRK 601, SWRK 608, SWRK 617, SWRK 631.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course examines economic, historical, political, intellectual, sociocultural, leadership, values, and ideologies and other factors which shape social welfare and economic policy, programs, and services. It addresses various frameworks for studying social welfare policy, programs, and services, and examines the roles of policy-makers, processes of social change, and the roles of social workers as facilitators of positive social change. Special emphasis is placed on effects of social and economic policy decisions on impoverished and oppressed people. 3 hours lecture. (009448)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 608 Generalist Social Work Theory and Practice I** **3 Units**
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and acceptance to the MSW program.
Corequisites: SWRK 601, SWRK 605, SWRK 617, SWRK 631.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This is an introductory course in generalist social work practice methods and skills of social work intervention with individuals. Attention is given to the historic development of social work practice, the nature and application of social work values and ethical principles, the theoretical framework of helping methods and the helping process of assessment, planning, intervention, termination, and evaluation. Emphasis is on a generalist approach to helping within an ecosystem approach for understanding the person-in-situation. A minimum of one hour per week will be devoted to skills development laboratory. 3 hours clinical. (009450)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 609 Generalist Social Work Theory and Practice II 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the first semester of the foundation year.

Corequisites: SWRK 610, SWRK 612, SWRK 632, SWRK 644.

Typically Offered: Spring only

This course is designed to provide a framework for systematic study of the components and issues involved in the practice of social work with groups and families. This course prepares the student to become familiar with the processes involved with group and family formation as well as ongoing processes of assessment, intervention, and evaluation. A minimum of one hour per week will be devoted to skills development laboratory. 3 hours clinical. (009451)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 610 Generalist Social Work Theory and Practice III 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the first semester of the foundation year.

Corequisites: SWRK 609, SWRK 612, SWRK 632, SWRK 644.

Typically Offered: Spring only

This course is designed to help students understand organizations, institutions, and communities, and to provide the knowledge bases of social work generalist practice for interventions at this level. It provides an opportunity to explore selected macro models of practice, and learn about human service organizations that often serve as an immediate context for community practice. A minimum of one hour per week will be devoted to skills development laboratory. 3 hours clinical. (009452)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 612 Diversity and Social Justice 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the first semester of the foundation year.

Corequisites: SWRK 609, SWRK 610, SWRK 632, SWRK 644.

Typically Offered: Spring only

This course is designed to assist graduate social work students in understanding and interacting in a culturally competent manner with the multitude of groups that are identified by race, culture, ethnicity, class, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability, and regional and national origins that compose the diverse cultural mosaic of the U.S. The course will also cover issues relating to international social work practice and the increasingly interconnected global economy. 3 hours lecture. (009447)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 617 Research Methods for Social Work Knowledge and Practice 4 Units

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the MSW program.

Corequisites: SWRK 601, SWRK 605, SWRK 608, SWRK 631.

Typically Offered: Fall only

This course provides an overview of social science and statistical research methods useful for social work practice. It provides the foundation knowledge and skills that enable students to be intelligent consumers of information, to conduct social research, and to critically evaluate social work practice. The application of social research methods to social work practice in various size systems is a primary emphasis. 4 hours lecture. (009449)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 631 Foundation Practicum 3 Units

Prerequisite: Graduate standing and acceptance to the MSW program.

Corequisites: SWRK 601, SWRK 605, SWRK 608, SWRK 617.

Typically Offered: Fall only

Foundation field education is an educationally supervised agency experience designed for students to apply the knowledge, skills, and values learned in their previous liberal arts and concurrent social work courses. Students complete a minimum of 240 hours of supervised practice and participate in a bi-weekly integrating seminar throughout the semester. In consultation with students, the Field Education Director makes agency assignments. 9 hours independent study. (009455)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 632 Foundation Practicum 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the first semester of the foundation year.

Corequisites: SWRK 609, SWRK 610, SWRK 612, SWRK 644.

Typically Offered: Spring only

Foundation field education is an educationally supervised agency experience designed for students to apply the knowledge, skills, and values learned in their previous liberal arts and concurrent social work courses. Students complete a minimum of 240 hours of supervised practice and participate in a bi-weekly integrating seminar throughout the semester. In consultation with students, the Field Education Director makes agency assignments. 9 hours independent study. (009456)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 636 Contemporary Issues in Social Work Practice and Research 4 Units

Prerequisite: Graduate standing, admission to the MSW program, and acceptance in the One-Year Program.

Typically Offered: Summer session only

This course is designed to examine contemporary issues in social work practice and research which serves as a foundation for students beginning the accelerated master's program. 4 hours lecture. (009458)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

- SWRK 641 Advanced Practice in Micro Social Work Settings** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Prepares students for differential assessment and intervention with individuals and families in various social work settings. Students develop knowledge and skills in psychosocial approach to advanced micro practice, crisis intervention, and other selected treatment approaches. Focus is on influences of culture, ethnicity, gender, race, age, sexual orientation, ability, spirituality, and generation in all phases of practice. 3 hours clinical. (009459)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 642 Advanced Practice in Families, Children, and Youth Services** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Corequisites: SWRK 643, SWRK 648, SWRK 653.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course prepares students for differential assessment and intervention with individuals and families with problems representative of the families, children, and youth focus area. Students develop knowledge and skills in the psychosocial approach to advanced ethnic-sensitive practice, crisis intervention, and other selected treatment approaches. The focus is on influences of culture, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, spirituality, and generation in all phases of practice. 3 hours clinical. (009460)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 643 Assessment of Individuals and Families** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course provides content on assessment of families and individuals experiencing problems-in-living, including biopsychosocial considerations. Includes assessment methods and diagnostic techniques, including mental status, person-in-environment (PIE), psychosocial, risk, and safety assessments, and use of current DSM. The legal, social, cultural, and ethnic factors impacting assessment and intervention are explored. 3 hours clinical. (009461)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 644 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of first semester of foundation year.
Corequisites: SWRK 609, SWRK 610, SWRK 612, SWRK 632.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course examines theories and research regarding work groups, organizations, and communities as contexts for social work practice and preparation for practice with larger systems. Includes the role of community power structures in the governance of systems, the change process, and their effects on the provision of services, including interactions between these systems and diverse individuals and families. 3 hours lecture. (009462)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: ABC/NC
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 648 Advanced Practicum I** 4 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 Advanced practicum under the supervision and instruction of an MSW field instructor. This course provides students with opportunities to apply and expand knowledge, values, and skills gained from previous and concurrent course work with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The Director of Field Education makes field assignments after consultation with the student and agency. Students complete 360 hours during the semester. 12 hours independent study. (009464)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 652 Supervision, Program Development, and Administration** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Typically Offered: Fall only
 This course provides an introduction and overview of methodologies for supervision, consultation, management, administration, and planning within social services settings. Leadership, decision making, conflict resolution, fiscal management, fundraising, legal issues, program and staff development, and work with boards are covered. 3 hours lecture. (009468)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 653 Research: Program Evaluation for Social Work** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course prepares students to design and conduct evaluative studies of social work interventions within the program context. Emphasis is on the development of evaluative research methods relevant to program evaluation. 3 hours lecture. (009469)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division
- SWRK 655 Advanced Policy Practice for Social Work** 3 Units
Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.
Typically Offered: Spring only
 This course prepares students to analyze social welfare and mental health policies and their impact on families, children, youth, adults, and older adults throughout the generations. Students examine the historic and current forces underlying the development of current policies and services. This course includes an analysis of alternative policy choices and their effect as a basis for intervention and service provisions at multi-system levels. 3 hours lecture. (009471)
Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 656 Advanced Social Work Macro Practice 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year or instructor approval.

Typically Offered: Spring only

This advanced course continues students' understanding of organizations, institutions and communities, and the knowledge bases of social work generalist practice for interventions at this level. It provides an overview of personnel management, organizational functioning, planning, and community practice processes for advanced year students. Themes include selected macro models of practice, management, financing, and governance of human service organizations. 3 hours lecture. (020082)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 658 Advanced Practicum II 4 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of foundation year.

Typically Offered: Spring only

Continuation and culmination of supervised advanced practice experience with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Students complete 360 hours during the semester. 12 hours independent study. (009472)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 673 Trauma and Loss 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the foundation year or instructor permission.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course examines issues of trauma and working with people who have experienced trauma or loss or are facing death. Several theoretical approaches are examined, with emphasis on expanding knowledge of trauma concepts, intervention models, specific populations-at-risk, and developing treatment strategies and techniques that help people heal from trauma and deal with losses or imminent death. Focus is on planned interventions with individuals and families in stressful situations through the use of primarily cognitive or problem-solving approaches. 3 hours lecture. (009488)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 674 Policies and Practice with Older Adults and Their Families 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the foundation year or instructor permission.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course is designed to provide students with the specialized knowledge base necessary for policy analysis and advanced social work practice with older Americans and their families. Students learn a variety of practice concepts, skills, models, and theories from a strengths perspective, to facilitate their gerontology social work practice. Focus is on social work practice with older ethnic and minority group members, women, and people who belong to other special population groups. 3 hours lecture. (009479)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 677 Substance Use: Etiology and Treatment 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the foundation year or instructor permission.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

This course examines the incidence and etiology of chemical dependence and its impact on individuals, families, and society. The course also addresses pharmacological properties and physiological, psychosocial, and cultural aspects of psychoactive substance use, assessment and classification of substance use disorders, and models of interventions and treatment. 3 hours lecture. (009482)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 678 Mental Health Wellness and Recovery 3 Units

Typically Offered: Fall only

This course is intended to provide students with relevant information regarding wellness, and recovery in the field of mental health. Concepts, roles and applications vital to community mental health practice are covered. The purpose of this course is to meet the need for mental health practitioners who are knowledgeable and have essential skills in the area of recovery and wellness. 3 hours lecture. (020991)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 681 Advanced Family and Child Treatment 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the foundation year.

Typically Offered: Spring only

This course builds on SWRK 641 to provide advanced knowledge and skills for students wishing to pursue advanced clinical treatment of families and children. Emphasis is on contemporary research, theories, and models of intervention with families and children. 3 hours lecture. (009486)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 687 Advanced Child Welfare 3 Units

Prerequisite: Satisfactory completion of the Foundation year or acceptance into the concentration year.

Typically Offered: Fall and spring

Title IV-E requirement. This course covers core knowledge and skills for the practice of social work, with an emphasis on child welfare practice. Content includes interviewing, assessment, and interventions, with special attention to problems and concerns related to child protection and family preservation. Students learn to apply a strengths perspective in an environmental context and to work collaboratively. Students learn to evaluate child and family information and to take appropriate steps toward permanency planning. In addition, the course covers the professional use of self within the values and ethics of social work practice. 3 hours lecture. (015912)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Graduate Division

SWRK 697 Independent Study**1-3 Units****Prerequisite:** Instructor and MSW Director permission.**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is a graduate-level independent study offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Students must register directly with a supervising faculty member and have approval of the MSW Director. 9 hours supervision. (009490)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division**SWRK 698 Special Topics in Social Work****1-3 Units****Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

Special topics course offered for 1.0-3.0 units. Course content is either a contemporary issue in social work or a topic related to California licensure requirements. 3 hours seminar. (009489)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: Graded**Repeatability:** You may take this course more than once**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division**SWRK 699P Master's Project****2 Units****Prerequisite:** Advancement to candidacy.**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is a master's study offered as a Master's Project. Students must register directly with a supervising faculty member and have approval of the MSW Director. 9 hours supervision. (009495)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division**SWRK 699T Master's Thesis****2 Units****Prerequisite:** Advancement to candidacy.**Typically Offered:** Fall and spring

This course is a master's study offered as a Master's Thesis. Students must register directly with a supervising faculty member and have approval of the MSW Director. 18 hours supervision. (009494)

Grade Basis: Report in Progress: CR/NC**Repeatability:** You may take this course for a maximum of 4 units**Course Attributes:** Graduate Division

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