

SOCIAL WORK

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Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- **Social Work** (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2015-2016/social-behavioral-sciences-work/social-work/social-work-ba>)

Undergraduate Programs

Mission of the School of Social Work

The School prepares its graduates to be ethical and effective change agents at the intersection of cultures, communities and professions. Our graduates will practice with mindfulness about historical oppression and hopefulness in fostering a more socially just world. We are especially committed to educating first-generation college students and those from underserved communities.

Vision

The School prepares social work professionals for practice in the public sector or in those private agencies which address the needs of oppressed and disadvantage populations. Students are provided with the necessary values, knowledge and skills to practice within a rural/regional/small urban service delivery system environment.

Graduates assume key professional practice roles in human service agencies, community organizations, collaborative networks and change focused coalitions.

The curriculum prepares students to engage in processes aimed at empowering individuals to improve their life situation and to modify

the organizational, community and societal conditions that prevent oppressed populations from obtaining a basic quality of life.

Through the combined commitment of the practice community and faculty, the School prepares students at the undergraduate and graduate levels for professional social work practice; serves place-bound individuals by providing structured part-time, off-campus, programs; responds to the needs of practitioners through the provision of continuing education, staff development and consultation; and undertakes research activities which contribute to the creation and dissemination of knowledge relevant to the profession.

Accreditation

The School of Social Work at Eastern Washington University is accredited at the baccalaureate and master's levels by the Council on Social Work Education.

Graduates of the School's BASW Program will be able to:

- identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly;
- apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice;
- apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments;
- engage diversity and difference in practice;
- advance human rights and social and economic justice;
- engage in research-informed practice and practice-informed research;
- apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment;
- engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services;
- respond to contexts that shape practice;
- practice professionally with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities through effectively engaging, assessing, intervening and evaluating.

Admissions Requirements for High School Students

Students planning to major in social work should have a strong college preparatory background. Volunteer or employment experience with a social service agency is also strongly recommended.

Admissions Requirements for Transfer Students and Students Completing AA Degrees

Early planning is highly advantageous to the student. Transfer students should make an appointment to see the Coordinator of Undergraduate/ Graduate Student Services 509.359.6482 to assist in the transfer.

Application Procedures

There are two separate application procedures for admission. Students must be admitted to EWU and be admitted to the School of Social Work. Students seeking admission to the social work program must submit application materials prior to beginning the junior year, normally the winter or spring quarters. Pre-major advising is available through the School by calling 509.359.6482. Applications are available on our web page, [ewu.edu/basw](http://www.ewu.edu/basw) (<http://www.ewu.edu/basw>) . Please visit this web page for application deadline information.

Admissions Criteria

Admission to the program is based on cumulative GPA, a personal statement addressed to the applicant's motivation for choosing social work as a career and experience relevant to social work and two personal references from faculty or others familiar with how you could perform social work tasks. Applications are reviewed and evaluated by faculty to

select candidates with strong potential to enter practice upon completion of their degree work.

Before applying to the program, applicants should have completed most or all of their GECEs (General Education Core Requirements). In addition, they should have completed or be in the process of completing the university language and other EWU requirements. If these requirements are not complete at the time of application, students should have a plan to complete them and include that plan in their personal statement. Students who have not completed all of their other EWU graduation requirements shall submit a plan for accomplishing this before they will be formally admitted into the BASW Program.

School of Social Work Curriculum

The curriculum is designed to meet the goals of the program within a framework that includes a broad liberal arts education and focused professional social work education and socialization.

Social work classes and support classes with a <2.0 are not acceptable for graduation. Credit for life experience cannot be given for any social work course.

The Field Practicum

The field practicum experience in the social work program is considered a vital element of the curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. It is the major vehicle that permits the student to discover abilities and areas of growth, integrate theory with practice and explore the world of social welfare services. Students with prior volunteer or work experience will need to seek placements that offer new learning, different tasks, new contacts and opportunities for personal growth.

To enter the practicum, students must have completed all of the social work courses up to the point of practicum entry with a minimum average GPA ≥ 2.7 . The field practicum is open to majors only. Application for the practicum is completed in spring quarter of the student's junior year. Based upon their learning objectives, students are carefully matched with public or private agency settings in diverse areas of service. Students with prior volunteer or work experience are urged to seek placements that offer different tasks, new contacts and opportunities for personal growth.

Graduate Degrees

Master of Social Work (MSW)

- **Social Work** (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2015-2016/social-behavioral-sciences-work/social-work/social-work-msw>)
- **Social Work, Advanced Standing Program** (<http://catalog.ewu.edu/archives/2015-2016/social-behavioral-sciences-work/social-work/advanced-standing-program-msw>)

Graduate Program

The Master of Social Work Program was established in 1974, following authorization by the state government to meet the need for graduate professional education in social work in the Inland Northwest. The first class of graduate students was admitted in 1975, at which time the program was granted accreditation candidacy status by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Full accreditation was conferred in 1977, reaffirmed in 1984, 1993, 2001 and again in 2008.

The generalist foundation or first half of the MSW program focuses on the CSWE Core Competencies:

- identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly;
- apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practices;
- apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments;
- engage diversity and difference in practice;
- advance human rights and social and economic justice;
- engage in research informed practice and practice-informed research;
- apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment;
- engage in policy practice to advance social and economic well-being and to deliver effective social work services;
- respond to contexts that shape practice;
- engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

The advanced or second half of the MSW program focuses on Advanced Generalist Practice. Advanced generalist practice builds on the generalist foundation and increases the depth and breadth for practice from a multi-level and theoretically sound perspective. We are striving for a deep understanding and application of the "spirit" of social work that embraces social justice in all areas of practice.

Specifically, advanced general practice for the EWU School of Social Work prepares the student for self-directed and autonomous practice through:

- advanced knowledge and skills in assessment and intervention methods of research informed practices within a generalist framework;
- readiness for leadership in a variety of arenas and practice settings, including program development, coordination, administration and supervision;
- social action knowledge and skills in policy analysis, development, legislation action, and community development;
- integrated research knowledge and skills that prepare students to evaluate their own practice, programs, and the evidence supporting specific interventions;
- elective content, advanced knowledge and skills in specific areas of practice, such as aging, palliative care, disabilities, public health, mental health, addiction, school social work, and child welfare.

MSW Choices

The School Provides Two Options for the MSW: Campus full-time study and community-based part-time study. Advanced Standing programs are available in both campus and community based settings. The GRE is not required for the full-time, part-time or Advanced Standing.

Full-time Campus Program: Students are admitted to the campus program every fall quarter. They follow standard academic-year calendars and complete their degrees within six quarters, excluding summers, in a program of full-time study. Because of the demands of the full-time program, full-time employment is not recommended while a student is in the program.

Part-Time Community-Based Programs: These structured outreach programs have been designed for people who cannot leave job and family to return to school on a full-time basis for a graduate education. Everett and Vancouver offer coursework two evenings per week. Spokane

offers a hybrid program. Courses are held at the Riverpoint campus three weekends per quarter and the rest are online.

All part-time programs are based on a cohort model that begins once every three years. The sequencing of coursework in the part-time programs may vary by location. The curriculum requirements for graduation are the same as those for the on-campus program; however, courses are taken over a three-year period, including summers. These programs charge differential tuition; therefore, there is a higher per-credit fee than the on-campus program to cover faculty travel, use of off-campus facilities and program coordination.

Advanced Standing Program: This program allows qualified BSW graduates to complete their MSW degree within three quarters and one summer term in the full-time program or in seven consecutive quarters in the part-time program. Students are admitted to the full-time campus program every fall quarter. Sequencing of Advanced Standing coursework in the part-time programs may vary by location.

Admission to the MSW Program is based on the following:

1. successful completion of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;
2. a cumulative grade-point average ≥ 3.00 in the last 90 graded quarter credits or 60 graded semester credits; b. upon recommendation of the Graduate Program Director, the Dean of Graduate Studies may admit a limited number of students, with a GPA < 3.00 , based upon considerations which includes performance in relevant graduate courses and faculty evaluations;
3. completion of 3 credit hours of an introductory statistics course covering descriptive and inferential statistics and basic hypothesis testing with a grade ≥ 2.5 (B-). If you have not completed such a course, you must submit a plan in your admission material describing how you will complete this requirement prior to registering for the first quarter classes in the MSW program.

Admission to the MSW Advanced Standing Option is based on the following:

1. admission requirements are similar to those of the full-time program but also require a GPA ≥ 3.50 in undergraduate social work courses and a bachelor's degree in social work awarded no longer than seven years before the application date. The degree must be from a CSWE accredited undergraduate social work program. No exceptions are made to policies regarding Advanced Standing;
2. applicants who have questions concerning these criteria are advised to contact the School for further information.

Application Procedures: Applications for each academic year are available the prior September. Early application is advised. The School reviews applications when all materials are received. Approved applicants are then pooled and final decisions are made by the MSW Admissions Committee. (Stronger applicants may be informed of the admission decision prior to the decision deadlines.) Please check the website for decision deadlines ewu.edu/msw.

Transfer Students from other CSWE Accredited MSW Programs: Up to 45 credits of foundation year MSW course work can transfer. Check with the graduate director for additional information.

MSW Degree Requirements

Overview of the Curriculum: The MSW program prepares professional social workers to engage in advanced generalist practice across multiple systems and provides leadership for social justice. The curriculum

consists of a foundation for generalist practice and an advanced curriculum for advanced generalist practice.

The foundation curriculum focuses on social work practice, social welfare policy and theories of human behavior in the social environment. Courses include Foundations of Professional Social Work Practice, Social Work Assessment and Practice with Individuals and Families, Introduction to Social Welfare and Policy of Practice and Human Development in Contemporary Environments. Social Work Practice in a Diverse Society develops knowledge of diverse populations with whom and on behalf of whom, social workers practice. The course also explores practice principles for working with people of difference and for working in an increasingly diverse society. Social Work Intervention and Evaluation with Individuals and Families and Social Work Groups continue the development of practice knowledge and skills.

The foundation continues to prepare students for generalist practice with systems of different sizes through the course Organizational and Community Practice. Students learn to critically evaluate and use research in their practice in the course Research Methods for Program and Practice Evaluation. Students also begin the first two quarters of a five-quarter field practicum and integrative seminar near the middle of the foundation curriculum.

The MSW program requires a total of 952 hours of field practicum and 80 hours of integrative seminar sequenced over the course of the program. Before beginning their foundation practicum, two year students participate in SOWK 580 *Field Preparation* during fall quarter. After completing this course, each student is placed in a social service agency or other public or private organization related to the welfare of people. Direction and instruction are provided by a faculty member of the School, working collaboratively with a designated agency supervisor in the organization. The faculty member, the agency supervisor and the student negotiate a contract specifying student learning goals, potential field learning experiences and the means for evaluating the field learning. Agencies and organizations throughout the state of Washington in rural, urban and regional settings are used as field placements.

Students who wish to complete practicum requirements within their current or former workplace must indicate this desire to the School at the time of admission. This indication does not automatically ensure a practicum in the workplace. Consideration will be given to each request individually. Practicum placements in the workplace must conform with all of the School's existing field practicum requirements.

Courses in the advanced portion of the curriculum prepare students for advanced generalist practice with systems of all sizes. Students develop leadership skills working with clients and communities to advance social justice, particularly for socially excluded, at-risk or marginalized populations. SOWK 602 *Clinical Diagnosis and Evidence Based Treatment*, SOWK 603 *Leadership and Management in Human Service Organizations* present theoretical models and specific skills in engagement, assessment and intervention with individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. SOWK 568 *Proseminar in Social Welfare Policies and Programs* examines the political context for decisions that affect the lives of clients. SOWK 526 *Research Methods II*, covers advanced research and evaluation methodologies. Students also choose 16 credits of elective courses to help focus their learning to meet their professional goals. The required Practicum and its related seminar continue throughout each quarter of the advanced portion of the curriculum.

The Curriculum Delivery Plan

The MSW curriculum comprises sequenced foundation and advanced coursework. On-campus, full-time students complete the curriculum in two years or six quarters. Off-campus, part-time students complete the program in a sequenced manner over the course of three years or 12 quarters.

Innovative Program Options

The School of Social Work offers several ways in which students can focus their programs of study to meet their professional goals. Certificates typically require 12 credits. In some circumstances, such as the MPA Certificate, all 12 of these elective credits may be used in lieu of Social Work electives. For other certificates only 8 credits can be used in lieu of Social Work electives. Interested students should contact the MSW Advisor, at 509.359.6482, for additional information and/or individuals associated with programs listed below.

Certification for School Social Work (<http://www.ewu.edu/csbssw/programs/social-work>)

The state of Washington requires certification to qualify for employment in the public school system. EWU does not manage the certification process. The School of Social Work offers the course School Social Work and School Law. While a practicum is no longer required for certification, we do offer field placements in school settings.

Addiction Studies Certificate

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The Addiction Studies Graduate Certificate is designed for persons who have completed a bachelor's or master's degree with a background in social work or a related field who are interested in obtaining coursework that can lead to certification as a Chemical Dependency Professional. MSW/MPA Dual Degree Program and MPA Certificate

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Certificate: This 12 credit certificate provides interested students with content in: Planning and Budgeting, Grant Writing and Personnel Management. The Three courses provide elective credit to the MSW degree. Students may also take related courses in Public Administration without pursuing the certificate.

Dual degree: More comprehensive than a Certificate, this cooperative degree option allows students to prepare for professional employment in both social worker and public administration. Interested students are encouraged to review the catalog descriptions in Public Administration to get an overview of the coursework in this field.

Center for Studies in Aging

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The Center provides interested students an opportunity to focus their coursework and practicum experience in the growing area of practice with older adults. Many of the community-based internships offer a stipend to qualified students. The Center sponsors a Scholar-in-Residence and has established strong community and organizational linkages to develop programs that better meet the needs of our aging population.

MSW/JD Degree

Offered in collaboration with Gonzaga University Law School (<http://www.law.gonzaga.edu>), students complete the requirements of both professional programs. Approximately 12 credits are counted toward

both programs of study. In consultation with advisors in law and social work, students are placed in practica that address the legal and psychosocial needs of vulnerable clients. Integrative seminars allow students to better identify points of intersection of social work and the law and how practice in one field can enhance work in the other.

Student Organization

The social work graduate student organization is recognized by the university as an established student organization and, as such, may request funding from the Associated Students of EWU to sponsor additional educational endeavors; e.g., workshops, guest speakers. Graduate students are encouraged to become members of the School of Social Work committees and other university and community committees and organizations.

Social Work Courses

SOWK 273. INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK. 5 Credits.

Pre-requisites: ENGL 101.

This course explores the history of social work and social welfare in the United States. Students will gain an understanding of values and ethics related to social work practice social work interventions related to issues of social justice, oppression and discrimination.

SOWK 320. AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY. 5 Credits.

Cross listed: AAST 320, SOCI 371.

The African American Family as a social system influenced by institutions of the larger American society.

SOWK 377. ALTERNATIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. 2 Credits.

Cross listed: WMST 377.

Working to interrupt the cycle of violence this course analyzes theories relevant to issues of domestic violence in their historical, legal and cultural contexts.

SOWK 378. HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT I. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: BASW major.

Employs a systems framework for using biopsychosocial research findings, theories and related knowledge to understand the development and behavior of individuals and families. Examines the reciprocal influences of culture, social injustice, poverty and related phenomena on development and behavior. Critically assesses the related research.

SOWK 379. HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: BASW major.

A continuation of the approach to understanding the biopsychosocial influences on development and behavior taken in SOWK 378.

SOWK 381. DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL WORK. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: BASW Major.

This course emphasizes the development of a knowledge base and skills for working in a diverse society at both the direct and indirect practice levels. Diverse populations refers mainly to major ethnic/racial groups although other oppressed populations will be addressed. While brief descriptive materials are explored for each population, a primary critical task is the examination of one's own attitudes and values. Models of evidence-based practice with diverse populations will be presented for comparative purposes. Various experiential techniques may be used to implement the teaching objectives.

SOWK 395. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING. 1-15 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Individualized learning and career development through an off-campus internship. Designed to help students develop beginning knowledge of agency work. Does not substitute for Field Practicum but gives added preparation to students with minimal work experience.

SOWK 399. SPECIAL STUDIES. 1-15 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

SOWK 420. CONFLICT MANAGEMENT. 4 Credits.

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of conflict management in four contexts: intrapersonal, interpersonal, groups and societal. The focus is on the analysis and practical management of conflict as a common denominator linking a wide variety of human activities. A micro to macro overview of the dynamics of conflict management from one-on-one communication to the practices of negotiation and mediation to international/global efforts toward peace will be explored.

SOWK 421. SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH MEN AND FAMILIES. 2-4 Credits.

This course addresses important information regarding social work services with men and their families. It is designed to be a broad overview of common issues faced by men who come to the attention of social services and what social workers can do to support and engage with men in practice.

SOWK 422. SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM. 2-4 Credits.

This overview of spirituality and social work provides a framework of knowledge, values and skills for spiritually sensitive social work practice and prepares students to respond competently and ethically to diverse spiritual perspectives through a comparative, critically reflective approach.

SOWK 424. INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK. 4 Credits.

Notes: may be repeated for credit when title varies.

Pre-requisites: permission of instructor.

This variable topic course will provide students with a cross cultural experience in which they will learn about another culture, social development and various ideologies of social welfare. Students will learn about social development strategies intended to address specific social problems and social justice issues.

SOWK 425. FAMILY VIOLENCE. 4 Credits.

Cross listed: WMST 425.

Pre-requisites: ENGL 201.

This interdisciplinary course addresses contemporary concerns about family violence and discusses feminist perspectives on violence in the family. Theories about the historical and socio-cultural context of family violence and other explanatory theories provide frameworks for understanding personal and societal responses to family violence. Discussions include dynamics of trauma and recovery and all forms of family violence. Treatment as well as intervention, prevention, and social change approaches are discussed on both the personal and societal level.

SOWK 437. INDIAN CHILD WELFARE. 4 Credits.

Cross listed: IDST 437.

This course introduces Indian child welfare with an emphasis on understanding legal, historical and cultural issues applying to work with American Indian and Alaska Native youth. This course emphasizes Indian child welfare issues relevant to the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana).

SOWK 445. BEHAVIORAL AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 475.

This course introduces participants to the theory and practice of behavioral and cognitive behavioral intervention. This course facilitates participants understanding of key concepts of applied behavior analysis, including behavioral assessment, behavioral interventions methods for monitoring the efficacy of behavioral approaches with individual cases. This course will also enable participants to become better acquainted with how to apply cognitive behavioral (CB) principles in assessment and intervention, including identifying self-defeating cognitions and cognitive restructuring. Participants should come to understand behavioral and cognitive behavioral interventions as individualized approaches to practice. The applied nature of this course requires a commitment from participants to attend all class sessions during this course.

SOWK 448. LGBTQ ISSUES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL. 4 Credits.

Cross listed: WMST 448.

Pre-requisites: junior standing.

The course is designed to assist professionals working with individuals whose identity includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered or queer/questioning. Topics include: historical oppression, "coming out" as a process, counseling approaches and resources, and social inclusion and exclusion of sexual minorities. Personal attitudes are explored in order to improve professional response to the needs of the LGBTQ communities.

SOWK 450. WOMEN AND SOCIAL CHANGE. 4 Credits.

Cross listed: WMST 450.

Pre-requisites: junior standing.

This course examines the historical and contemporary role of women as leaders and participants in U. S. social movements. The course critiques the models and strategies used to organize communities and groups to improve the status of marginalized people.

SOWK 452. GENDER AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. 4 Credits.

Cross listed: WMST 452.

Pre-requisites: ENGL 201.

This course addresses contemporary concerns about sexual assault, primarily, but not exclusively, against women. Feminist perspectives on gender socialization and sexual violence provide frameworks for understanding personal and societal responses to sexual violence. Dynamics of trauma and recovery, treatment, prevention and change strategies will be discussed.

SOWK 455. SOCIAL POLICY AND PROGRAMS IN AGING. 3 Credits.

Cross listed: AGST 455.

Pre-requisites: AGST 310 or permission of the instructor.

Social welfare policies and programs serving the aging are examined, past and present, in terms of their overall impact on the aged and on society at large. The needs and gaps in services to the aged are evaluated, as well as the adequacy with which these services are delivered and the response of programs and services to the changing needs of the aged.

SOWK 456. THE OLDER WOMAN. 4 Credits.

Cross listed: AGST 456, WMST 456.

Pre-requisites: junior standing.

This course examines the research and practice knowledge on the social, economic and health problems confronting older women. Older women's needs and potential for change are considered. The course explores U.S. social policy and program alternatives that work to improve the status and quality of life for a growing and diverse population of older women.

SOWK 457. CLINICAL ASSESSMENT IN MIDLIFE AND OLDER ADULTS. 4 Credits.**Cross listed:** AGST 457.**Pre-requisites:** junior standing or permission of the instructor.

An introduction to the assessment skills required for professional social work practice in mental health and other clinical settings dealing with the elderly. The course is intended for social work practitioners.

SOWK 458. PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH AND DYING. 4 Credits.**Cross listed:** AGST 458.

This course is designed to assist students in the helping professions who wish to work with the terminally ill. Focus will be on an increased ability to deal with one's own mortality; the development of beginning skills for working with the terminally ill and their families; an understanding of the complex social system which surrounds death in modern America; as well as the current moral, ethical and philosophical issues in the field.

SOWK 459. SURVEY OF MICROSYSTEMIC PRACTICE THEORIES. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

This survey course prepares students for professional practice involving the dynamic and interactive processes of engagement, assessment, intervention and evaluation through identifying and analyzing evidence-based interventions designed to achieve client goals. Students will distinguish, appraise and integrate multiple sources of knowledge, including research-based knowledge and practice wisdom, as these inform micro systemic practice theories. Students will continue learning to use research evidence to inform practice through critical thinking.

SOWK 468. SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

Prepares students to evaluate research findings and to engage in evidence based social work practice.

SOWK 469. DATA ANALYSIS FOR SOCIAL WORK. 4 Credits.

This course covers descriptive and inferential statistics. Students are introduced to software for data analysis.

SOWK 470. SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

Introduction to social policy analysis and the social policy process. Examines various policies and processes of social legislation in terms of their impact on social service programs.

SOWK 471. HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. 4 Credits.**Cross listed:** WMST 471.**Pre-requisites:** junior standing.

The course examines the history of human rights and dignity using the declaration of rights by the United Nations and research and initiatives by the World Health Organization and other international human rights groups. The course covers topics on the human rights of women and children including health, food insecurity, economic status, housing, education, violence, war crimes and residency/citizenship status. It also examines international and national strategies for furthering human rights on the global stage.

SOWK 475. SOCIAL WORK ENGAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT I. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

In this first of a two course sequence relationship building skills are emphasized to begin gathering and interpreting biopsychosocial data on the interactions between individuals, families, and other groups and their environments. Emphasizes culturally competent, strengths-based and systems oriented assessment. Demonstrates how social work values and the generalist perspective guide engagement. Explores the role of self in helping process.

SOWK 476. SOCIAL WORK ENGAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT II. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

In this second of a two course sequence assessment skills are emphasized for gathering and interpreting biopsychosocial data on the interactions between individuals, families, and other groups and their environments. Emphasizes culturally competent, strengths-based and systems oriented assessment. Demonstrates how social work values and the generalist perspective guide assessment. Explores the role of self in helping process.

SOWK 477. SOCIAL WORK WITH COMMUNITIES. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

This course prepares students to engage with, assess the needs and assets of and plan for action with communities. This course also guides students in experiences of direct assessment and action in the context of community. Students will learn to apply Asset Based Community and Social Development models in their work with communities toward social justice and sustainable change in communities and services.

SOWK 478. SOCIAL WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

Applies the assessment information obtained in SOWK 475 and SOWK 476 to social work interventions with individuals. Emphasizes culturally competent interventions which build on strengths and resources in multiple environments. Continues examination of self in role of change agent.

SOWK 479. SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS. 4 Credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major.

This course focuses on the social work skills for working with groups. Values, use of self, cultural competence, strengths and resources continue to be important practice skills within this new context. Critical thinking and effective communication are additional foci for knowledge and skill development.

SOWK 480. FIELD PREPARATION. 1 Credit.**Notes:** graded Pass/Fail.**Pre-requisites:** BASW Major.

This course prepares students to enter the social work practicum/ seminar. Students will learn how to create a résumé, be interviewed for an agency placement and learn how to be a student worker within a social service environment. Students will integrate their knowledge and skills with practices in the agency.

SOWK 481. PRACTICUM SEMINAR II. 1 Credit.

Integrates classroom knowledge and skills with real world social agency tasks and processes student experiences in the practicum. Because the student will be asked to perform different tasks at this stage in practicum learning, the content of the seminar will likewise change. Continued emphasis on application and fit of social work values in the real world.

SOWK 482. PRACTICUM/SEMINAR. 1-6 Credits.**Notes:** Graded Pass/Fail. Must be repeated three times for a total of 15 credits.**Pre-requisites:** BASW major in good standing and SOWK 480.

Students integrate coursework in a practice setting and process agency experience in a seminar setting. In a social work agency, students, agency field instructors and faculty field instructors plan activities which support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning agreements.

SOWK 483. PRACTICUM II. 7 Credits.

In Block Practicum II, students integrate course work in a practice setting. In a social work agency, students, agency field instructors, and faculty field instructors plan activities which support the development of generalist skills as specified in individualized learning contracts.

SOWK 490. SOCIAL WORK SENIOR CAPSTONE. 4 Credits.

Notes: this course should be taken in the student's final quarter in the BASW program.

Pre-requisites: senior and in good standing as a BASW major.

Satisfies: senior capstone university graduation requirement.

This course further develops students' applied knowledge and skill in the domains of critical, integrative, multidimensional and contextual thinking; cultural competence; social work practice with populations at risk; civic mindedness; professional identity; problem solving; the ability to understand the connection between social policy, social problems and social work practice; and evidence based social work practice.

SOWK 492. CHILD WELFARE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. 5 Credits.

The function and purposes of child welfare programs, public and private; child welfare legislation; trends in child welfare services. Elective.

SOWK 496. EXPERIMENTAL COURSE. 1-6 Credits.

Experimental course, title and credits vary.

SOWK 497. WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.

Short duration programs of contemporary significance in societal-cultural behavior areas. The range and scope of topics are essentially interdisciplinary, and students from all academic areas are eligible to participate.

SOWK 498. DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.

Notes: may be repeated once for credit.

Readings and evaluations in contemporary issues in social welfare. Elective.

SOWK 499. DIRECTED STUDY. 1-5 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Independent study in selected areas of social work. Open to seniors and graduate students from any department. Elective.

SOWK 525. RESEARCH METHODS FOR PROGRAM AND PRACTICE EVALUATION. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

An overview of methods and procedures for conducting research in social work. Attention is given to research designs for evaluating social work practice with small systems and social welfare programs. Students learn to critically evaluate and utilize research, select research instruments, and design applied research projects.

SOWK 526. RESEARCH METHODS II. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 525 and 2 credits of SOWK 571; or SOWK 561.

This course facilitates the integration of foundation year research knowledge into a form that readily applies to professional social work practice. Students will learn how to apply and utilize research data through an exploratory best practice model and other models by deconstructing existing research.

SOWK 530. ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMUNITY PRACTICE. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

This course explores the nature of community organizations and social service delivery systems and their relationships to other community systems. Attention is given to understanding the dynamics of power, economics, politics, and social policies impacting the life of organizations and communities. Students are introduced to ways of assessing organizations and communities with a particular emphasis on community collaborative networks and partnership projects that impact direct service delivery for at-risk populations in urban and rural contexts.

SOWK 531. INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE AND POLICY. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

This course provides students with a foundation understanding and appraisal of social welfare policies and programs in the United States, and the historical and contemporary forces that have shaped their development. It introduces core concepts to provide both an understanding of the political process and the analytic skills needed to further the achievement of social work goals regarding social policies and programs. The course also reviews the development of the social work profession and its influence on social welfare policies.

SOWK 532. FOUNDATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

This course provides a framework for understanding the mission and purpose of social work practice, the historical roots and ethical foundations for the profession, and emerging themes and models of practice. The course highlights required theoretical knowledge for informed practice, advanced generalist practice principles, and the specific roles in day-by-day professional practice. Cultural competence as an essential element of practice is also emphasized. The course introduces students to the challenges of graduate social work education and to the professional culture of social work, typified by NASW, its professional organization.

SOWK 533. SOCIAL WORK ASSESSMENT AND PRACTICE WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

Examines individual and family intervention within American social systems across ethnic, social, class and gender differences. Students learn effective strengths-based interviewing processes with individuals and families and build communications skills. The organizing framework for intervention is ecological systems and a strengths perspective. Current practice models that incorporate the organizing framework are reviewed for their application to specific problem situations.

SOWK 534. HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS. 4 Credits.

This is an interdisciplinary course for students in social work and women's studies, who are interested in how human rights standards can be understood and applied in social work and civic life. The purpose of this course is to explore how the promotion of human rights relates to the mission of social work and women's studies and how this knowledge can affect social change efforts and promote civil society.

SOWK 536. SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. 4 Credits.

This overview of spirituality and social work provides a framework of knowledge, values and skills for spiritually sensitive social work practice and prepares students to respond competently and ethically to diverse spiritual perspectives through a comparative, critically reflective approach.

SOWK 537. INDIAN CHILD WELFARE. 4 Credits.

This course provides an introduction to Indian child welfare with an emphasis on understanding legal, historical and cultural issues applying to work with American Indian and Alaska Native youth. This course emphasizes Indian child welfare issues relevant to the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana).

SOWK 538. INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: special permission of the instructor.

International Social Work provides students with a cross-cultural experience in which they will learn about various cultural norms, social development and ideologies of social welfare from the unique perspective of the area visited. Students will learn about social development strategies intended to address specific social problems and social justice issues relevant to the native population of the region.

SOWK 540. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN CONTEMPORARY ENVIRONMENTS. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

Research and theory about contexts and interactions influencing human development over the life course. Emphasis on understanding life course development in oppressed, vulnerable, and underserved populations. Critical attention is paid to the use and limits of research and theory in relation to these populations.

SOWK 541. SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN A DIVERSE SOCIETY. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

For purposes of this course, diverse populations refers mainly to ethnic groups; however, other diverse groups are discussed. After brief descriptive materials are presented for each population, the course emphasizes the development of a knowledge base and skills for working with diverse populations at both the direct practice and macro levels. A primary critical skill is the examination of one's own attitudes and values. Models of practice with diverse populations are presented for comparative purposes.

SOWK 542. SOCIAL WORK IN CHILD WELFARE. 4 Credits.**SOWK 543. ALTERNATIVES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. 2-4 Credits.**

Analyzes theories relevant to issues of domestic violence in their historical, legal and cultural contexts. Therapeutic interventions are explored.

SOWK 544. SPECIAL PROBLEMS: FAMILY VIOLENCE. 4 Credits.

Students will identify factors related to stress in families, socioeconomic and cultural patterns, historical traditions and societal values and investigate how these may relate to violent behavior.

SOWK 545. BEHAVIORAL AND COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS. 4 Credits.

This course will introduce participants to the theory and practice of behavioral and cognitive-behavioral intervention. The course will facilitate participants understanding of (1) key concepts of behavior modification, including reinforcement, punishment and extinction; (2) key concepts of behavioral assessment, including target behaviors, antecedents and consequences, as well as dimensions of behavior (frequency, intensity, duration); (3) types of behavioral interventions, including conditioning, shaping and behavior-maintenance schedules; and (4) methods for monitoring the efficacy of behavioral approaches with individual cases. This course will also enable participants to become better acquainted with how to apply cognitive behavioral (CB) principles in assessment and intervention, including (1) behavioral self monitoring, successive approximation, identifying self-defeating cognitions, cognitive restructuring and working with cognitive schemata; (2) implementing CB principles in a group setting using the Adolescent Coping with Depression Course (CWD-A) as a model; and (3) supporting and monitoring the progress of the clients in CB intervention through the use of CWD-A homework assignments. Participants should come to understand behavioral and cognitive-behavioral interventions as ideographic, as opposed to homothetic, approaches to practice.

SOWK 546. MINDFULNESS AND ACCEPTANCE APPROACHES IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: current MSW student or by permission of instructor.

This intensive course will introduce participants to the theory and practice of acceptance and mindfulness applications in cognitive behavioral interventions. The course will facilitate participants understanding of; (1) key concepts of cognitive behavioral therapy, including acceptance and mindfulness approaches, (2) key concepts of assessment, including value inventories, (3) types of acceptance and mindfulness CBT interventions, including Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) and (4) in-session activities and interventions to facilitate change with individuals and groups.

SOWK 547. MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING. 4 Credits.

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is an effective evidenced-based approach to overcoming the factors that keep people from making desired changes in their lives even after seeking or being referred to professional treatment. This course reviews the conceptual and research background supporting MI and the Transtheoretical Model (Stages of Change-SOC) and provides practice in implementing the skills involved in their approaches.

SOWK 550. SOCIAL WORK WITH GROUPS. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

The course develops knowledge and skills for social work practice with groups and natural helping systems. Prepares students to utilize mutual aid groups as a helping resource for clients, facilitate treatment groups, and participate effectively as a member of committees, interagency teams, and other task groups. The practice of work with groups is presented through lecture and discussion, observational assignments, role plays, and participation in small group learning experiences.

SOWK 551. WOMEN AND SOCIAL CHANGE. 4 Credits.

This course examines the historical and contemporary role of women as leaders and participants in U. S. social movements. The course critiques the models and strategies used to organize communities and groups to improve the status of marginalized people.

SOWK 552. ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND CHANGE. 4 Credits.

This course focuses on leadership and change in social service agencies in relationship to the roles and functions of managers and administrators. The course provides a general overview of administrative and supervisory functions in social agencies focusing on the knowledge, values and skills needed for managing change and providing leadership. These are the qualities needed for successful administrative practice in first line and middle management positions and in small agencies typically found in rural and regional contexts.

SOWK 553. SOCIAL WORK INTERVENTION AND EVALUATION WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

Continues social work practice knowledge and skill development for work with individuals and families. This is the second of a two-course sequence focused on the intervention, ongoing assessment and the termination and evaluation phases of the helping process. The course provides both didactic and experiential learning experiences relative to communication skills, counseling and therapy skills, and termination and practice evaluation strategies.

SOWK 554. CLINICAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN SEXUALITY. 4 Credits.

From the time of conception, there are forces continuously affecting our sexuality. This course has been developed to assist participants to develop skills to work with people as sexual beings. Self assessment by each person with regard to his or her own values should occur throughout the course. Sexual functioning and a variety of conditions affecting sexual functioning will be explored. It is intended that participants will leave this course with the basic knowledge, attitudes and skills to deal with sexual questions and concerns of clients. Course content will include: (1) basic issues in sexuality; (2) sexuality throughout the lifespan; (3) anatomy and physiology of the sexual response cycle; (4) sexual alternatives; (5) sexuality in illness and disability; (6) sexual dysfunctions; and (7) treatment issues.

SOWK 555. CONFLICT MANAGEMENT. 4 Credits.

This course provides an introduction to the theory and practice of conflict management in four contexts: intrapersonal, interpersonal, groups and societal. The focus is on the analysis and practical management of conflict as a common denominator linking a wide variety of human activities. A micro to macro overview of the dynamics of conflict management from one-on-one communication to the practices of negotiation and mediation to international/global efforts toward peace will be explored.

SOWK 557. BIOPSYCH BASES FOR HUMAN DEV. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of the instructor.

This course focuses primarily on the biosocial aspects of human development. Biosocial development is defined as including heredity, physical traits and diseases, neurological functioning and disorders, and sexual functioning and the reciprocal relationships between biosocial development and social contexts—the meanings of gender, sexual orientation, and disability in society. The course is designed to help students gain familiarity with human physical systems, to identify their functions and to understand the implications of dysfunction. The course will also focus on disability issues and the effects of living with a disability. Students will be able to critically analyze the biopsychosocial and cultural implications of physical functioning in people's everyday lives and apply this understanding to professional practice.

SOWK 558. GAY/LESBIAN ISSUES FOR SW. 4 Credits.

This course is designed to assist professionals who may encounter lesbians, gays, bisexuals, persons questioning their sexuality and transgendered as clients. Students in the course will be encouraged to deal openly with their feelings and attitudes about homosexuality. Class members will be allowed to explore their motivations and resistance to working with this client group and those hostile to them and will be helped, where possible, to resolve blocks to effective social provision. Additionally, this course is designed to educate and suggest counseling approaches that might be most helpful to this client population and to explore available support systems. Issues that will receive special attention include health, problems of rural lesbians and gay men, the aging, child welfare, homophobia, the "coming out" process and societal attitudes toward gays, lesbians, questioning and transgendered populations.

SOWK 559. SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK AND SCHOOL LAW. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: baccalaureate degree.

This course will review Federal and State legislation as well as local policies which affect the role of the social worker in the public school. We will review how the school system functions as a part of our total society. The course will describe how social work knowledge, skills, and values provide an ecological approach to preventative, crisis, and remedial care for school children and their families.

SOWK 560. TOPICS OF SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. 1-6 Credits.

Selected and variable content around topics related to social work and social welfare.

SOWK 561. ADV. STANDING SEM.. 6 Credits.

Pre-requisites: admission into advanced standing MSW program or permission of MSW Director.

This course provides Advanced Standing students with an overview of the foundation requirements for advanced study in the MSW program. It prepares students with additional problem formulation, sampling, data collection, measurement and research designs to complete the advanced year applied research project.

SOWK 563. BRIEF INTERVENTIONS. 4 Credits.

This course is designed to help students to integrate a cognitive and practical understanding of brief intervention strategies within their practice with individuals, couples and families. Content areas include an overview of the theoretical base of the solution-focused model of intervention, the professional debate regarding the use of the short-term model, and the potential benefits of its application in the health-care reform environment.

SOWK 564. SOCIAL WORK WITH VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES. 4 Credits.

This course includes content on military culture, strengths and needs of military families, and interventions for military service members and their families. The course goal is to prepare social workers to work with veterans and military service members. As soldiers continue to deploy and return from service, they and their families' needs for professional social work services will continue to increase. This means that social workers in all areas of practice need to be educated about working with this population.

SOWK 565. FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICE WITH POPULATIONS AT-RISK. 4 Credits.

Provides students with advanced direct practice knowledge and skills for work with populations at-risk in the context of families. Students are introduced to strategies for family-centered practice that are derived from ecological systems, developmental, behavioral, intergenerational, and cognitive practice traditions. Core concepts emphasized in the course include respect and support of family decisions, collaborative problem-solving, a strengths orientation, flexibility of approach, family empowerment, and support for families in their caregiving role.

SOWK 568. PROSEMINARS IN SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 525, SOWK 531 and 2 credits of SOWK 571; or SOWK 561.

Advanced seminars on current policy and program developments in contemporary areas of social welfare which impact populations at-risk, including health care, aging, mental health, and services to children and families. Seminars provide research and theory pertaining to social problems and institutional responses. Three domains of institutional response—legal, professional, and program—receive attention.

SOWK 569. ADVANCED SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. 4 Credits.

The goal of this course is to assist the student in developing a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of current school social work practice. The values, purpose, knowledge base and sanctions which undergird the specialized, professional practice of school social work will be discussed, analyzed and applied experientially to practice situations. Learning experiences are designed to promote understanding of the many dimensions, opportunities for creative practice and rigors of social work practice in schools.

SOWK 571. FOUNDATION PRACTICUM/SEMINAR. 1-4 Credits.

Notes: graded Pass/No Credit.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 531, SOWK 532, SOWK 553. (A total of 4 credits distributed over 2 qtrs for the full-time program and over 3 qtrs. for the part-time programs.) Students in Foundation Practicum/Seminar utilize the agency setting for integration of coursework knowledge and for the development of professional practice skills. The placement agency is the laboratory for the application of classroom learning. Practicum is a supervised experience which allows students to learn to use supervision as a professional development process and to receive feedback concerning their professional functioning. The seminar is the forum in which students share, compare and analyze the field experience and participate in learning activities focused on application of curriculum content to practice. It is designed to assist in the integration process to provide support for students in discussion of practice issues and learning experiences and to engage students in utilizing course content to enhance their professional practice.

SOWK 572. FAMILY SYSTEMS AND ILLNESS. 4 Credits.

This course examines the impact of chronic and life-threatening illness upon the functioning abilities of both healthy and troubled families, communities and health care systems. Through the lens of illness, the course looks at how families communicate, how they are structured, how they function over time and what non-illness related issues typically unbalance them. The course will focus on ways the social worker can rebalance families in the face of the chaos and unpredictability generated by illness.

SOWK 573. ALTERNATIVES IN HEALING: COMPLEMENTARY CARE IN SOCIAL WORK. 4 Credits.

This course examines the ways that people benefit from ancient and modern mind/body healing techniques that can help them deeply relax and draw upon inner strengths, alleviating much of the physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual suffering associated with chronic or acute illness and dying.

SOWK 574. DEATH AND DYING. 4 Credits.

This course explores issues related to death, dying, grief and loss as well as their relevance and application to social work practice. The content draws from an interdisciplinary knowledge base and emphasizes the acquisition of practice skills. Topics include loss events throughout the life span; psychological and sociological theoretical perspectives in death, dying, grief and loss: social work practice models in grief, loss and coping with terminal illness; the impact of individual differences and cultural diversity on reactions to loss-related events; available resources for those dealing with these issues, and policy and ethical implications related to end-of-life care and decision making.

SOWK 575. ADVANCED SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS. 4 Credits.

Advanced practice strategies and techniques for current problems facing children, youth and families. Students will apply assessment paradigms to case situations and design appropriate intervention strategies based on contemporary practice theory. Direct practice knowledge and skills will be evaluated through experiential and written assignments.

SOWK 576. ADDICTION: A BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL APPROACH. 4 Credits.

This course applies the biopsychosocial perspective to the addiction field. The emphasis is on an examination of the reciprocal interaction between the individual experiencing addiction and the various systems that impact misuse, addiction, treatment and recovery. Topics will include harm reduction, the biology of addiction, the psychology of addiction, co-existing disorders and social aspects of addiction, including family risks and resilience, racial and ethnic issues, gender and sexual orientation, the nature of mutual help groups and public policy issues. The content of the course will draw heavily on current research and emphasize critical thinking and analysis of the current controversies in the addiction field. The overall framework of the course rests on the foundation of the strengths perspective and client-centered practices. Although alcohol and drug problems will be emphasized, the course will also address other related disorders, including eating disorders, pathological gambling and compulsive shopping.

SOWK 577. CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK ASSESSMENT. 4 Credits.

Examination of the assessment skills required for professional social work practice in mental health and other professional settings. Application of mental health diagnosis and clinical assessment techniques to case situations.

SOWK 579. GENDER AND SEXUAL ASSAULT. 4 Credits.

This course addresses contemporary concerns about sexual assault primarily, but not exclusively against women. Theories about the sociocultural context of gender socialization and other explanatory theories will provide a framework for understanding personal and societal responses to sexual violence. The course will survey all forms of sexual violence and discuss dynamics of trauma and recovery. Treatment approaches will be discussed as well as the importance of prevention and change strategies on both the personal and the societal level.

SOWK 580. FIELD PREPARATION. 1 Credit.

Notes: graded Pass No Credit.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of instructor.

This course serves as an introduction to field practicum and to a community agency setting. It provides the students with the necessary information, skills and practices to maximize their success in their field practicum.

SOWK 581. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR I. 1 Credit.

Notes: graded Pass/No Credit.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of MSW graduate director.

This seminar is the forum in which students share, compare and analyze their social work educational experience and participate in learning activities focused on application of curriculum content for the comprehensive exam. It is designed to assist in the integration process, to provide support for students in discussion of learning experiences and to engage students in utilizing course content to enhance their professional practice.

SOWK 582. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR II. 1 Credit.

Notes: graded Pass/No Credit.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of MSW graduate director.

This seminar is the forum in which students share, compare and analyze their social work educational experience and participate in learning activities focused on application of curriculum content for the comprehensive exam. It is designed to assist in the integration process, to provide support for students in discussion of learning experiences and to engage students in utilizing course content to enhance their professional practice.

SOWK 583. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR III. 1 Credit.

Notes: graded Pass/No Credit.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of MSW graduate director.

This seminar is the forum in which students share, compare and analyze their social work educational experience and participate in learning activities focused on application of curriculum content for the comprehensive exam. It is designed to assist in the integration process, to provide support for students in discussion of learning experiences and to engage students in utilizing course content to enhance their professional practice.

SOWK 584. INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR IV. 1 Credit.

Notes: graded Pass/No Credit.

Pre-requisites: graduate standing in the MSW program or permission of MSW graduate director.

This seminar is the forum in which students share, compare and analyze their social work educational experience and participate in learning activities focused on application of curriculum content for the comprehensive exam. It is designed to assist in the integration process, to provide support for students in discussion of learning experiences and to engage students in utilizing course content to enhance their professional practice.

SOWK 596. EXPERIMENTAL COURSE. 1-5 Credits.**SOWK 597. WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.**

Notes: only one workshop course for up to 3 credits may be used to fulfill graduate degree requirements.

SOWK 599. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-5 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Students take intensive and independent study of some special area in social work or social welfare.

SOWK 600. THESIS. 1-15 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Elective course.

SOWK 601. RESEARCH PROJECT. 1-15 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

Individually supervised research work.

SOWK 602. CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS AND EVIDENCE BASED TREATMENT. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 553 or currently enrolled in SOWK 561.

This course examines evidence-based treatments across the lifespan from a social work perspective, with a specific focus on the most common mental disorders and evidence-based treatments. Students will demonstrate application of the most current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and become critical consumers of evidence-based treatment research with diverse populations. The course emphasizes strengths and ecological systems perspectives, risk and resiliency factors, and the impact of biological, psychological, cultural, spiritual and other social factors.

SOWK 603. LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN HUMAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. 4 Credits.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 530 or SOWK 561.

This course is designed to expand students' knowledge and understanding of human service organizations and to provide approaches for designing and managing human service programs effectively. Organizational and management theories and principles are applied to a range of human services. The course focuses on the knowledge, values and skills needed for successful leadership in creating a meaningful work environment, managing organizational outcomes, and engaging the community.

SOWK 671. ADVANCED PRACTICUM/SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.

Notes: graded Pass/No Credit.

Pre-requisites: SOWK 571 or SOWK 561.

(A total of 13 credits distributed over three quarters for the full-time program and over five quarters for the part-time programs). Advanced Practicum/Seminar is a continuation of the Foundation Practicum/Seminar. Students in Advanced Practicum/Seminar will utilize the agency setting for integration of coursework knowledge and for the development of professional practice skills. The placement agency is the laboratory for the application of classroom learning. Practicum is a supervised experience which allows students to learn to use supervision as a professional development process and to receive feedback concerning their professional functioning. The seminar is the forum in which students share, compare and analyze the field experience and participate in learning activities focused on application of curriculum content to practice. It is designed to assist in the integration process to provide support for students in discussion of practice issues and learning experiences and to engage students in utilizing course content to enhance their professional practice.

SOWK 695. INTERNSHIP. 1-5 Credits.

Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.