

Social Work (S W)

S W 310 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare 3 Hours
Introduction to the profession of social work including its fields of practice; values and ethics; its history and the social welfare policies that undergird it; its interactions with contexts which shape practice; and its promotion of social and economic justice to advance human rights, alleviate critical social problems, and promote wellbeing. Discuss engaging diversity and differences in social work practice.

S W 311 Introductory Topics in Social Work 3 Hours
Selected introductory topics in the social work profession.

S W 311.3 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System 3 Hours

S W 312 Generalist Social Work Practice: Knowledge, Values, and Skills 3 Hours
Introduction to the fundamental values, ethics, skills, and knowledge relevant to generalist social work practice.

S W 313 Social Work Research Methods 3 Hours
Introduction to social work values, the research process, problem formulation and conceptualization, measurement, research design and inference, single-subject design and practice evaluation, sampling, alternative data gathering techniques and analyses, and uses of research in social work.

S W 318 Social Work Statistics 3 Hours
Introduction to the conceptual and quantitative tools used to describe and interpret data in the conduct of social work practice and research. Select, calculate, and interpret appropriate statistics applicable to common data analysis situations related to direct practice, administration and planning, and policy. Explore R statistical software to calculate statistics and present results.

S W 119S, 219S, 319S, 419S, 519S, 619S, 719S, 819S, 919S Topics in Social Work 1-9 Hours
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S W 323K Social Welfare Programs, Policies, and Issues 3 Hours
Analyze contemporary social welfare policy issues and programs and discuss the relationship between social policy and social work practice. Explore the historical, political, economic, and social conditions that influence policy development in the United States. Use policy analysis tools in order to examine how policy influences practice and planning decisions and how social workers can influence social welfare policy.

S W 327 Human Behavior and Social Environment 3 Hours
Explore the biopsychosocial and cultural functioning of human beings across the life span using an ecological-systems lens and major developmental theories as a framework to guide the processes of assessment, intervention, and evaluation. Discuss the impact of the family, social groups, organizations, communities, and society on individuals during these stages of the life span. Examine empirically-based research reflecting a risk and resilience perspective in making client assessments and recommending appropriate interventions.

S W 329 Transformative Teams In Health Care 3 Hours
Engage in interprofessional team work, including an examination of the backgrounds and contributions of different professions and teams. Identify examples of highly functional vs. dysfunctional team interactions. Explore integrated behavioral health for patient care.

S W 129S, 229S, 329S, 429S, 529S, 629S, 729S, 829S, 929S Topics in Social Work 1-9 Hours

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S W 331 Applied Social Ethics 3 Hours
Explore how membership in vulnerable population groups influences an individual's life experiences, world view, and increases risk factors for exposure to discrimination, economic deprivation, and oppression. Analyze human and civil rights and global interconnections of oppression. Examine the impact of discrimination and oppression by individuals and society on people of different backgrounds and orientations.

S W 332 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families 3 Hours
Examine the helping process within the context of an ecosystems developmental framework. Explore engaging clients in an appropriate working relationship; communication skills; identifying issues, problems, needs, resources, and assets; and planning for service delivery. Pay special attention to understanding, affirming, and respecting people from diverse backgrounds, including (but not limited to) groups distinguished by race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, and national origin.

S W 333 Social Work Practice with Groups 3 Hours
Explore group dynamics and effective leadership skills, through social work values and the ethical decision-making process. Discuss both task and treatment groups utilizing an ecosystems developmental framework. Pay special attention to understanding, affirming, and respecting groups with diverse backgrounds, including (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, and national origin. Explore social work group facilitation using empirically-based theories and interventions to achieve client goals.

S W 334 Social Work Practice in Organizations and Communities 3 Hours
Examine the organizational context within which social services are delivered, including how funding, mandate, and organizational arrangements influence service delivery and factors to consider in efforts to modify existing organizational arrangements. Explore the interlocking and complex nature of culture and personal identity, discussing vulnerable populations and examining the factors that contribute to and constitute being at risk. Define, design, and implement strategies for effective practice with persons from diverse backgrounds.

S W 335 Facilitating Dialogues on LGBTQ Oppression: Peers for Pride in Action 3 Hours
The second part of the Peers for Pride facilitation program; serves as a way for students in the program to use the information and skills learned in "Confronting LGBTQ Oppression." Students will continue to fine-tune their facilitation skills and continue learning about LGBTQ people on the UT campus and beyond.

S W 445 Social Work Applied Practice 4 Hours
Explore the integration of theory and practice to strengthen the relationship between the classroom content and field. Examine the processes common to all social work practice, gender and cultural issues, and their impact on service delivery. Explore issues related to social and economic justice, vulnerable populations, cultural diversity, alleviating social problems, and the enhancement of human well-being.

S W 645F Social Work Practicum Instruction I 6 Hours
Participate in a practicum to apply knowledge and develop skills of social work practice.

S W 645G Social Work Practicum Instruction II 6 Hours
Apply knowledge and develop skills in social work.

S W 350 Special Topics in Generalist Social Work 3 Hours

S W 355 Topics in Disability Studies 3 Hours

S W 360K, 460K Current Social Work Topics 3-4 Hours
Designed to enable each student to undertake intensive study of selected aspects of social work practice.

S W 360K.10, 460K.10 Methods of Play Intervention 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.11, 460K.11 Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.12, 460K.12 Social Work in the Legal System 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.13, 460K.13 Social Work in the School Setting 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.14, 460K.14 Working with Youth Gangs 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.16, 460K.16 Roots of Social and Economic Justice: An International Perspective 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.17, 460K.17 Principles of Recovery and Relapse Prevention 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.18, 460K.18 Mental Health Issues in Public Safety 3-4 Hours
Designed to provide a basic understanding of mental health intervention and treatment related issues for students planning to work in the field of public safety.

S W 360K.21, 460K.21 Juvenile Justice: Systems, Policy, and Practice 3-4 Hours
Introduction to the socio-historical context of the juvenile justice system and key micro, mezzo, and macro level issues for social service providers working with juvenile justice system-involved populations. Examine social theories used to explain why youth engage in behaviors deemed "delinquent;" social inequality in the juvenile justice system; juvenile justice system procedures; and practitioner and policy efforts to facilitate positive youth development within the juvenile justice system.

S W 360K.22, 460K.22 Parenting Interventions for Diverse Populations 3-4 Hours
An overview of evidence-based interventions aimed at enhancing parenting across diverse populations. Explore advances and limitations in efforts to support parents in raising healthy and successful children from different backgrounds.

S W 360K.23, 460K.23 Introduction to Sport Social Work 3-4 Hours
Examine social work practice in sporting environments and explore how to assist athletes at all levels of sports. Includes a focus on physical and mental health, parenting, youth, foster care, bereavement, and social services.

S W 360K.26, 460K.26 Death, Dying, and Practitioner Resilience 3-4 Hours
Examine cultural, historical, and theoretical components of death, dying, and resilience in healthcare. Explore communicative, psychological, and sociological approaches to terminally ill patient communication and care. Discuss methods of achieving wellness and resilience in the face of adversity.

S W 360K.3, 460K.3 Treatment of Substance Use Disorders 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.4, 460K.4 Social Work Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.5, 460K.5 Advanced Topics in Social and Economic Justice 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.6, 460K.6 Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.7, 460K.7 International Social Work 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.8, 460K.8 Leadership in the Community 3-4 Hours

S W 360K.9, 460K.9 Loss and Grief: Individual, Family, and Cultural Perspectives 3-4 Hours

S W 367M, 467M Social Justice and Change: A Critical International Perspective 3-4 Hours
Explore the historical and contemporary contexts of the British welfare state, social work practice, and institutional efforts to address social injustice. Examine British culture and how the United Kingdom and the United States address pressing social issues. Discuss the rights, responsibilities, and actions of global citizenship in an increasingly global society.

S W 679H Honors Tutorial Course 6 Hours
Individual conference course in social work research and writing.

S W 381R Human Behavior and the Social Environment 3 Hours
Focuses on empirically based theories and conceptual approaches that form the foundation for social work practice and research with individuals and families in social systems.

S W 381S Foundations of Social Justice: Values, Diversity, Power, and Oppression 3 Hours
History, demographics, and cultures of various populations at risk with an emphasis on self-awareness and understanding the impact of discrimination and oppression by individuals and society on people of diverse backgrounds, abilities, and orientations.

S W 381T Dynamics of Organizations and Communities 3 Hours
The organizational and community context within which social services are delivered and the influence of funding, mandate, and organizational arrangements on service delivery, with attention given to populations at risk.

S W 382R Social Policy Analysis and Social Problems 3 Hours
Explore a historical perspective on the development of social welfare institutions, programs, and policies. Study current methods of policy analysis, evaluation of social problems, and advocacy for policy change.

S W 083C Dual MSSW Program with Partner Institutions 0 Hours
Social Work study at partner institutions.

S W 384F Foundations of Social Work Practice I 3 Hours
Introduction to social work practice methodology and the professional use of self in generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Explore the generalist approach in social work practice in preparation for work with a variety of client systems including individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

S W 384G Foundations of Social Work Practice II 3 Hours
Explore the application of theory and practice methods for effective and ethical service delivery to individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

S W 385F Generalist Practicum Instruction I 3 Hours
Develop a social work perspective and skill in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

S W 385G Generalist Practicum Instruction II 3 Hours
Explore an advanced application of theory to practice and consider special issues.

S W 385R Social Work Research Methods 3 Hours
Examine and understand research processes and methods in social work, with the focus on consuming and analyzing research at all levels of social work practice.

S W 385T Advanced Integrative Capstone in Social Work Knowledge and Practice 3 Hours

Applies knowledge, skills, and theories to values and ethics, diversity, populations at risk, social and economic justice, human behavior and the social environment, social welfare policy, social work practice, research, and field education. Designed to be taken concurrently with Social Work 694R.

S W 387D Direct Practice Immersion 3 Hours

Learn through working in a professional agency and assisting clients.

S W 387G Global Practicum Seminar: Critical Learning for Ethical Practice 3 Hours

Explore foundational knowledge about global social work ethics, practice, and international dynamics.

S W 387R Topics in Special Issues 3 Hours

S W 387R.1 Loss and Grief: Individual and Family Perspectives 3 Hours

S W 387R.13 Aging and Disability 3 Hours

S W 387R.14 Family Support, Self-Determination, and Disability 3 Hours

S W 387R.15 Introduction to Gerontology 3 Hours

S W 387R.16 Developmental Disabilities and Self-Advocacy 3 Hours

S W 387R.17 Making Systems Work for People with Disabilities 3 Hours

S W 387R.18 The Social Construction of Disability 3 Hours

S W 387R.19 Spirituality in Social Work Practice 3 Hours

S W 387R.20 Dynamics of Substance Use Disorders 3 Hours

S W 387R.22 Social Work in the School Setting 3 Hours

S W 387R.23 Social Work Practice with Older Adults 3 Hours

S W 387R.26 Spanish for Social Workers 3 Hours

S W 387R.27 Women with Disabilities 3 Hours

S W 387R.30 Contemporary Practice with Older Adults 3 Hours

S W 387R.32 Psychosocial Oncology Practice and Research 3 Hours

S W 387R.33 Child and Adult Attachment in Clinical Practice 3 Hours

S W 387R.34 Introduction to Sport Social Work 3 Hours

S W 387R.35 Ethical Dilemmas in Social Work Practice 3 Hours

S W 387R.36 Social Work in Health Care 3 Hours

S W 387R.38 Social Work with Military Personnel and Families 3 Hours

S W 387R.39 Parenting Interventions for Diverse Populations 3 Hours

S W 387R.40 Mindfulness and Social Work Practice 3 Hours

S W 387R.42 Meaning Making and Resilience in Illness and Suffering 3 Hours

S W 387R.43 Women's Health Policy 3 Hours

S W 387R.44 Substance Use and Social Work Practice 3 Hours

S W 387R.45 Suicide Prevention 3 Hours

S W 387R.46 Incarceration and Disability 3 Hours

S W 387R.47 Sexuality and Disability 3 Hours

S W 387T Transformative Teams in Health Care 3 Hours

S W 388R Topics in Advanced Research in Social Work: Seminar 3 Hours

S W 388R.10 Quantitative Data Analysis I 3 Hours

Introduction to fundamental concepts and statistical procedures used in social work research. Focus on computer applications for data analysis and development of basic skills in data file construction, management, and statistical analysis. Primary focus is on developing a conceptual and mathematical understanding of statistics needed for advanced work in research design, model development, model fitting and estimation, hypothesis testing, multivariate techniques, and interpretation of data.

S W 388R.11 Quantitative Data Analysis II 3 Hours

Builds on the concepts and procedures introduced in Social Work (Topic 10). Designed to enable students to do a more thorough job of data analysis by introducing multivariate statistical procedures into their repertoire of statistical techniques. The primary focus is on using the SPSS statistical package for calculating multivariate statistics, and the utilization of the statistical output in research findings.

S W 388R.12 Hierarchical Linear Modeling 3 Hours

Provides an introduction to the basic concepts and applications of Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM). Subjects will include multilevel data structures, model building and testing, fixed and random effects, and interpretation of results.

S W 388R.13 Grant Writing For Prevention and Clinical Intervention Research 3 Hours

Explore principles of grant writing with special focus on standards expected by leading federal funding agencies, e.g. National Institutes of Health. Conceptualize grant proposals according to social justice principles with the goal of benefiting under-served populations. Produce an exploratory/developmental grant proposal with an explicit focus on prevention or clinical intervention.

S W 388R.14 Research Methods in Minoritized Populations 3 Hours

Examine scholarly discourse with respect to social science research methods that include race, ethnicity, and other minoritized identities as variables, or that is conducted in and with minoritized communities.

S W 388R.15 Quantitative Research Methods 3 Hours

Introduction to the basic elements and process of quantitative research design in the social sciences, with particular attention to social work research.

S W 388R.16 Qualitative Data Analysis 3 Hours

Focus on the epistemological and practical issues of analyzing qualitative data and writing up the results. Gain expertise in analyzing qualitative data through four major approaches: thematic analysis, phenomenological analysis, grounded theory, and narrative analysis.

S W 388R.17 Qualitative Research Methods 3 Hours

Introduction to the philosophical and methodological issues of qualitative research which covers epistemologies, theoretical perspectives, mixed methods research, and systematic research approaches.

S W 388R.18 Policy Theories and Social Context: Applications for Research 3 Hours

Explore policy theory, its application, and critique, being equipped with the conceptual and analytical tools necessary for policy-focused research. Focus on both skill development and the critical understanding of theoretical frameworks, preparing to engage in advanced research in public policy. Investigate the processes and mechanisms through which policies are developed, implemented, evaluated, and evolved.

S W 388R.19 Community Engaged Research Methods 3 Hours
Introduction to the philosophical, methodological, and ethical issues of conducting community engaged research. Explore types of community-based participatory approaches to research, key methodological aspects of these approaches, and insights from projects across different cultural contexts and academic disciplines, showing ways in which community participants and citizen scientists can be involved in co-designing different stages of the research cycle. Examine key issues to consider when involving community participants at each step of the research process, including the voices of people with lived experience directly, and draw out conclusions and point ways forward for future research.

S W 388R.2 Research Methods II 3 Hours
Designed to provide students with the knowledge and competence needed to successfully design, conduct and publish quantitative studies in peer-reviewed journals. Designed to be concrete and to use a "hands-on" approach to gaining mastery over the technical, narrative, and strategic elements of conducting original research with quantitative data.

S W 388R.5 Structural Equation Modeling 3 Hours
Introduction to the basic concepts and applications of Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) using the AMOS program. Explores conducting factor analysis, testing causal structures, testing model structure invariance and mean invariance through multigroup analyses, and examining change over time with growth curve modeling.

S W 388R.9 Secondary Data Analysis 3 Hours
Introduction to the advantages and challenges of working with secondary data, involving hands on experience with the preparation and data analysis of large data sets. Subjects include the basics of Confirmatory Factor Analysis, Structural Equation Modeling, and Multigroup analyses using AMOS software.

S W 390N Topics in Strategies of Intervention: Seminar 3 Hours
A critical evaluation of social work intervention strategies in human services, using alternative theoretical perspectives.

S W 390N.2 Theories of Social Work Practice 3 Hours
Conceptualization, development, and application of social work theories and major theoretical paradigms are covered. Examination of philosophical, theoretical, and empirical underpinnings of different social work practice theories with an emphasis on understanding and critically analyzing the philosophical assumptions and scientific basis of various theories. Explores the historical context of different theories covered and research on their effectiveness within social work. Discussion of major theories from diverse disciplines.

S W 392R Topics in Social Welfare Policy Analysis 3 Hours

S W 392R.1 Integrated Health Care Policy 3 Hours

S W 392R.2 Children and Families 3 Hours

S W 392R.3 Poverty and Public Policy 3 Hours

S W 392R.4 Social Policy for the Aging Population 3 Hours

S W 392R.5 Social Determinants of Health and Health Policy 3 Hours

S W 393R Topics in Advanced Clinical Practice 3 Hours

S W 393R.1 Clinical Assessment and Differential Diagnosis 3 Hours

S W 393R.13 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy 3 Hours

S W 393R.15 Couples Counseling 3 Hours

S W 393R.16 Coexisting Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders 3 Hours

S W 393R.18 Grief Counseling 3 Hours

S W 393R.20 Methods of Play Intervention 3 Hours

S W 393R.21 Motivational Interviewing 3 Hours

S W 393R.22 Neurobiology and Social Work Practice 3 Hours

S W 393R.23 Treatment of Substance Use Disorders 3 Hours

S W 393R.24 Treatment of Children and Adolescents 3 Hours

S W 393R.26 Theories and Methods of Group Intervention 3 Hours

S W 393R.29 Crisis Intervention 3 Hours

S W 393R.3 Theories and Methods of Family Intervention 3 Hours

S W 393R.30 Solution-Focused Brief Therapy 3 Hours

S W 393R.31 Neurodevelopment and Trauma 3 Hours

S W 393R.9 Assessment and Treatment of Traumatized Populations 3 Hours

S W 393T Topics in Advanced Macro Practice 3 Hours

S W 393T.11 International Social Work 3 Hours

S W 393T.14 Psychiatric Disabilities: From the Inside Out 3 Hours

S W 393T.16 Social Work Leadership in Human Service Systems 3 Hours

S W 393T.18 Nonprofit Management in Human Services 3 Hours

S W 393T.20 Information Systems and Communication in Social Work 3 Hours

S W 393T.22 Community Building 3 Hours

S W 393T.23 Advanced Policy Practice 3 Hours

S W 393T.25 Social Change and Community Practice 3 Hours

S W 393T.26 Cross-Disciplinary Global Project Development in the United States and Abroad 3 Hours

S W 393T.28 Program Evaluation 3 Hours

S W 393T.29 Financial Management in Human Services 3 Hours

S W 393T.30 Grant Writing and Resource Development 3 Hours

S W 393T.31 Collaborative Leadership through Public and Private Partnerships 3 Hours

S W 393T.32 Social Work Leadership for the Public Good 3 Hours

S W 393T.8 Community Engagement and Management of Volunteers 3 Hours

S W 393T.9 Community Organizing and Social Change 3 Hours

S W 393U Topics in Social Justice and Populations at Risk 3 Hours

S W 393U.1 Social Work Practice with Abused and Neglected Children and Their Families 3 Hours

S W 393U.10 Women and Substance Use Disorders: Contemporary Issues 3 Hours

S W 393U.16 Assessment and Treatment of Juvenile Offenders 3 Hours

S W 393U.18 Restorative Justice 3 Hours

S W 393U.22 Contemporary Issues in Domestic Violence 3 Hours

S W 393U.23 Contemporary Issues and Practice in Sexual Assault 3 Hours

S W 393U.24 Advanced Issues in Social and Economic Justice 3 Hours

S W 393U.32 Communication Skills in Interdisciplinary Settings 3 Hours

S W 393U.33 Community Participatory Research on Health Disparities 3 Hours

S W 393U.34 Mitigation Matters 3 Hours

S W 393U.36 Juvenile Justice: Systems, Policy, and Practice 3 Hours

S W 393U.37 Forensic Social Work and the Legal System 3 Hours

S W 393V Topics in Social Work in Specific Settings 3 Hours

S W 394U, 694U Advanced Practicum Instruction 3,6 Hours

Apply theory to practice at an advanced level within a chosen concentration.

S W 195F Colloquium on Issues in Social Work Education and Research

I 1 Hour

Focus on professional development and program requirements and expectations. Explore core topics and cohort-specific sessions using readings, reflection exercises, and discussions.

S W 395J, 695J, 995J Research in Social Work 3,6,9 Hours

Individually supervised development of the comprehensive research paper.

S W 195K, 295K, 395K, 495K Topics in Conference Course in Social Work 1-4 Hours

Introduction to the diversity of topics and methods pursued by researchers and academicians in social work education and allied fields. Topics covered are broad and include information that facilitates the learning of research methods and the development of knowledge and skills needed to participate in the PhD program and within a community of scholars.

S W 395L Research Practicum 3 Hours

Individually supervised research experience.

S W 195N Colloquium on Issues in Social Work Education and Research

II 1 Hour

Focus on the development of essential knowledge and skills in the social work field. Explore critical issues and diverse methodologies that enhance understanding of research practices pursued by researchers and academicians.

S W 395S Area of Specialization Course 3 Hours

Demonstrate knowledge in the substantive issues, key research questions, theory, empirical evidence, and implications in an area of specialization.

S W 395W Writing Practicum 3 Hours

Individually supervised development of publishable written material.

S W 497M Social Justice and Change: A Critical International Perspective 4 Hours

Explore the historical and contemporary contexts of the British welfare state, social work practice, and institutional efforts to address social injustice. Immerse in British culture and explore how the U.K. and the U.S. address pressing social issues. Discuss the rights, responsibilities, and actions of global citizenship in an increasingly global society.

S W 398T Pedagogy in Social Work 3 Hours

Focus on learning theory, the science of higher education teaching, social work curriculum and accreditation, course development, and creating supportive classroom environments.

S W 399W, 699W, 999W Dissertation 3,6,9 Hours