Social Work (SOWK)

Courses

**SOWK 2113 Introduction to the Field of Social Work: 3 semester hours.**
Introduction to the profession of social work and the institution of social welfare. Include overviews of social welfare history; the range of contemporary services and agencies, and professional values, ethics, licensing and associates. Generalist social work model presented. Involves agency experience. Required for social work major and minor.

**SOWK 2133 Social Work with Children and Families: 3 semester hours.**
Examination of social and cultural constructs of childhood including history and development of child welfare services; childhood developmental stages; social policy relevant to children, families and their well-being; assessment, intervention and direct services for children and families.

**SOWK 2173 Multicultural Issues in Mental Health: 3 semester hours.**
Exploration of the etiology and treatment modalities for addressing mental health issues with culturally diverse populations including African American, Hispanic American, and Asian American.

**SOWK 3113 Social Welfare Policy and Services: 3 semester hours.**
Introduces social welfare as a system of arrangements, programs, and mechanism for generalist social work practice in meeting human needs; survey of social welfare and issues related to social and economic justice.

**SOWK 3123 Social Welfare Policy Analysis: 3 semester hours.**
Study of the history, philosophy, structure and function of social welfare services; examination of policy-making processes and models, and effects of legislation on social work practice. Utilizes interdisciplinary approach including social, political, legal, economic and administrative.

**SOWK 3133 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I: 3 semester hours.**
Dynamics of human behavior and effects of the social environment on individual development. Process of human development adaptation from infancy through adolescence with an examination of developmental states, transitions and problems inclusive of the person in the environment.

**SOWK 3143 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II: 3 semester hours.**
Continuation of the person in the environment emphasizing theoretical orientation, building understanding and knowledge of human behavior as influenced by bio-psycho-social-cultural factors. Emphasis on current perspectives on adulthood and aging, and theories helpful for understanding work with individuals in the context of their social environment. Prerequisites: SOWK 3133.

**SOWK 3153 Social Work with At-Risk Juveniles: 3 semester hours.**
Emphasizes generalist approach to delinquency prevention, and intervention within the correctional system.

**SOWK 3163 Gerontological Social Work: 3 semester hours.**
Introduction of fundamentals in gerontology (theories, principles, and concepts); interdisciplinary approaches to aging and life-span development including ecological and systems perspective.

**SOWK 3173 Minority Aging: 3 semester hours.**
Designed to survey the process of aging among predominant minority groups in the United States and other parts of the world. At completion of this course students should be able to identify and describe patterns of aging among blacks, Hispanics, Indians, Appalachians, and Asians, and to identify and analyze social problems for the minority groups studied.

**SOWK 3213 Human and Cultural Diversity Social Work: 3 semester hours.**
Acquisition and application of methods, theories, and skills sensitive to a wide variety of human differences for competent social work practice with diverse populations. Effects of prejudice, discrimination, and stereotyping at individual and institutional levels. Advocacy for social and economic justice specific to race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion, disability, social class, nationality, and sexual orientation.

**SOWK 4123 Social Work Practice I: 3 semester hours.**
Introduction to generalist social work practice theory, knowledge, values, and skills in professional practice with individuals, families, and small groups. Emphasis on ecological and systems framework; presents generalist methodological approach for problem solving.

**SOWK 4133 Social Work Practice II: 3 semester hours.**
Acquisition and application of theories and practice approaches appropriate for professional generalist social work with groups, organizations, and community systems. Emphasizes leadership roles and skills, including analyses of systems processes and interactions. Builds on problem solving approach introduced in SOWK 4123. Thirty-six (36) hours of agency volunteer service required. Prerequisites: SOWK 4123.

**SOWK 4143 Social Work Research I: 3 semester hours.**
Study of the research process and its application to generalist social work practice. Conceptual foundation of social work research. Quantitative and qualitative methods of inquiry, research designs, data collection, and analysis of ethical and human diversity issues in research. Introduces computer research applications in social work practice.
SOWK 4153 Social Work Research II: 3 semester hours.
Advanced quantitative and qualitative methods of inquiry, research designs, and analysis of ethical and human diversity issues in social work research. Knowledge and skills in using advanced computer research applications in social work. Prerequisites: SOWK 4143 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=SOWK%204143).

SOWK 4163 Honors Seminar in Social Work: 3 semester hours.
Special seminar of current events in social welfare.

SOWK 4176 Field Practicum: 6 semester hours.
Supervised learning experience involving field-based placement in social service agency. Integration of theory and practice. All required social work foundation courses must be completed before entering practicum. Co-requisite: SOWK 4183 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=SOWK%204183).

SOWK 4183 Integrative Seminar: 3 semester hours.
Analysis and evaluation of the field-based experiences. Evaluation of conceptual framework for integrating social work knowledge, skills, and values gained from field experiences including administrative issues related to practicum, agency assignments and other field related issues for resolution. All required social work foundation courses must be completed before enrolling in this course. Co-requisite: SOWK 4176 (http://catalog.pvamu.edu/search/?P=SOWK%204176).

SOWK 4343 Generalist Crisis Intervention: 3 semester hours.
Intervention with individuals, families, and communities in crisis using the generalist social work model. Crisis assessment, management and referral.

SOWK 4353 Intervention with Addicted Family: 3 semester hours.
Integration of theory and codependency, mental and physical abuse, and other obsessive behaviors.

SOWK 4363 Special topics in Social Work: 3 semester hours.
Select topics of interest in the field of social work and social welfare. May be repeated for credit when topics vary.

SOWK 4993 Independent Study: 3 semester hours.
Readings, research, and/or field work on selected topics.