

## SOCIAL WORK

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School of Social Work  
College of Social Science**200 Introduction to Social Work**

Fall, Spring. 3(3-0)

Social work practice, ethics, and values, in the context of social welfare policy in the United States.

**290 Selected Topics in Social Work**

Spring. 2 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course.

Topics in social welfare, social policy, service delivery, research, theory, and practice. Basic social worker values and concepts.

**310 Human Behavior and Social Environment**

Fall. 3(3-0) P: (SOC 100 and PSY 101 and SW 200) and (HNF 150 or ZOL 141 or PSY 209 or PSL 250) and (PSY 200 or PSY 235 or PSY 236 or PSY 244 or PSY 270 or PSY 280 or PSY 371) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

General systems and ecological theories within the context of lifespan development as applied to social work.

**320 Social Work and Social Policy I**

Fall. 3(3-0) P: SW 200 and (EC 201 or EC 202) and (PLS 100 or PLS 140) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the School of Social Work.

History of social work and of public policy in welfare, health, and civil rights. History of social welfare and interaction with the social work profession. Role of the legislative policy-making process. Roles of social work professionals in policy analysis, implementation, evaluation, and advocacy. Diversity, social justice, and international policy issues.

**340 Foundations of Social Work Practice**

Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 310 and SW 320 R: Open to juniors or seniors in the School of Social Work.

Ethical and philosophical basis for generalist social work practice. Interviewing skills, assessment, and problem solving within an ecological-systems and developmental framework.

**420 Social Work and Social Policy II**

Fall. 3(3-0) P: SW 340 and (SW 440 or concurrently) and (SW 494A or concurrently) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the School of Social Work.

Role of social work administrative and agency policy and change processes. Interaction between social policy and social work services. Overview of policy analysis and select social welfare policies. Current changes in welfare, health, and civil rights policy and their impact on social work clients. Diversity, social justice, and international policy issues.

**430 Research Methods in Social Work I**

Fall, Summer. 4(3-2) P: MTH 110 or MTH 114 or MTH 116 or MTH 124 or MTH 132 or MTH 201 or MTH 152H or STT 200 or STT 201 or MTH 112 or approval of school R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students in the School of Social Work.

Research processes employing quantitative methods in the measurement of outcomes of social work intervention.

**431 Research Methods in Social Work II**

Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) P: SW 430 R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students in the School of Social Work.

Concepts and methodology for scientific evaluation of social work practice. Theory construction, research design, sampling, and data collection.

**440 Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups(W)**

Fall. 3(3-0) P: (SW 340) and completion of Tier I writing requirement R: Open to juniors or seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 494A concurrently.

Social work intervention with individuals, families, and small groups.

**441 Social Work Practice with Task Groups, Organizations and Communities**

Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 440 R: Open to juniors or seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 494B concurrently.

Planning and social intervention with task groups, organizations and communities.

**470 Foreign Area Studies in Social Work**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students in the School of Social Work.

Social work issues in settings outside the continental U.S.A.

**471 Child Welfare**

Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Social Work major and open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Social work practice and policy approaches to intervention. Needs and problems of children from the prenatal period through infancy, childhood, and adolescence.

**472 Social Work in Health Care**

Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Social Work major and open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Psychosocial impact of illness and trauma. Social work practice in health care settings. Role of culture, values, and life style.

**474 Substance Abuse and the Human Services**

Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students in the School of Social Work or in the Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work or in the Master of Social Work in Organizational and Community Practice or approval of school.

Theories, assessment, intervention, and service delivery models.

**475 School Violence: Causes and Interventions**

Summer. 3(3-0) R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Social Work major and open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Examination of underlying causes of school violence and review of current school-based violence intervention and prevention programs.

**490 Independent Study in Social Work**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors. Approval of school.

Individual reading and research supervised by a Social Work faculty member.

**490H Honors Independent Study**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Honors College. Approval of school.

Study of a problem, phase or field of social work.

**491 Special Topics in Social Work**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Social Work Major and open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Selected topics in social work. Topics include community dynamics or practice issues.

**492 Seminar in Social Work**

Fall, Spring, Summer. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors in the Social Work major and open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Selected professional issues, trends, programs or methods in social work including comparative analysis of national social welfare and social work systems.

**494A Social Work Field Education: Foundation I**

Fall. 5(1-16) P: SW 340 R: Open to seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 440 concurrently.

Professionally supervised generalist social work practice in approved community agencies and campus-based seminar. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**494B Social Work Field Education: Foundation II**

Spring. 5(1-16) P: SW 494A R: Open to seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 441 concurrently.

Continuation of professionally supervised generalist social work practice in approved community agencies and campus-based seminar. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice. Focus on writing skills for professional practice and career options.

**801 Foundations of Social Work Practice**

Summer. 2(2-0) R: Open to masters students in the Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work.

Overview of the social work profession and the social welfare system.

**810 Theories of Groups, Organizations, and Communities in Social Work**

Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 812A or SW 812B.

Ecological and social-systems perspectives in social work. Theories of groups, formal organizations, and communities in a systems framework for social work practice. Ethical foundations of social work.

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- 811 Social Work Perspectives in Human Development**  
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 810 R: Open only to graduate students in School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 812A or SW 812B.  
Developmental theories applied to individuals and families within an ecological perspective. Biopsychosocial factors and interactions in human development for social work assessment and intervention.
- 812B Integration of Theory, Policy, and Evaluation in Social Work**  
Summer. 2(2-0) R: Open only to graduate students in School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 810 or SW 811.  
Ecological concepts of communities, groups, families, and individuals. Policy development and evaluation of social work practice.
- 820 Social Welfare Policy and Services**  
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.  
Policy analysis in historical and philosophical context. The social work profession and social welfare policy. Public policy process in the U.S. context. Gender, racial-ethnic, social class, and international policy issues.
- 822 Topics in Policy Practice and Advocacy**  
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 812B or SW 820 R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work.  
Information and skills for policy practice for advocacy at local, community, agency, state and federal levels. National and international policy comparisons.
- 829 Social Work Research Methods I**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(2-0) RB: Bachelors degree required. R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work.  
Knowledge and skills in critical thinking, statistical methods. Concepts of data, distributions, samples and populations, measurement, descriptive statistics, inferential statistics and related topics using either SPSS or Excel. Ethics, diversity, social justice issues.
- 830 Social Work Research Methods II**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(2-0) P: SW 829 or SW 812B RB: One introductory research methods course and one introductory data analysis course. R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work.  
Foundation of research skills and methodologies. Evidence-based practice. Literature reviews. Advanced single system designs. Experimental and quasi-experimental research designs. Measurement and sampling.
- 832 Evaluating Social Work Programs and Practice**  
Fall, Spring. 2(2-0) P: SW 830 or SW 812B R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work.  
Applied social work methods using a program evaluation framework. Understanding evaluation in the context of research. Evaluation of program process and outcomes objectives. Scales of measurement. Survey, field and qualitative research methods. Sampling strategies. Computer technologies in social work evaluation. Data analysis and dissemination of findings.
- 833 Topics in Advanced Social Work Research**  
Fall, Spring. 2(2-0) A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: SW 832 R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work.  
Advanced social work research designs and evaluation techniques. Research collaborations and the role of stakeholders. Application of research methods and statistics to contemporary problems and settings in social work.
- 840 Generalist Social Work Practice Methods I**  
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (SW 810 or concurrently) and (SW 820 or concurrently) R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 842A or SW 842B. C: SW 894A concurrently.  
Conceptual framework for generalist social work practice. Ethical and philosophical basis for professional practice and accountability. Social work roles and methods with micro-and-macro client systems.
- 841 Generalist Social Work Practice: Methods II**  
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 840 RB: SW 811 or concurrently R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 842B. C: SW 894B concurrently.  
Assessment and intervention by developmental stage and type of client system. Models of social work practice.
- 842B Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice Methods**  
Summer. 2(2-0) RB: SW 842A R: Open only to graduate students in School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 840 or SW 841.  
Selection, implementation, and evaluation of models of social work intervention.
- 843 Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 2(2-0) P: (SW 840 or concurrently) or (SW 842B or concurrently) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 813.  
Social work perspective on person-in-environment as related to maladaptive behavior and psychosocial disorders.
- 844 Essential Theories in Organizations and Communities Social Work Practice**  
Fall. 2(2-0) P: SW 810 or SW 812B R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.  
Selected theoretical approaches to organizational and community phenomena. Emphasis on macro-organization and community theories using organization and community as the level of analysis. Decision-making by a collective of organizational and community actors. Organization and community functions.
- 845 Administrative Skills for Social Work Practice**  
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 810 or SW 812B R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of School.  
How social agencies function as organizational entities. Skills required for effective social work practice within organizations, including budgeting, grant writing and supervision.
- 850 Clinical Social Work Practice I**  
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (SW 841 or SW 842B) and (SW 893B or SW 894B) R: Open to masters students in the School of Social Work. C: SW 894D concurrently.  
Conceptual frameworks for clinical social work practice with individuals and groups. Intervention strategies, techniques, and practice issues in prevention and treatment.
- 851 Clinical Social Work Practice II**  
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 850 and SW 894D R: Open to masters students in the School of Social Work. C: SW 894E concurrently.  
Conceptual frameworks for clinical social work practice with families and couples. Intervention strategies, techniques, and practice issues in prevention and treatment.
- 863 Organizational and Community Social Work Practice I**  
Fall. 3(3-0) P: (SW 841 or SW 842B) and (SW 845 or concurrently) R: Open to graduate students in the Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work and open to graduate students in the Master of Social Work in Organizational and Community Practice. C: SW 894G concurrently.  
Organizational theory and structure, processes of development, research, evaluation, implementation, and social work values and ethics in social service settings. Expertise in organization theory, dynamics, structure, and behavior. Skills for effective service providers, agency leaders, and change agents in social service organizations.
- 864 Organizational and Community Social Work Practice II**  
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 863 R: Open to graduate students in the Master of Social Work in Organizational and Community Practice and open to graduate students in the Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work. SA: SW 862 C: SW 894I concurrently.  
Advanced theoretical frameworks and skills for organizational and community-based social work practice. Theories of social change applied to community organizing, organizational change, social change, policy and research. Models of practice for organizing in diverse communities, nationally and internationally. Assessment of organizations. How community development is constructed and deconstructed.
- 865 Social Work Leadership in Organizations and Communities I**  
Fall. 3(3-0) Fall: Lansing. P: SW 841 or SW 842B Not open to students with credit in SW 863. C: SW 894G concurrently.  
Skills and knowledge for social work practice in organizations and communities. Social work leadership for ethical, culturally competent, collaborative, and effective social and human services. Development of client and agency empowerment toward social and economic justice.
- 866 Social Work Leadership in Organizations and Communities II**  
Spring. 3(3-0) Spring: Lansing. P: SW 865 Not open to students with credit in SW 864. C: SW 894I concurrently.  
Advanced leadership skills for promoting social justice within communities and organizations. Skill development in assessing community assets and needs, community organizing, community development, coalition building, and advocacy within diverse, economically disadvantaged and/or historically disempowered communities and the organizations that serve them.

**871 Advanced Clinical Social Work with Families**  
 Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 850 R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. C: SW 851 concurrently.

Family intervention skills. Case problem solving in empirically-based practice.

**873 Social Work in Educational Settings**  
 Fall, Summer. 3(3-0) RB: Training and/or experience working with children, families and schools. Enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited MSW program. R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of School.

Roles and functions of social workers within a complex ecological system of home, school, and community. Impact of societal laws and values on the school and on the students' schooling experience. Implications for social work practice involving prevention and intervention with a variety of client systems.

**874 Assessment and Testing in School Social Work**  
 Spring of even years, Summer. 3(3-0) RB: Training and/or experience working with children, families and schools. Enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited MSW program. R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of School.

School social worker's assessment of student needs within the ecology of school, home and community environments. Integration of various measurement methods and data generated by educational, psychological, and medical testing within the broad problem-solving processes of schools. Implications for school social work assessment practices.

**875 School Social Work Intervention: Children with Special Needs**  
 Spring of odd years, Summer. 3(3-0) RB: Training and/or experience working with children, families and schools. Enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited MSW program. R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of School.

Identifying and working with children who present special needs in school settings. Children's learning, social, emotional and behavioral difficulties. Interventions defined according to developmental and ecological or multi-systems frameworks. Special needs are defined and treated within the complex interactions and relationships of home, school, and community contexts.

**876 Substance Use, Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders: Treatment and Intervention Strategies**  
 Spring of odd years. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Theories, assessment, interventions and policy related to work with dual-diagnosis people/co-occurring disorder. Social and human service delivery models of treatment addressed within socio-political, clinical, and historical context.

**877A Seminar in Social Work with Older Adults: Mental Health**  
 Fall of even years. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Issues and research relevant to social work practice with older adults. Dementias, psychopharmacology, and mental health.

**877B Seminar in Social Work with Older Adults: Illness and Wellness**  
 Spring of odd years. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Issues and research relevant to social work practice with older adults. Managing chronic illness, wellness, substance abuse.

**877C Seminar in Social Work with Older Adults: Protective Services**  
 Fall of odd years. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Issues and research relevant to social work practice with older adults. Adult protective services: elder abuse and neglect. Health care disparities and end of life care. Spirituality, religion, and faith.

**877D Seminar in Social Work with Older Adults: Legal Issues and Eldercare**  
 Spring of even years. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Issues and research relevant to social work practice with older adults. Grief and loss. Legal issues and eldercare. Gay and lesbian issues.

**879 Social Work and Law: Interdisciplinary Practice in Child Welfare**  
 Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students in the MSU College of Law or in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Social service and legal systems related to child welfare. Family law issues. Social work and legal practices and procedures in child welfare.

**890 Independent Study**  
 Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of school.

Independent reading and research supervised by a faculty member.

**891 Special Topics in Graduate Social Work**  
 Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school.

Topics in social welfare, social policy, service delivery, research, theory, and practice.

**892 Graduate Seminars in Social Work**  
 Fall. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in School of Social Work.

Selected professional issues, trends, programs, research, or methods in social work.

**893B Social Work Field Education: Advanced Generalist Practice**  
 Summer. 2(1-8) R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 894A or SW 894B. C: SW 842B concurrently.

Professionally supervised foundations of social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**894A Social Work Field Education: Graduate Generalist Practice I**  
 Fall. 4(1-16) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 893B. C: SW 840 concurrently.

Professionally supervised foundations of social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**894B Social Work Field Education: Graduate Generalist Practice II**  
 Spring. 4(1-16) P: SW 894A R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 893B. C: SW 841 concurrently.

Continuation of professionally supervised foundations of social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**894D Social Work Field Education: Clinical Practice I**  
 Fall. 4(1-16) P: SW 893B or SW 894B R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. C: SW 850 concurrently.

Professionally supervised clinical social work practice with individuals, dyads, families, and small groups in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**894E Social Work Field Education: Clinical Practice II**  
 Spring. 4(1-16) P: SW 894D R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. C: SW 851 concurrently.

Continuation of professionally supervised clinical social work practice with individuals, dyads, families and small groups in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**894G Social Work Field Education: Organizational and Community Practice I**  
 Fall. 4(1-16) P: SW 893B or SW 894B R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. C: SW 863 concurrently.

Professionally supervised organization and community social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**894I Social Work Field Education: Organizational and Community Practice II**  
 Spring. 4(1-16) P: SW 894G R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work. SA: SW 894F C: SW 864 concurrently.

Continuation of professionally supervised organization and community social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

**900 Doctoral Proseminar in Social Work**  
 Fall. 2(2-0) R: Open only to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Major issues in social work practice, theory, and research. Social work and the social science disciplines.

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**901 Knowledge Construction in Social Work**  
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) R: Open only to students in the Social Work major.

Historical evolution and contemporary status of social work knowledge. Epistemological and ethical issues in the construction of social work theory and knowledge.

**902 Research in Social Welfare and Social Work History**  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Open only to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Historical research in social welfare and social work. Examine major writings in the history of American social welfare and social work.

**905 Historical and Current Analysis of Social Work and Social Problems**  
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) P: SW 900 or concurrently or approval of school R: Open to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Assessing social welfare policies, the historical underpinnings of social policies, problems and the use of analytic frameworks to examine the current situation.

**910 Social Problems and Social Policy**  
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) R: Open to students in the Social Work major.

Impact of public policies on social problems, social welfare, social programs, and social work practice. Application of analytical frameworks to selected areas of social welfare.

**911 Research Sequence Practicum I**  
Spring. 2(2-0) P: (SW 900 or concurrently) and (SW 920 or concurrently) or approval of school R: Open to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Exploration of research process, including formulation of research question, literature review, survey design and sampling.

**912 Research Sequence Practicum II**  
Fall. 2(2-0) P: SW 911 or concurrently or approval of school R: Open to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Continuation of the exploration of the research process; beginning with data collection, data cleaning, coding, analyses and presentation of data.

**920 Evaluation of Social Work Services and Practice**  
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Open to students in the Social Work major.

Evaluation of social service organizations, service delivery, and practice outcomes. Evaluation models, design issues, and professional roles in planning and implementing evaluation studies of social work practice.

**930 Social Work Research Using Quantitative and Qualitative Methods**  
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) P: SW 900 or concurrently or approval of school R: Open to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Advanced research methods using quantitative and qualitative methodologies used in evaluation of social work practice, policies and programs.

**990 Independent Study in Social Work**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to doctoral students in the Social Work major. Approval of school.

Individual study of theoretical or applied problem in social work.

**999 Doctoral Dissertation Research**  
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 12 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to doctoral students in the School of Social Work.

Doctoral dissertation research.