SOCIAL WORK

Social work is both a profession and a method of helping. As a profession, social work assists individuals, families, groups, organizations and the community to meet their needs, solve problems, obtain resources and achieve goals. As a method of helping, social work involves purposeful use of professional knowledge, skills and values to facilitate development and change in individuals or larger systems.

The Baccalaureate Social Work Program employs a liberal arts perspective that provides students with analytical, conceptual and interactional skills that allow them to identify client strengths and resources, to implement planned change and to intervene in problem situations.

The major in Social Work prepares students for professional generalist social work practice at the beginning level and for graduate study. The baccalaureate degree program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Faculty

PATRICIA CARL-STANNARD, M.S.W, L.C.S.W.
Clinical Assistant Professor

BRONWYN CROSS-DENNY, M.S.W, L.C.S.W., PH.D.
Assistant Professor, Interim Director

JOHN MCTIGHE, M.DIV., M.S.W., PH.D.
Assistant Professor

Major in Social Work

The major in Social Work requires the completion of 46 major credits, plus 18 – 19 credits of required supporting courses in Psychology, Biology, Political Science and Sociology.

The student is required to maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher and a GPA of 2.5 or higher in required major courses.

REQUIRED COURSES

- SW 101 Introduction to Social Work
- SW 224 Cultural Competency
- SW 265 Social Welfare as a Social Institution
- SW 266 Social Welfare Policy and Services
- SW 267 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I
- SW 268 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II
- SW 275 Social Work Practice I
- SW 278 Junior Field Practicum
- SW 279 Junior Field Practicum Seminar
- SW 375 Social Work Practice II
- SW 378 Senior Field Practicum I
- SW 379 Senior Field Practicum Seminar I
- SW 380 Senior Field Practicum II
- SW 381 Senior Field Practicum Seminar II
- SW 390 Research Methods for Social Work

REQUIRED SUPPORTING COURSES

- PS 110 Introduction to Psychology
- BI 010 The Nature of Life
- BI 030 The Human Body
- PO 121 Introduction to American Government
- SO 110 Sociological Imagination
- SO 215 Social Psychology: Macroprocesses Society
- SO 254 Society and Economic Change
Course Descriptions

SW 101 Introduction to Social Work  
3 CR  
Explores the profession of social work as a career choice. Focuses on generalist social work practice as a societal response to social problems with an orientation to professional knowledge, skills, values and ethics.  
Prerequisite: SO 101 or SO 110

SW 140 Perspectives on Family Violence  
3 CR  
The effects and characteristics of family violence from the legal, medical and social perspectives. Incidence and preconditions of child abuse, spousal abuse and elder abuse are studied.

SW 224 Cultural Competency  
3 CR  
Provides students with a framework for understanding how diversity characterizes and shapes the human experience and is critical to the formation of identity.

SW 265 Social Welfare as a Social Institution  
3 CR  
An introduction to the social service delivery system and resources, the values and ethics inherent in policy and the role of the social work profession. Includes a global perspective on comparative social welfare systems.  
Prerequisite: SW 101 and PO 121

SW 266 Social Welfare Policy and Services  
3 CR  
Examines how social policy is formulated and implemented with a focus on the inequalities and inequities in social welfare policy that express institutional discrimination. Emphasizes the development of macropractice skills.  
Prerequisites: PO 121, SO 254 and SW 265

SW 267 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I  
3 CR  
Theories of human development with emphasis on stages of the life cycle; human diversity; and the biological, psychological, socioeconomic, spiritual and cultural influences on development.  
Prerequisites: BI 010 or BI 030, PS 101 or PS 110 and SW 101

SW 268 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II  
3 CR  
A study of diverse family, group, community and organizational systems and their impact on human development and behavior. Theoretical knowledge and assessment skills are emphasized.  
Prerequisite: SW 267

SW 275 Social Work Practice I  
3 CR  
Emphasizes the generalist model of social work practice, the use of systems theory, the strengths perspective and professional values and skills to facilitate the planned change and problem-solving process.  
Prerequisites: Junior standing and SW 101

SW 278 Junior Field Practicum  
4 CR  
Internship for two days each week in a human service agency where students are professionally supervised in social work practice with clients and the community.  
Prerequisites: SW 265, SW 267, SW 275 and departmental evaluation for admission to Intermediate Major Status; Corequisite: SW 279

SW 279 Junior Field Practicum Seminar  
2 CR  
Taken concurrently with SW 278, this course facilitates, reinforces and supports field-based learning. Emphasizes engagement,
assessment, intervention planning, interviewing skills and professional values and ethics.
Corequisite: SW 278

**SW 299 Special Topics in Social Work**
3 CR
Designates new or occasional courses that may or may not become part of the program’s permanent offerings. Courses capitalize on a timely topic, a faculty member’s particular interest, an experimental alternative to existing courses, etc. Prerequisites established by the program as appropriate for the specific course. Course title is shown on the student’s transcript. Consult the current course schedule for available topics and current prerequisites.

**SW 375 Social Work Practice II**
3 CR
Examines intervention skills with families, groups, communities and organizations using the planned change process. Introduces spirituality in social work practice.
Prerequisite: SW 275

**SW 378 and SW 380 Senior Field Practicum I and II**
4 CR each
Professionally supervised Senior internship for two days each week. Integration of theory with practice and the development of appropriate skills and knowledge, along with professional identification, values and attitudes.
Prerequisites: SW 278 and SW 279 and evaluation for admission to Degree Candidacy status; Corequisites: SW 379 and SW 381

**SW 379 and SW 381 Senior Field Practicum Seminar I and II**
2 CR each
Emphasis is on professional development, the use of research methods to evaluate one’s own practice and application of theory from the entire curriculum to professional practice.
Corequisites: SW 378 and SW 380

**SW 390 Research Methods for Social Work**
4 CR
Development of research skills for evaluation and enhancement of social work practice. Emphasizes research designs, sampling, practice evaluation, program evaluation, measurement instruments and basic statistics.
Prerequisite: Junior standing