SCWK - Social Work

Courses numbered 100 to 299 = lower-division; 300 to 499 = upper-division; 500 to 799 = undergraduate/graduate.

SCWK 150. Workshop (1-5).
Intensive study of topics related to social work. Differing topics are denoted by a letter following the course number (i.e., 150C, 150P, etc.).

*General education introductory course.* Introduction to, and examination of, social problems, policies and services in social welfare and social work. Includes history of social welfare, an introduction to the helping process, and current trends in social services and programs. Concepts of diversity are integrated throughout to provide awareness of social issues, poverty, government and social welfare history.

Surveys a broad spectrum of social welfare programs, policies and controversies with an emphasis on public and private systems which address individual, family and group needs. Explores social welfare historical developments and policy trends which have an impact on service provisions and needs of diverse populations. Examines the relationship of area services to larger social welfare institutions and provides an introduction to social work professional roles, organizations, values and goals.

SCWK 302. Techniques and Skills in Generalistic Practice (4).
Introduces the study and practice of interpersonal professional interaction skills within the framework of a social work helping process. Focuses on developing skills in professional observation, communication, interviewing, recording and reporting. Course is didactic as well as interactive and includes an integrated laboratory component focusing on experiential learning. Required for social work majors. Prerequisite: SCWK 201.

SCWK 304. Social Diversity and Ethics (3).
*General education advanced further study course.* Explores the dynamics and theories of oppression and diversity in society as applied to the helping professions. Applies ethics and values of the social work profession to advancing social justice. Course includes diversity content.

SCWK 340. Human Sexuality (3).
Cross-listed as WOMS 340. Provides a forum for information and discussion on topics relating to physical, psycho-social and cultural components of human sexuality. Includes female and male sexual attributes and roles, sexual problems, alternate lifestyles, birth control, values, sexuality and cultural components of sexuality. Course includes diversity content.

SCWK 351. Introduction to Social Work Research (3).
Introduction to social work research and evaluation using a human rights and social justice lens. Describes the historical contribution of social work research and evaluation to promoting social work research. Provides a framework for applying human rights and social justice to research and evaluation, and reviews the research and evaluation cycle from problem formulation to sharing and acting upon the findings. Students obtain basic research and evaluation competencies understanding and applying research paradigms, critical thinking and decision-making processes, ethics and values, diverse research methods such as quantitative, qualitative and action research approaches, as well as writing and other advocacy efforts.

SCWK 360. Person in Society: Micro (3).
Provides a beginning theoretical framework within which the integration of prior knowledge can be made regarding the physical, mental and social development of the human being, perspectives on American culture and subcultural variations and their effects on human adaptability in the social environment, and the relationship of those entities to beginning professional social work practice. Prerequisite: school approved human diversity course.

SCWK 361. Person in Society: Macro (3).
Explores theories and perspectives which explain human behavior in groups, organizations and communities. Includes application of systems theory to macro and mezzo systems, social interaction theories, group and family dynamics, community structures, and the effects of discriminatory structures and practices on minority groups and communities in our society.

SCWK 385. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies (3).
*General education advanced further study course.* Cross-listed as WOMS 385. Focuses on Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people, their history and culture, considering sexualities and genders as identities, social statuses, categories of knowledge, and as lenses to help us frame how we understand our world. Course examines a broad range of contemporary gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender issues in various contexts including mass media, literary, sociological, political, racial, socioeconomic, biomedical and sexual. Students have the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and practical academic skills vital to university success. Course includes books, articles, films, guest speakers. Course includes diversity content.

SCWK 400. Policy II: Connecting Policy & Practice (3).
Provides development of analytical frameworks for understanding the processes of policy formation, factors shaping policy decisions, the content of program designs, and the performances of social welfare policy and service programs. Examines voluntary and proprietary systems in the development of knowledge and skills for the engagement of complex community resources, the promotion of service innovations, and the shaping of decisions in the arenas of public policy. Emphasizes diverse populations in metropolitan environments. Prerequisites: POLS 121 or HIST 131 or 132; SCWK 300.

SCWK 401. General Practice With Groups (3).
Introduces practice competencies needed for working with groups. Presents small group theories, interventions and ethics necessary for beginning generalist social work practice. Prerequisites: SCWK 302 and admission to the major.

SCWK 402. Practicum I (4).
Placement in community social service agencies for supervised periods of observation and direct service assignments emphasizing performance of basic practice skills and understanding of the social service agency and its role in the community service network. Prerequisites: SCWK 302 and admission to the major.

SCWK 403. General Practice With Individuals (3).
Introduces practice competencies needed for working with individuals. Presents assessment, intervention and evaluation for generalist practice. Focuses on processes, skills, techniques and ethics of social work practice with individuals. Prerequisite: SCWK 302 and admission to major.

SCWK 404. Practicum II (3-4).
Placement in community social service agencies for supervised direct service assignments emphasizing formulation of appropriate goals. Includes the selection of various social work roles and in-depth development of techniques and skills common to practice in the social service field. Prerequisites: SCWK 402 and admission to major.

SCWK 407. Generalist Practice With Children and Families (3).
Introduces practice competencies needed for working with children and families. Special emphasis on risk assessment, identification
of environmental factors that contribute to neglect and violence in families, and legal procedures relevant to children and families.

SCWK 411. Social Work Badge Topics (0.5). Selected topics in practice, policy, research and human behavior in the social environment within a selected field of social welfare. Covers specific topics identified by the program in consultation with majors, groups of community practitioners, and area service institutions. Repeatable. Graded Bg/NBg. Prerequisite: instructor’s or program consent.

SCWK 411BA. Social Work Badge: Professionalism in Practice (0.5). Introduction to current issues related to professionalism in fields of practice, with particular attention to values and ethics. Writing standards, documentation, and social media presence are also explored through the class, as well as the ethics of technology usage. Graded Bg/NBg.

SCWK 411BB. Social Work Badge: Trauma Informed Care (0.5). Covers the core principals of trauma informed care (individual, family and community) and reviews the identification of trauma and symptoms of adverse childhood experiences. Addresses secondary trauma exposure and the necessity of clinician self-care. This review reflects the core areas of cultural competency, empowerment and social justice, and provides opportunities for applying theories and critical thinking. Ethics, knowledge of self, and development of practice skills for human service fields (medical, social work, substance abuse, education and criminal justice) are emphasized. At the end of the course students: are aware of theoretical perspectives of trauma informed care and interventions in response to trauma experiences, are able to apply basic assessment skills in the presence of possible trauma reactions, demonstrate initial understanding of the range of responses to trauma, and are familiar with resources available to clinicians and clients when trauma has occurred. Graded Bg/NBg.

SCWK 411BE. Social Work Badge: Biofeedback in Social Work Practice (0.5). This .5 credit hour course will provide an introduction to biofeedback as a practice technique in human services. The class will overview both the sympathetic and the parasympathetic nervous systems in relation to biofeedback. The course will also provide an overview of ethics and values in social work and biofeedback practice. Finally biofeedback as an evidence based practice will be discussed. Graded Bg/NBg.

SCWK 411BF. Social Work Badge: Creative Processes in Practice (0.5). Selected topics in practice, policy, research, and human behavior in the social environment within a selected field of social welfare. Covers specific topics identified by the program in consultation with majors, groups of community practitioners, and area service institutions. Repeatable. Graded B/NBg. Prerequisite: instructor’s or program’s consent.

SCWK 451. Social Work Research (3). Reviews basic social science research knowledge and extends student awareness of issues which confront the social worker in combining practice and research. Course develops research skills. Social workers need to be consumers of social science research, to apply research findings to the field, and be able to evaluate social work practice. Course includes a combination of lecture, group activities, experiential learning, and conducting a research project from start to finish. Requires using a computer statistical package to assist in the understanding of research findings.

SCWK 470. Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities (3). Introduces practice competencies needed for working with organizations and communities. Presents macro practice roles and skills for beginning-level social work interventions with organization and community systems. Prerequisites: SCWK 302 and admission to major.

SCWK 481. Cooperative Education (1-4). A practical experience with public and private sector agencies which addresses a broad range of individual needs and community problems. Topical journals focus upon individual knowledge and skill development through field experiences while engaged in the major social work curriculum. Repeatable as elective credit not to exceed 12 hours. Graded Cr/NCr.

SCWK 481N. Internship (1-4). Complements and enhances the student’s academic program by providing an opportunity to apply and acquire knowledge in a workplace environment as an intern. Graded Cr/NCr. Prerequisite: departmental consent.

SCWK 521. Forensic Social Work (3). Cross-listed as CJ 521. Introduction to and overview of the field of forensic social work. Course content focuses on the role of social workers in forensic arenas, and the issues related to recent practice trends, relevant theoretical frameworks, collaborative team roles, and multisystem interactions. Psychosocial and legal issues are explored, with particular focus on intersections with family and social services, education, child welfare, mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice, diversity and human rights. Prerequisite: 6 hours of social sciences.

SCWK 531. Social Work Practice in Addictions (3). Prepares students for social work practice in the field of substance abuse and to intervene effectively when working in other areas where addictions are a concern. Includes content on the epidemiology of alcoholism and drug addiction, intervention approaches and prevention, public policy toward the regulation of drugs and their consequences, and the treatment of chemical dependency among special populations. Included in the curriculum to fulfill requirements for the Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) with the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB). The program requires an addiction treatment focused practicum. Interested students should be advised by the social work adviser assigned to this program. Replaces SCWK 610V effective fall 2013.

SCWK 532. Pharmacology and Drug Classification in Social Work (3). Prepares students for social work practice in the field of substance abuse and to intervene effectively when working in other areas where addiction may be a concern. It includes psychological, physiological and sociological effects of mood altering substances and behaviors and their implications for the addiction process. An emphasis on pharmacological effects of tolerance, dependency/withdrawal, cross addiction and drug addiction are covered. Understanding common patterns and causes of drug use among subcultures of diverse populations is included. Included in the curriculum to fulfill requirements for the Licensed Addiction Counselor (LAC) with the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB). The program requires an addiction treatment focused practicum. Interested students should be advised by the social work adviser assigned to this program.

SCWK 541. Women & Poverty (3). General education advanced issues and perspectives course. Cross-listed as WOMS 541. Addresses the problem of poverty among women in the U.S. today, and examines existing and proposed public policies designed to alleviate the problem. Explores theoretical models of
Introduces the student to international social work and social welfare policy. Provides an overview of micro and macro practice outside of one's own culture and internationally that facilitates skill development in cross-cultural assessment and intervention at the individual, group and community levels. It includes a history of international social work, community and social development. Course examines social problems, policies, programs, services, and national and multinational responses as well as current trends in the global community.

SCWK 551. Independent Studies (1-3).
Individual projects for social work students who are capable of doing independent work in areas of special interest. Repeatable for credit not to exceed 6 hours. Prerequisite: instructor's consent.

SCWK 559. Successful Aging: Theory, Research & Practice (3).
Cross-listed as AGE 559, PSY 559 and SOC 559. Reviews current interventions which promote successful aging. Theoretical bases of this work in biomedical and life span/developmental psychology are featured. Intended for students in the College of Health Professions, Liberal Arts & Sciences and Engineering. Course includes diversity content. Prerequisite: AGE 100, or PSY 111, or SCWK 201, or SOC 111.

SCWK 571. Contemporary Issues and Perspectives: LGBTQ (3).
General education advanced issues and perspectives course. Cross-listed as WOMS 571. Explores contemporary issues within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities. Explores personal attitudes regarding the social context for LGBTQ persons as well as other issues which have emerged as matters of concern and celebration with LGBTQ individuals and communities. Empowerment principles are employed and used to highlight a positive and affirming framework of the LGBTQ community. Students acquire basic skills in understanding issues of diversity and other contemporary conditions of life and culture. Course includes diversity content.

SCWK 572. Social Work Practice with Families of Diverse Cultures (3).
Designed to introduce students to the global context of working with grandchildren. Provides students with a working knowledge of the elements of diversity when working with grandchildren (i.e. families where a grandparent(s) is raising their grandchildren). Course enhances students' knowledge, skills and ethics to contribute to more effective work with grandchildren in general. Course includes diversity content.

SCWK 590. Domestic Violence (3).
Cross-listed as WOMS 580J and CJ 522. Deals with the roots of domestic violence embedded in family roles, legal systems, religious beliefs, and the psychology of women, children and men. Also covers the consequences and prevention of family abuse. Includes discussion of literature and films. Course includes diversity content.

SCWK 591. Sexual Assault Issues (1).
Cross-listed as WOMS 591. Explores the cultural myths and stereotypes about sexual assault, the legal system, methods of self-protection, community resources providing help for victims, and other related issues. Primary focus is on education to not only prevent, but eradicate sexual assault. Course includes diversity content. Repeatable for credit.

SCWK 610. Topics In Social Work (1-3).
Selected topics in practice, policy, research and human behavior in the social environment within a selected field of social welfare. Covers specific topics identified by the program in consultation with majors, groups of community practitioners, and area service institutions. Repeatable. Prerequisite: instructor's or program consent.

SCWK 611. Special Topics in Social Work (1-3).
Special topics in practice, policy, research and human behavior in the social environment within a selected field of social welfare. Covers specific topics identified by the program in consultation with majors, groups of community practitioners, and area service institutions. Repeatable. Prerequisite: instructor's or program consent.

SCWK 611K. Social Work & Entrepreneurship (1-3).
Introductory course seeks to expand student awareness about the role of social workers as entrepreneurs within the nonprofit and for-profit environments. Examines nonprofit practices of economic empowerment and nonprofit enterprise. Presents opportunities for the social work profession to engage in entrepreneurial practices, including business plan development and grant writing. The contemporary landscape of social entrepreneurship & innovation is covered where new business models are focusing on social responsibilities.

SCWK 611Q. Social Work in Sports (3).
Cross-listed as CLES 750V. Explores the role of social work practice in serving the holistic needs of an athlete while understanding their involvement in the culture of sport. Explores the vulnerabilities and resiliencies of individuals who participate in youth, secondary, collegiate and professional sports. Provides a foundation for professionals interested in social work practice in sporting environments and begins to prepare social workers to assist athletes at all levels and in various settings.

SCWK 611R. Hip Hop & Social Justice (3).
Helps students move beyond the traditional classroom pedagogy and experience an inclusive and culturally competent approach to learning, synthesizing, and ultimately engaging in action. Critical evaluation occurs under the broad Hip Hop umbrella and involve music, literature, speech/language, culture, politics, stories and experiences as modes of expression. Ultimately creates an understanding of Hip Hop as a world view, a culture, and a part of the story of diversity.

SCWK 611S. Understanding Contemporary State Insurance Resources (1).
Designed to introduce students to Medicaid in Kansas. Specific programs are defined and eligibility criteria presented. Current programs offering services to persons with physical disabilities, intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, etc. are discussed. In addition, the course delves into ways current programs and services are impacted by a variety of factors. Participants are introduced to tools to prepare them in roles where they may assist consumers with Medicaid application completion, grievance/appeal processes as well as accessing services for eligible clients. Other areas of study include: a comparison of Medicare and Medicaid, an overview of client money obligations, value-added service options, and nursing home care/alternatives.

SCWK 611T. Creative Techniques and Skills in Practice with Adolescent Girls (1-3).
Introduces the techniques and practice of interpersonal skills with adolescent girls. Focuses on development of skills and knowledge to better work with this population, in a manner that acknowledges and addresses the risks and strengths of adolescent girls. Course is didactic as well as interactive and includes experiential learning.

SCWK 700. Foundations of Generalist Practice I (3).
Provides foundation content in the knowledge and skills for empowerment-based generalist social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Includes professional role development, communication and interviewing theory, skill development in social work assessment, intervention and evaluation.
SCWK 702. Foundations of Generalist Practice II (3).
Provides continued social work practice foundation content emphasizing developing generalist knowledge and skill at the group, organizational, community and societal levels. Emphasizes material on group process and organizational and community leadership in the development of a problem-solving model for work with systems of all sizes. Prerequisites: SCWK 700, degree admission to MSW program. Corequisite: SCWK 721.

SCWK 710. Micro Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3).
Provides theories and knowledge of human bio-psycho-social development and functioning of individuals and families, and of the transaction between individuals and families and their environment. Presents theoretical perspectives on development over the life span and family functioning. Explores areas of universality and differences across gender, race, ethnicity, class, physical and mental ability, and sexual orientation. Prerequisite: degree admission to MSW program. Corequisite: SCWK 717.

SCWK 712. Macro Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3).
Provides theories and content on organizational and community structure, dynamics and change, social movements, large groups and structural oppression, and provides a theory base for the contextualization of social work practice within diverse environments and macro systems. Emphasizes understanding the needs of minority communities and understanding change and empowerment strategies which further social justice in communities and organizations. Prerequisites: SCWK 710, degree admission to MSW program. Corequisite: SCWK 751.

Surveys social welfare institutions, emphasizing the strengths and weaknesses of programs within the context of the social problems they address. The comparison of these structures and provisions enables the development and use of frameworks for analyzing social policies and evaluating programs in light of the mission of the social work profession, the principles of social and economic justice, and the historical, economic and political factors which impinge on policy. Content on the effects of policy and social work practice includes the uses of professional roles in shaping the processes of policy formulation in agency and governmental arenas. Prerequisite: degree admission to the MSW program. Corequisite: SCWK 710.

SCWK 720. Field Practicum I (4).
Placement in community social service agencies for supervised periods of observation and direct service assignments emphasizing development of basic practice knowledge and skills. Promotes an understanding of the social service agency and its role in the community service network. Corequisite: SCWK 700.

SCWK 721. Field Practicum II (4).
Requires placement in community social service agencies for supervised periods of observation and direct service assignments emphasizing development of basic practice knowledge and skills. Promotes an understanding of the social service agency and its role in the community service network. Corequisite: SCWK 702.

SCWK 730. Graduate Topics in Social Work (1-3).
Specialized instruction using a variable format in a social work relevant subject. Repeatable.

SCWK 731. Social Work & The Law (3).
Students develop an integrated, advanced generalist framework for interdisciplinary, advanced generalist practice within a legal setting. Students develop a basic knowledge of the law, the roles social workers play within the legal system, and the issue of crime and social justice with respect to race and ethnicity. Students develop an understanding of how the law shapes and regulates social work practice and the actions of social workers and their clients alike. As legal and social problems are often interdependent, students develop skill in communicating with attorneys to enhance their effectiveness in resolving clients' problems.

SCWK 750. Social Work Workshops (2-5).
Selected topics in practice, policy, research and human behavior in the social environment within a selected field of social welfare. Covers specific topics identified by the program in consultation with majors, groups of community practitioners and area service institutions. Repeatable for up to a total of 6 hours of credit.

SCWK 751. Fundamentals of Social Work Research (3).
Introduces students to the components of quantitative and qualitative research methods and describes how research is designed to conduct studies which seek to improve social work practice. Introduces the basic concepts of the social work research process as well as the methods that are employed. Students develop a framework for critically evaluating (1) methods employed in current social work research, and (2) potential benefits of applying these research findings to social work practice. Prerequisite: degree admission to the MSW program. Corequisite: SCWK 712.

SCWK 760. Advanced Generalist Practice Seminar I (1).
Builds on the graduate social work student's knowledge, experience and skills by integrating social work theory, values, ethics, methodology and literature. It is based in the generalist perspective and prepares students for the advanced generalist practice curriculum. This course is a prerequisite to all 800-level MSW core courses and must be completed in the summer before beginning the advanced generalist practice curriculum. Prerequisite: degree admission to the MSW program.

SCWK 799. Directed Study (1-3).
Individual study with a focus developed in collaboration with a departmental faculty member. Allows students to pursue an area of special interest. Repeatable for up to 6 credit hours. Prerequisite: departmental consent.