SOCIAL WORK (SWK)

SWK F103X  Introduction to Social Work  (s)  3 Credits
Introduction to the profession of social work and the human services delivery system. Examines historical development of social work focusing on the knowledge, values and skills that characterize the social worker. Orientation to the context for social work, including the diversity of human needs, human services, social policy and legislation. Services, programs, and career opportunities within rural and urban Alaska, as well as nationally, are discussed.
Attributes: UAF GER Social Sciences Req
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F197  Individual Study  1-6 Credits
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 0 + 0

SWK F220  Ethics, Values and Social Work Practice  (s)  3 Credits
The professional nature and meaning of generalist social work practice. Examines the NASW code of ethics. Introduces interpersonal communication and interviewing. Assists students in making decisions about social work or other helping professions.
Prerequisites: SWK F103X; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F305  Social Welfare History  (O, s)  3 Credits
Analysis of social inequality and the U.S. social welfare system by tracing the historical development of government response to social inequality and exploring historical and persisting dilemmas in the provision of social welfare services.
Prerequisites: COMM F131X or COMM F141X; SWK F103X or SOC F100X or ANTH F100X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F306  Social Welfare: Policies and Issues  3 Credits
Offered Spring
Social policies and how they effect the delivery of social services. Factors influencing development of the current social service system. Analysis of dilemmas that develop in a welfare system attempting to deal with rapid social change. Alternative approaches to the solution of social problems and possible future developments.
Prerequisites: ECON F100X; PS F100X; SWK F103X; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F310  Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders  3 Credits
Offered As Demand Warrants
An overview of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders with a particular focus on the needs, issues and programs specific to Alaska.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F320  Rural Social Work  (W, a)  3 Credits
Offered Spring
This course examines rural and small community life, its value systems, strengths and capacities, customs, political and economic structures and their implications for the lives of people in rural settings and for generalist social work practice. Special attention is given to differences in intervention and service provision in rural areas, particularly in rural, remote and Alaska Native communities.
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X or permission of instructor; SWK F103X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F330  Seminar in International Social Work  3 Credits
Offered Fall
International issues related to social work practice and social welfare policy. The focus of the seminar will be on global and international issues related to social and economic justice, distributive justice, and human and civil rights. Specific content is announced at registration. Course may be repeated once for credit when content varies.
Prerequisites: SWK F103X; or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F341  Human Behavior in the Social Environment I  (s)  3 Credits
Offered Fall
Theoretical frameworks for organizing knowledge about personality development, social behavior and the organization of groups and communities. An emphasis is placed on the bio-psycho-social perspective of human development from birth through adolescence.
Prerequisites: PSY F101X; SOC F100X or ANTH F100X; SWK F103X.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F342  Human Behavior in the Social Environment II  3 Credits
Offered Spring
Theoretical frameworks for organizing knowledge, personality development, social behavior and the organization of groups and communities. An emphasis is placed on the bio-psycho-social of human development young adulthood through later life.
Prerequisites: PSY F101X; SOC F100X or ANTH F100X; SWK F103X; social work major.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F350  Women's Issues in Social Welfare and Social Work Practices  (W, s)  3 Credits
Examination of theories and research concerning women's issues in the field of social work and in the social welfare system, with particular emphasis on women in poverty and women of color. Contemporary policy issues and strategies of empowerment will be covered.
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; SWK F103X or SOC F100X; or permission of instructor.
Cross-listed with WGS F350.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F360  Child Abuse and Neglect  3 Credits
Offered Spring
Dynamics, implications and treatments of child abuse and neglect for individuals and families in rural and urban Alaska.
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing or permission of instructor.
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0
SWK F370   Services and Support for an Aging Society  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
An examination of the aging process, theories, political processes, social work generalist intervention and strategies and agency support for the aging population. The rapidly changing social and health issues of older adults are addressed in a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural approach. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F375   Research Methods in Social Work  
(W)  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Course has a two-fold objective: to help students become critical consumers of research in the social sciences and to allow students to carry out beginning research studies. Course sequentially covers phases of the research process, whether quantitative or qualitative. 
Prerequisites: ENGL F111X; ENGL F211X or ENGL F213X; SWK F103X; or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F390   Trauma and Wellness: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
This course explores and critically examines diverse ways of knowing about experiences related to the concepts of trauma and wellness, both individually and collectively, and builds upon wellness strategies that focus on context, culture and lived experience across the lifespan. 
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F440   Social Work Practice with Military Families  
3 Credits  
Explores the history and roles of social work with military families. Ethical concerns that emerge from social work practice with military families are addressed. Military social workers’ roles in mental health programs, family advocacy, program administration, and policy making are examined. Addresses the issues that affect military families during times of deployment. 
Prerequisites: SWK F220; or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F460   Social Work Practice I  
3 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Development of beginning skills in interviewing and helping processes with individuals, families and groups. Application of intervention strategies and techniques made to case materials, primarily in family and child welfare services. Contracting, case management and social brokerage. 
Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in SWK F461; Social Work major; senior standing. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F461   Practicum in Social Work I  
3,6 Credits  
Offered Fall  
Individual training and practice in a social service agency. Students signing up for 3 credits complete 100 hours; students signing up for 6 credits complete 200 hours of direct practice in an approved agency under the supervision of a field instructor. 
Prerequisites: Social Work major; senior standing; approval from practicum coordinator. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 7,15 + 0

SWK F463   Social Work Practice II  
3 Credits  
Offered Spring  
Further development of student’s knowledge of direct practice with clients and development of beginning skills in community work including social planning. Emphasis on aspects of rural practice such as use of community associations and the informal helping network. Taken concurrently with SWK F464. 
Prerequisites: Social work major, senior standing, and concurrent enrollment in SWK F464. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F464   Practicum in Social Work II  
3-6 Credits  
Continuation of SWK F461; further direct practice experience in an agency. Students signing up for 3 credits complete 100 hours; students signing up for 6 credits complete 200 hours of practice in an approved agency under the supervision of a field instructor. Taken concurrently with SWK F463. 
Prerequisites: SWK F460; SWK F461; Social Work major; senior standing. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1 + 7,15 + 0

SWK F466   Practicum in Social Work II  
3.6 Credits  
Further direct practice experience in an approved agency under the supervision of a field instructor. Students enrolled in 3 credits must complete 100 hours of practicum. Students enrolled in 6 credits must complete 200 hours of practicum. 
Prerequisites: SWK F460; SWK F461; SWK F463; SWK F464; Social Work major; senior standing. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 0 + 7,15 + 0

SWK F470   Substance Abuse Theories and Treatment  
(s)  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Examination of research and theories of chemical dependency from a social work, systems/ecological framework. Critically examines current theory and practice in terms of effectiveness, cultural appropriateness and validity with vulnerable populations. 
Prerequisites: SWK F103X; or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F484   Seminar in Social Work Practice Areas  
3 Credits  
Offered As Demand Warrants  
Problem areas in social work. Topics vary in different semesters, content announced in class schedule prior to each semester. Course may be repeated for credit when topic varies. 
Prerequisites: SWK F103X; or permission of instructor. 
Lecture + Lab + Other: 3 + 0 + 0

SWK F492   Seminar  
1-3 Credits  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0

SWK F492P   Seminar  
1-3 Credits  
Lecture + Lab + Other: 1-3 + 0 + 0