### 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.

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#### Electives

Select 6 hours from the following areas:  
1. Sociology
   - SOCI 3312 Racial and Ethnic Relations
   - SOCI 3320 Sociology of Gender
   - SOCI 3321 Mexican American Women
   - SOCI 3340 Sociology of the Family
   - SOCI 4312 Social Class and Inequality *

2. Psychology
   - 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

3. Criminal Justice
   - CRIJ 4331 Juvenile Delinquency
   - CRIJ 4360 Intimate Relationship Violence

4. Social Work Practice
   - SOCW 4398 Applied Experience

### 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.)