SOCIAL WORK

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 PSY 209 or PSL 250 or MMG 141) 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. C: SW 320 concurrently.
Integration of general systems, ecological, and developmental theories within the context of lifespan development. Integration of biological, psychological, structural, environmental, and socio-cultural perspectives.

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 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. Overview of social welfare policy analysis. Interaction between social policy and social work services. Current policy changes in welfare, health, poverty, disability, immigration, civil rights and their impact on society. Emphasis on diversity, social justice, and international policy issues.

430 Research Methods in Social Work I
Fall, Summer. 4(3-2) P: (MTH 114 or MTH 116 or MTH 124 or MTH 132 or MTH 152H or STT 200 or STT 201 or approval of school) or (MTH 101 and MTH 102) or (MTH 101 and MTH 103) or (MTH 102 and MTH 103) 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. 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. Planning and social intervention with task groups, organizations and communities.

470 Foreign Area Studies in Social Work
Fall, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 12 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to juniors or seniors 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 welfare 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 Individual Study in Social Work
Fall, Spring. 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.

491 Special Topics in Social Work
Fall, Spring. 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. 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.

493A Social Work Field Education: Integrative Field Seminar I
Fall. 1(1-0) P: (SW 430 or concurrently) and (SW 440 or concurrently) R: Open to seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 494A concurrently. Classroom-based integration and application of competencies and concepts in social work practice.

493B Social Work Field Education: Integrative Field Seminar II
Spring. 1(1-0) P: SW 493A and SW 494A and (SW 441 or concurrently) R: Open to seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 494B concurrently. Continuation of classroom-based integration and application of competencies and concepts in social work practice.

494A Social Work Field Education: Undergraduate Generalist Practice I
Fall. 4(0-16) P: SW 340 and (SW 440 or concurrently) R: Open to seniors in the School of Social Work. C: SW 493A concurrently. Professionally supervised generalist social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.
810  Theories of Groups, Organizations, and Communities in Social Work
Fall. 3(3-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Not open to students with credit in SW 812B. Ecological and social systems perspectives. Theories of systems, groups, formal organizations, and communities in a systems framework. Ethical and historical foundations of social work. Knowledge of the social, structural, and contextual factors that impact human functioning in a multi-system context.

811  Social Work Perspectives in Human Development
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 810 R: Open to graduate students in the 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 and systems 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. Social policy analysis in historical, economic, political, and ideological context. History of social welfare profession and influences of social movements on social policy. Introduction to major U.S. social welfare programs.

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. Exploration of specific target populations or areas of need and related public policies. Information and skills for policy practice and advocacy.

829  Social Work Research Methods I
Fall, Spring. 2(2-0) R: Bachelors degree required. R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Knowledge and skills in critical thinking and 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. 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

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 820 or concurrently R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Not open to students with credit in SW 842B. Ethical and philosophical basis for professional practice and accountability in engagement and assessment, across all client systems.

841  Generalist Social Work Practice: Methods II
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 840 RB: SW 811 or concurrently R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Not open to students with credit in SW 842B. Implementation of models of social work practice for work with individuals, dyads, families, groups, and communities. Implementation of social work practice research orientation across the life cycle.

842B  Advanced Generalist Social Work Practice Methods
Summer. 2(2-0) R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. 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. 2(2-0) P: (SW 840 or concurrently) or (SW 842B or concurrently) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work. Biopsychosocial disturbances and clinical assessment. Social work perspectives of the person-in-environment as related to maladaptive behavior and psychosocial disorders. Cultural perspectives, including gender, age, and minority status in relation to psychological and behavioral 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. Theoretical frameworks associated with the study of leadership, organizations and communities in social work practice.

845  Administrative Skills in Social Work
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 810 or SW 812B R: Open to graduate students in the Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work. Two Year Program or in the Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work - One Year Program or approval of school. Not open to students with credit in SW 865. Knowledge and skills for social work practice in an organizational context.

850  Clinical Social Work Practice I
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 841 or SW 842B and (SW 893B or SW 894B) R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Theoretical base of advanced clinical social work practice with individuals and groups. Evidence-based and culturally sensitive intervention strategies and techniques. Professional development and use of self to enhance clinical effectiveness.

851  Clinical Social Work Practice II
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 850 R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Theoretical base for clinical social work practice with couples and families. Culturally sensitive intervention strategies and techniques. Student self-reflection on family of origin to enhance clinical effectiveness.

865  Social Work Leadership in Organizations
Fall. 3(0-0) Fall: Lansing. P: (SW 841 or SW 842B) and (SW 893B or SW 894B) R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Knowledge and skills to promote change in programs and organizations using adaptive leadership.

866  Social Work Leadership in Communities
Spring. 3(3-0) P: SW 865 R: Open to master's students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Advanced community practice to promote social justice and assess community assets and needs.

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) R: 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.
School Social Work Intervention: Children with Special Needs
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) R: Training and/or experience working with children, families and schools. Enrolled in or have graduated from an accredited MSW program. R: Open 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 inter-relationships and families of home, school, and community contexts.

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.

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.

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.

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. Healthcare disparities and end of life care. Spirituality, religion, and faith.

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.

Substance Use and Addictions Treatment
Fall, Summer. 2(2-0) R: Open to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Knowledge and skills in evidence-based treatment approaches for addiction concerns. Attention to diagnosis, assessment, and prevention processes that support cross-cultural and ethical considerations within multidisciplinary treatment contexts. Managing long-term recovery as a part of whole health.

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.

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.

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: Approval of school. Topics in social welfare, social policy, service delivery, research, theory, and practice.

Graduate Seminars in Social Work
Fall. 3(3-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Selected professional issues, trends, programs, research, or methods in social work.

Social Work Field Education: Graduate Advanced Generalist Practice
Summer. 2(1-8) P: SW 842B or concurrently R: Open to master’s students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Not open to students with credit in SW 894B. Professionally supervised foundations of social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

Social Work Field Education: Graduate Generalist Practice I
Fall. 4(1-16) P: SW 840 or concurrently R: Open to master’s students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Not open to students with credit in SW 893B. Professionally supervised foundations of social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

Social Work Field Education: Clinical Practice I
Fall. 4(1-16) P: SW 893B or SW 840B and (SW 850 or concurrently) R: Open to master’s students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. 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.

Social Work Field Education: Clinical Practice II
Spring. 4(1-16) P: SW 894D and (SW 851 or concurrently) R: Open to master’s students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. 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.

Social Work Field Education: Macro Practice I
Fall. 4(1-16) P: (SW 893B or SW 840B) and (SW 865 or concurrently) R: Open to master’s students in the School of Social Work or approval of school. Professionally supervised organization and community social work practice in approved community agencies. Integration and application of concepts in social work practice.

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.

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