

SOCIAL WORK, MINOR

Program Description

This minor is an interdisciplinary program for undergraduate students who are interested in the field of social work or social services and want more in-depth study in this area than other courses provide. This program is designed to complement undergraduate study programs at the University.

The purpose of the minor is to give students a basic understanding of social work practice. This includes the history, function, and processes with emphasis on skill application.

Social work is concerned with human well-being. Social workers help people function within their environment and work for improved social conditions. They provide services to people in areas such as counseling, education, health, mental healthcare, public welfare. In addition, providing services to the aged, for the intellectually disabled, family services, criminal justice and child welfare services.

Program Requirement

To obtain a minor in social work, the student must declare a minor with their academic advisor and complete the 18 semester hours required for a minor, 12 hours of which must be upper division courses. The minor also requires an additional two elective courses from those listed below in social work, psychology, sociology, or criminal justice. However, the elective courses may not overlap with coursework in the student's declared major (e.g. a psychology major cannot take two psychology electives to meet the social work minor requirement).

The student must complete the 12 hours of social work classes listed below.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
SOCW 2361	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOCW 3310	Approaches to Social Welfare	3
SOCW 3320	Social Services in the Community	3
SOCW 3350	Social Work Practice	3
Electives		
Select 6 hours from the following areas: ¹		6
<i>Social Work</i>		
SOCW 4398	Applied Experience	
<i>Psychology</i>		
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Developmental Psychology *	
PSYC 3360	Health Psychology *	
PSYC 3361	Psychology of Personality *	
PSYC 3363	Abnormal Psychology *	
PSYC 3375	Introduction to Clinical Psychology	
PSYC 4332	Cross-cultural Psychology *	
PSYC 4367	Gender Issues in Psychology	
<i>Topics course by Department Approval</i>		
PSYC 4390	Topics in Psychology	
<i>Sociology</i>		
SOCI 3312	Racial and Ethnic Relations	
SOCI 3320	Sociology of Gender	

SOCI 3321	Mexican American Women
SOCI 3340	Sociology of the Family
SOCI 4312	Power, Privilege, and Poverty [^]
<i>Topics course by Department Approval</i>	
SOCI 4390	Topics in Sociology
<i>Criminal Justice</i>	
CRIJ 4331	Juvenile Delinquency
CRIJ 4360	Intimate Relationship Violence
<i>Topics course by Department Approval</i>	
CRIJ 4390	Topics in Criminal Justice

Total Hours **18**

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The electives for this minor must be selected outside your major. Any electives not included in the list below must have prior approval by your Social Work advisor.

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Online offering

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Blended offering

Courses

SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

An introductory survey of the field of social work including the nature, function, and types of social work practice. This course is designed to acquaint the student with the history, terminology, scope, and values of the profession of social work.

SOCW 3310 Approaches to Social Welfare 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

Origin, development, and present status of social service programs with particular emphasis on the relationship of program resources, human needs, and the methods through which services are provided.

SOCW 3320 Social Services in the Community 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

An introduction to the organizations and agencies involved in social service delivery. Exploration of the range and characteristics of the human service delivery system with particular emphasis on the social work profession.

Prerequisite: SOCW 3310.

SOCW 3350 Social Work Practice 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

Social Work practice from a generalist perspective of social work intervention. Data collection, assessment, intervention, planning/implementation, and evaluation are covered.

Prerequisite: SOCW 3301.

SOCW 4396 Directed Individual Study 1-3 Semester Credit Hours

See College description.

SOCW 4398 Applied Experience 3 Semester Credit Hours (3 Lecture Hours)

One semester course of field work in a selected agency. (See college description.)