

MSW Curriculum

Foundation Year

SW 7001 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I:

Socio-behavioral science base of social work practice; interrelationship of biological, psychological, social, and cultural determinants of human behavior; major biopsychosocial developmental achievements and adaptations of human beings from conception through death.

SW 7003 Social Welfare History and Policy:

Development of social work as a profession; evolution of social welfare policies and programs; nature of social policy and policy formulation.

SW 7005 Social Work Practice I:

Introduction to social work theory, principles, and intervention skills common to social work practice with individuals and families; psychosocial perspectives in intervention.

SW 7007 Foundation Field Internship I:

Application of foundation knowledge, skills, values, and ethics to practice in an approved internship agency. 240 clock hours.

SW 7009 Social Work Research I:

Standards and methods of scientific inquiry applied in social work research; concept formulation; research design; sources, collection, and presentation of data.

SW 7002 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II:

Social science base of social work practice; social systems in which human beings develop and live; focus on research related to social interaction.

SW 7004 Human Diversity and Oppression:

Social dynamics of human oppression; effects of institutional discrimination, inequality, stigma, and prejudice stemming from racism, sexism, ageism, and classism; implications of human oppression and multiculturalism for human behavior, social work practice, and social policy.

SW 7006 Social Work Practice II:

Techniques of working with various types of groups including treatment groups and planning action groups; community organization techniques.

SW 7010 Differential Diagnosis:

Diagnostic and treatment tools for examining the functionality of human behavior in the context of diverse social systems.

SW 7008 Foundation Field Internship II:

Application of knowledge, skills, values, and ethics to practice in an approved internship agency. 240 clock hours.

Advanced Year

SW 7501 Program & Practice Evaluation:

Types of research, designs, and instruments used in social work; research processes from specification to hypotheses and collection of data.

SW 7505 Advanced Direct Practice:

Advanced methods of effective individual, family, and group treatment of systemic issues in a holistic perspective.

SW 7502 Advanced Field Internship I:

Supervised internship in an approved agency setting where advanced knowledge, skills, values, and ethics are applied in the practice setting. 240 clock hours.

SW 7506 Community & Agency Contexts for Direct Practice Community: organizational, and social aspects of social work practice; indirect practice skills associated with effective social work practice in multiple service environments.

SW 7503 Advanced Field Internship II:

Supervised internship in an approved agency setting where advanced knowledge, skills, values, and ethics are applied in the practice setting. 240 clock hours..

SW 7504 Advanced Social Policy:

Dimensions and patterns of social policy; evolution and design of provisions and services; current issues, problems, and trends.

Four Elective Courses

Advanced Standing Curriculum

Students who have received a baccalaureate degree in social work from an undergraduate program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) may be eligible for admission into the advanced instruction phase of the MSW program.

Summer Semester

SW 7010 Differential Diagnosis:

Diagnostic and treatment tools for examining the functionality of human behavior in the context of diverse social systems.

NOTE: If this course was taken as a social work course and denoted on the transcript with an A or B, students do not have to enroll in the summer term. The start date will be fall.

Advanced Year • Fall Semester

SW 7501 Research II:

Types of research, designs, and instruments used in social work; research processes from specification to hypotheses and collection of data.

SW 7505 Advanced Direct Practice:

Advanced methods of effective individual, family, and group treatment of systemic issues in a holistic perspective.

SW 7502 Advanced Internship I:

Supervised internship in an approved agency setting where advanced knowledge, skills, values, and ethics are applied in the practice setting. 240 clock hours.

SW 7506 Community & Agency Contexts for Direct Practice Community: organizational, and social aspects of social work practice; indirect practice skills associated with effective social work practice in multiple service environments.

One elective course.

Advanced Year • Spring Semester

SW 7503 Advanced Internship II:

Supervised internship in an approved agency setting where advanced knowledge, skills, values, and ethics are applied in the practice setting. 240 clock hours. Three elective courses.

SW 7504 Advanced Social Policy:

Dimensions and patterns of social policy; evolution and design of provisions and services; current issues, problems, and trends.

Three elective courses