

SOCIAL WORK (SOWK)

SOWK-240 Introduction to Social Work

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course presents a survey of social welfare and human service programs in the United States as a response to problems and needs within society. Issues relating to historical and contemporary social service institutions and their place in both an ethical and public context are examined. The course begins the professional foundation for social work.

SOWK-241 Social Work Generalist Practice

3 Credits

Lecture: 3 hours per week

Offering: Fall and Spring Only, All Years

This course is a continuation of SOWK-240 which introduced students to the social work profession in relation to social services in a social welfare system context. Elementary social work processes focus on an overview of the theoretical knowledge and methodological skills necessary for entry level practice in social work. Topics covered include generalist practice; social work values; principles of interviewing; assessment; confidentiality; contemporary theories of counseling; social work with individuals, groups, families and community practice; evaluation; general systems theory; cross cultural social work; working within a bureaucratic system; burnout; and the frustrations and satisfactions of being a social worker. Case examples are discussed and role-played to apply the theory that is presented.

Recommended Prerequisites: SOWK-240