Social Welfare

Berkeley Social Welfare educates students for leadership in the field of social welfare and the profession of social work. Since 1944 we have prepared over 11,000 social work professionals and social work scholars for leadership in a range of research, teaching, advanced practice, and management roles. We offer two graduate degrees: the professional Master of Social Welfare (MSW); and the academic Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare (PhD).

Master of Social Welfare (MSW)

Berkeley Social Welfare offers a two-year, full-time program of study leading to the fully accredited Master of Social Welfare (MSW) (http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/msw-program) degree. Students are prepared to practice with specialized skills at specific intervention levels and are thoroughly grounded in social science knowledge, social welfare policies, and social service organizations. All MSW students complete a foundation curriculum in generalist social work practice; an advanced curriculum that prepares students for practice in a chosen area or areas of specialization; and a field education curriculum including agency-based field placements and integrative field seminars.

Certificate Program

Additional special program options include the School Social Work Credential Program (http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/ppsc); a Social Work with Latinos Certificate (http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/SWLC); and combined master's degree programs with the Goldman School of Public Policy and the School of Public Health.

The PhD in Social Welfare

Berkeley Social Welfare's doctoral program (http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/phd-program) develops scholars who challenge conventional wisdom and make significant contributions to the field of social welfare and the profession of social work through excellent research, teaching, policy development, and administration. Berkeley doctoral students become proficient in research methodology and experts in their area of interest and ultimately demonstrate scholarly competence by publishing their dissertation.

Applying to Graduate Study in Social Welfare

All applicants to graduate study in Social Welfare apply online through the Berkeley Graduate Division's Graduate Admissions Office. The School of Social Welfare only admits for the fall semester; applicants can apply for fall admission beginning in September the year before planning to attend. For more information on eligibility requirements, instructions on the application process and a link to the online Graduate Application for Admission and Fellowships, please visit Applying for Graduate Admission. (http://grad.berkeley.edu/admissions/apply)

The School of Social Welfare Admissions Office guides potential graduate applicants through the application process via online resources, admissions advising in-person and by phone advising, group presentations and recruitment events. For more information about our programs, application requirements, admission process, or informational sessions and recruitment events, please visit Berkeley Social Welfare Admissions. (http://socialwelfare.berkeley.edu/admissions)

Admission to the MSW Program

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Social Welfare (MSW) Program at Berkeley, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Possession of a bachelor's degree or recognized equivalent from an accredited institution.
2. A satisfactory scholastic average, generally a minimum grade-point average of B or better (3.0 on a 4-point scale).
3. Sufficient undergraduate preparation and training for graduate study in social welfare. Applicants for admission to the MSW program must have strong academic preparation in the liberal arts and sciences, including coursework in the social and behavioral sciences.
4. A course in introductory statistics, research methods, or quantitative reasoning. This requirement must be satisfied prior to matriculation if you are offered admission.
5. The equivalent of one full year of paid or voluntary experience related to social welfare or human services. For applicants to the Management and Planning (MAP) Concentration, the recommended minimum experience requirement is two years.
6. For international applicants from a country or political entity where English is not the official language, a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam or other acceptable equivalent evidence of English language proficiency to do graduate work is required.
7. Applicants to joint master's degree programs (e.g., MSW/MPH; MSW/MPP) and the Combined MSW/PhD Program must meet eligibility requirements for and admissions standards of both programs, including any examination requirements (GRE, etc.) of other programs. The GRE is not required for the MSW-only program.

Admission to the PhD Program

Berkeley Social Welfare prefers applicants who hold a master's degree in social work or social welfare, or have comparable preparation in a closely related field; and who show evidence of intellectual and other qualifications essential to successful doctoral study. Applicants must possess the intellectual qualifications essential to successful performance in the program, and in reviewing applications we seek to determine whether the applicant's particular objectives can be met in our doctoral program at Berkeley.

Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Social Welfare

To be granted the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare, students must satisfy all of the following requirements:

1. Complete a course of study in the school and related departments of the University specified by the school, designed to achieve proficiency in the areas of social work theory, social welfare policy and/or administration, history and philosophies of social welfare, and social research methods.
2. Pass qualifying examinations indicating proficiency in the areas mentioned above.
3. Pass an oral examination before a committee appointed in accordance with rules of the Graduate Council.
4. Be admitted to candidacy for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy according to procedures established by the Academic Senate.
5. Complete a dissertation dealing with some problem of significance to the field of social welfare and of such character as to show power to prosecute independent investigation.
6. Spend a minimum of at least two years of graduate study in residence at the University of California, Berkeley.

**Unit Requirement**

There is no total unit requirement for the PhD degree in Social Welfare, but doctoral students must enroll full-time (12 units/semester, no more than 4 of which may be earned by working as a graduate student researcher or graduate student instructor) until taking and passing the qualifying exam.

**Course of Study**

Doctoral coursework includes seminars in research methods, statistics, theory, and other related course; along with individual tutorials with members of the faculty.

**Required Courses in Social Welfare**

All of the following courses must be completed prior to the Qualifying Exam:

- SOC WEL 279 Seminar in the History and Philosophy of Social Welfare 2
- SOC WEL 287 Research Resources and Processes 2
- SOC WEL 289A Research Methods and Techniques in Social Welfare 4
- SOC WEL 295 Dissertation Seminar 2

**Coursework in Statistics**

Social Welfare doctoral students are required to complete at least 4 courses in statistics. The student should work with his or her PhD faculty advisor to choose these courses from among those approved by the Doctoral Curriculum Committee. Courses must be graduate level courses (200 and above) and may be offered by any department on campus.

**Coursework in Methods**

Social Welfare doctoral students are required to complete at least 2 research methods electives. These courses are intended to deepen a skill set needed for an ongoing program of research. Students and PhD faculty advisors work together to select appropriate courses.

**First Year Competency Exam**

At the end of their first year in the program, students are required to demonstrate mastery of a broad base of knowledge in social welfare by completing a competency exam based upon knowledge gained in SOC WEL 279 and SOC WEL 289A.

**Qualifying Paper**

A Qualifying Paper (QP), which serves as a preliminary examination, is due at the end of the second year of the PhD program. The QP is expected to synthesize and critically evaluate an important, broad body of literature about an intellectual question related to a social problem. After the QP is satisfactorily completed, students must (a) declare two fields of expertise on which he or she will be examined by a Qualifying Examination committee, and (b) complete a Dissertation Prospectus. The fields of expertise may relate to the QP, must represent two broad and important bodies of literature related to a social problem(s), and must be approved by the PhD Chair in consultation with the student’s PhD Faculty Advisor. The fields of expertise must be broad (e.g., poverty/inequality & mental health; child development & domestic violence; substance abuse & violence).

**Dissertation Prospectus**

A Dissertation Prospectus must be completed well in advance of taking the Qualifying Examination. The prospectus must summarize the relevant literature, describe the issue or problem to be addressed (with clear study aims), and focus on the plan of research—including the proposed methodology, data sources, and/or analyses to be used, and a tentative timeline for project completion.

**Qualifying Examination**

The qualifying examination is a three-hour oral exam assessing mastery of the student's chosen fields of study, and written materials submitted for the examination. It is conducted by a committee of five faculty members proposed by the student and approved by the Graduate Division. When passed, this examination marks completion of required course work, mastery of the fields of study, and advancement to candidacy.

**Dissertation**

Once advanced to candidacy, doctoral students pursue a research agenda that will offer an original contribution to knowledge in the field. The dissertation is the final demonstration of scholarly, research, and professional abilities. Upon final signature of approval by the dissertation committee and submission to the Graduate Division, students are awarded the doctoral degree.

**Requirements for the Master of Social Welfare (MSW) Degree**

To be eligible for conferral of the Master of Social Welfare (MSW) degree, students must satisfy all of the following requirements.

**Minimum Total Unit Requirement**

A minimum total of 54 units is required for the MSW degree.

- At least half must be from graduate level coursework (courses numbered 200-299).
- A total of 25 units must be earned in required field practicum placements and integrative seminars.

One unit of graduate credit typically requires a minimum of three hours per week of effort on the part of the student, including time spent in class, in the field, and in reading and other preparation.

**Academic Standing Requirement**

To be awarded the MSW degree a student must have maintained a grade point average not lower than 3.0 (B) in all upper division and graduate academic courses undertaken in graduate residence at the University of California.

**Generalist Practice Curriculum Requirement**

All students must successfully complete all of the following courses in order to satisfy this requirement:

- SOC WEL 200 Theories for Multilevel Practice 2
- SOC WEL 220 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy 2
- SOC WEL 240 Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work 2
- SOC WEL 241 Foundations of Multilevel Practice 3

**Specialized Practice Curriculum Requirement**

All MSW students complete a series of required advanced practice and policy courses, selected according to chosen specialized practice area(s)
and any additional special program options. The following courses are used to satisfy this requirement:

**Required Advanced Policy Course (Choose one)**
- SOC WEL 230  Social Policy: Children and Families  2
- SOC WEL 238C  Health Policy—A Social Welfare Perspective  2

**Specialized Practice with Children, Youth and Families**
- SOC WEL 243  Direct Practice in Child and Family Settings  2

**Specialized Practice in Health, Mental Health and Aging**
- SOC WEL 205  Psychosocial Problems and Psychopathology  2
- SOC WEL 210C  Aging Processes  2
- SOC WEL 244  Direct Practice in Mental Health Settings  2
- SOC WEL 245  Direct Practice in Health Settings  2
- SOC WEL 246  Direct Practice in Aging Settings  2

**Specialized Practice in Management and Planning**
- SOC WEL 210I  Group, Organizational, and Community Dynamics  2
- SOC WEL 251  Program Development  2
- SOC WEL 252  Program Implementation  2

**Required for Students in the Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Program**
- SOC WEL 250N  Public Child Welfare Services  2

**Required for Students Seeking Credentials in School Social Work**
- SOC WEL 212  Child Development from Infancy to Adolescence in Its Social Context  2
- SOC WEL 232  Social Work and Education Policy  2
- SOC WEL 250T  Social Work Practice in School Settings  2

**Required for the Social Work with Latinos Certificate**
- SOC WEL 250J  Social Work with Latino Populations  2

**Field Education Requirement**
All MSW students must complete a total of 25 field education units, inclusive of agency-based field placement practicum and required integrative field seminar units. Students are generally in field placement sites two days a week in the first year, and three days a week in the second year. All of the following courses must be successfully completed in order to satisfy this requirement:

- SOC WEL 290A  FOUNDATION FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR  2
- SOC WEL 290B  Foundation Field Integration Seminar II  1
- SOC WEL 292A  ADVANCED FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR  1
- SOC WEL 292B  Advanced Field Integration Seminar II  1
- SOC WEL 410A  Foundation Field Practicum  4
- SOC WEL 410B  Foundation Field Practicum  4
- SOC WEL 412A  Advanced Field Practicum  6
- SOC WEL 412B  Advanced Field Practicum  6

**Social Research Methods Requirement**
All MSW students must complete a sequence of courses in methods of social research (research sequence), which culminates in a research project that satisfies the Berkeley master’s degree capstone requirement. Each of the following courses must completed with a grade of B or better in order to satisfy this requirement:

- SOC WEL 282A  Seminar in Social Welfare Research  2

**Diversity-Competent Social Work Practice Requirement**
All MSW students must complete an approved course in diversity-competent practice, valued at 2 units or higher. See Diversity Courses (p. 3) for more information on courses that satisfy this requirement.

**Elective Requirement**
MSW students must complete a sufficient number of units in approved, professionally relevant elective course work required to reach the minimum total unit requirement. Since the number of required courses varies according to area of specialized practice, the total number of elective units required in each area will also vary. See Elective Courses (p. 3) for more information on courses that satisfy this requirement.

Course descriptions for all Social Welfare courses (p. 5) appear below the following tables.

**Diversity Courses**
MSW students must complete a course in diversity-competent practice, valued at 2 units or higher. The following courses may be used to satisfy this requirement:

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- **Sociology**
  - SOCIOL 131AC Race and Ethnic Relations: U.S. American Cultures 4
  - SOCIOL 133 Sociology of Gender 4

- **Social Welfare**
  - SOC WEL 250J Social Work with Latino Populations 2
  - SOC WEL 250K Social Work and Disability 2
  - SOC WEL 250L Human Sexuality 2
  - SOC WEL 250M Death and Dying 2
  - SOC WEL 255 Community Organizing 2
  - SOC WEL 260 Forensic Social Work 2
  - SOC WEL 274 Immigrants and Refugees in the U.S 2
  - SOC WEL 275 Diversity-Sensitive and Competent Social Work 2
  - SOC WEL 298 Group Study for Graduate Students (Narrative Therapies for Vulnerable Populations) 2

- **African American Studies**
  - AFRICAM 107 Race and Public Policy 3

- **Anthropology**
  - ANTHRO 115 Introduction to Medical Anthropology 4
  - ANTHRO 149 Psychological Anthropology 4
  - ANTHRO 158 Religion and Anthropology 4

- **Asian American Studies**
  - ASAMST 141 Law in the Asian American Community 4
  - ASAMST 145AC Politics, Public Policy, and Asian American Communities 4

- **Business Administration**
  - MBA 209F Fundamentals of Business 3
  - MBA 292A Strategy and Leadership for Social Impact 2, 3
  - MBA 292S Social Sector Solutions: Social Enterprise 3

- **Chicana Studies**
  - CHICANO 172 Chicanos and the Educational System 4
  - CHICANO 174 Chicanos, Law, and Criminal Justice 4
  - CHICANO 176 Chicanos and Health Care 3

- **City & Regional Planning**
  - CY PLAN 113A Economic Analysis for Planning 3
  - CY PLAN 115 Urbanization in Developing Countries 4
  - CY PLAN 220 The Urban and Regional Economy 3
  - CY PLAN 230 U.S. Housing, Planning, and Policy 3

- **Demography**
  - DEMOG 220 Human Fertility 4

- **Development Practice**
  - DEVP 233 Law, Politics, and Policymaking 3

- **Economics**
  - ECON 157 Health Economics 4

- **Education**
  - EDUC 114A Early Development and Education 4
  - EDUC 200A Culture and Cognitive Development: Theoretical Perspectives 3
  - EDUC 200B Social Development 3
  - EDUC 207C Diagnosis of Human Handicaps 4
  - EDUC 207D Assessment and Education of Exceptional Pupils in Regular Classes 2
  - EDUC 213D Educational Interventions for the School Psychologist 3
  - EDUC 260A Issues in Educational Administration and Policy 3
  - EDUC 261A Organization Theory in Education and Other Social Services 3

- **Legal Studies**
  - LEGALST 155 Government and the Family 4
  - LEGALST 160 Punishment, Culture, and Society 4
  - LEGALST 163 Adolescence, Crime and Juvenile Justice 4
  - LEGALST 168 Sex, Reproduction and the Law 4
  - LEGALST 170 Crime and Criminal Justice 4
  - LEGALST 182 Law, Politics and Society 4
  - LEGALST 183 Psychology of Diversity and Discrimination in American Law 4

- **Native American Studies**
  - NATAMST 101 Native American Tribal Governments 4

- **Political Science**
  - POL SCI 171 California Politics 4
  - POL SCI 181 Public Organization and Administration 4
  - POL SCI 273 Urban Politics 4

- **Psychology**
  - PSYCH 130 Clinical Psychology 3
  - PSYCH 131 Developmental Psychopathology 3
  - PSYCH 141 Development During Infancy 3
  - PSYCH 160 Social Psychology 3
  - PSYCH 180 Industrial-Organizational Psychology 3

- **Public Health**
  - PB HLTH 210F Course Not Available 3
  - PB HLTH 202G Advanced Alcohol Research Seminar 1
  - PB HLTH 203A Theories of Health and Social Behavior 3
  - PB HLTH 204D Course Not Available 3, 4
  - PB HLTH 205 Program Planning, Development, and Evaluation 4
  - PB HLTH 206B Food and Nutrition Policies and Programs 3
  - PB HLTH 210 Foundations of Maternal and Child Health Policy, Practice and Science 3
  - PB HLTH 212D Course Not Available 2
  - PB HLTH 213A Family Planning, Population Change, and Health 3
  - PB HLTH 217C Aging and Public Health 3
  - PB HLTH C217D Biological and Public Health Aspects of Alzheimer's Disease 3
  - PB HLTH 218B Evaluation of Health and Social Programs 4
  - PB HLTH 221 Mental Health Policies, Programs, and Services 2
  - PB HLTH 221B Understanding and Overcoming Health Care Disparities 2
  - PB HLTH 222A Health Care Technology Policy 2
SOC WEL 200 Theories for Multilevel Practice 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
This course examines the foundations of social work practice theories and strategies for connecting theory and practice. It provides an overview of the impact of the social environment, the impact of the “ecology” of human behavior and the way social institutions and practices provide structure over the life course. Practice implications are explored in terms of assessing client social and psychological needs. The course covers biophysical perspectives, crisis and intervention, cognitive-behavioral theories, systems/ecological frameworks, social psychological theories, social constructionism, humanism and existentialism, critical race and conflict theories, multilevel practice theories, and examination of individual and group differences.

SOC WEL 205 Psychosocial Problems and Psychopathology 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Developmental abnormalities and deviations which result in dysfunctional behavior in the individual. Examines problems and disorders of children and adults from psychological and social perspectives.

SOC WEL 207 Family Therapy 2 Units
SOC WEL 210C Aging Processes 2 Units
SOC WEL 210G Group, Organizational, and Community Dynamics 2 Units
SOC WEL 232 Social Work and Education Policy 2 Units
SOC WEL 236 International Social Welfare 2 Units
SOC WEL 250A Social Work with Groups 2 Units
SOC WEL 250B Family Therapy 2 Units
SOC WEL 250C Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention 2 Units
SOC WEL 250D Public Child Welfare Services 2 Units
SOC WEL 250P Child Psychopathology: Issues in Assessment and Treatment 2 Units
SOC WEL 250Q Social Work Practice in School Settings 2 Units
SOC WEL 250R Substance Abuse Treatment 2 Units
SOC WEL 250S Domestic Violence: Assessment and Intervention 2 Units
SOC WEL 250T International Social Development 2 Units
SOC WEL 250U Cognitive Behavioral Methods 2 Units
SOC WEL 254 Advocacy Skills for Social Change: Social Welfare Policy Practice 2 Units
SOC WEL 255 Community Organizing 2 Units
SOC WEL 257 Financial Management 1 Unit
SOC WEL 260 Forensic Social Work 2 Units
SOC WEL 265H Social Work Practice in Integrated Behavioral Health Care 2 Units
SOC WEL 265M Motivational Interviewing 2 Units
SOC WEL 272 Health and Human Services in Mexico 3 Units
SOC WEL 274 Immigrants and Refugees in the U.S 2 Units
SOC WEL 275 Diversity-Sensitive and Competent Social Work 2 Units
SOC WEL 280 Group Study for Graduate Students (Narrative Therapies for Vulnerable Populations) 1-12 Units
SOC WEL 210A Stress and Coping in Adulthood 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
Descriptions, measurements, and major theories concerning the etiology of stress and coping in the adult (25-60) years.
Stress and Coping in Adulthood: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 200

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Organista

Stress and Coping in Adulthood: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 210B Infant Development 2 Units
Topics and issues in infant development, including infant mental health, parent-child relationships, behavior assessment, predictors of disturbance, and intervention with high risk infants.
Infant Development: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 200

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Ivins

Infant Development: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 210C Aging Processes 2 Units
Sociological, psychological, physiological, and cultural factors relevant to understanding the complexity of the aging process. Normative and maladaptive aspects of the aging process are examined in terms of their implications for personal and societal adaptation.
Aging Processes: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Scharlach

Aging Processes: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 210I Group, Organizational, and Community Dynamics 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016
Course examines theories of group, organization, and community dynamics. Topics include group leadership and decision-making, organizational goals, structure, and change, and community power and demographics.
Group, Organizational, and Community Dynamics: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Austin

Group, Organizational, and Community Dynamics: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 212 Child Development from Infancy to Adolescence in Its Social Context 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017
This course examines the bio-psycho-social development of children and adolescents as a basis for understanding 1) cognitive and affective developments allowing the child to construct individual and social life at increasingly complex levels of differentiation and affiliation; 2) use of developmental levels as paradigms for healthy functioning; 3) a range of childhood experiences impacting well-being and development; and 4) the utility of normal child development as a heuristic for understanding developmental theories of bio-psycho-social difficulties. Particular focus on issues of self-regulation, internal representation, affect, cognition, relatedness, and separation. All of these themes are illustrated through practice application.

SOC WEL 220 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Analysis of issues in social welfare policy and recent trends shaping the development of the American welfare state.

SOC WEL 222 Social Work and Education Policy 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session
This course examines the intersection between social work practice and the educational system. It focuses on the school as a social system and the current policy context of education. It presents current topics in educational policy and critically analyzes them from a social work perspective. A focus is placed on the potential roles played not only by school social workers, but the social work profession in general, in actively collaborating with educational systems to support optimal developmental pathways for children and adolescents.

SOC WEL 230 Social Policy: Children and Families 2 Units
Introduction to current problems, programs, and policies in child, youth, and family welfare.

SOC WEL 232 Social Work and Education Policy 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Summer 2016 Second 6 Week Session
This course examines the intersection between social work practice and the educational system. It focuses on the school as a social system and the current policy context of education. It presents current topics in educational policy and critically analyzes them from a social work perspective. A focus is placed on the potential roles played not only by school social workers, but the social work profession in general, in actively collaborating with educational systems to support optimal developmental pathways for children and adolescents.
SOC WEL W232 Social Work and Education Policy 2 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2017 First 6 Week Session
This course examines the intersection between social work practice and the educational system. It focuses on the school as a social system and the current policy context of education. It presents current topics in educational policy and critically analyzes them from a social work perspective. A focus is placed on the potential roles played not only by school social workers, but the social work profession in general, in actively collaborating with educational systems to support optimal developmental pathways for children and adolescents. The web-based version (SOC WEL W232) is conducted entirely online.
Social Work and Education Policy: Read More [+]

 Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of web-based lecture per week
Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Stone
Social Work and Education Policy: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 236 International Social Welfare 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Spring 2014, Spring 2013
This seminar explores key international social welfare issues from the perspective of the globalization of social, economic, and political activities. Although its primary focus is on social policies and social services, attention will also be given to the role of professional social work in the international context. While emphasizing theoretical and analytical issues, practical and professional matters with particular reference to social work and social development will also be discussed. Students will have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of international social welfare activities as well as the analytical skills to address and debate complex international issues.
International Social Welfare: Read More [+]

 Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Midgley
International Social Welfare: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 238C Health Policy--A Social Welfare Perspective 2 Units
Reviews major issues and programs in the health care field. Course considers the social context of health care; the roles of the public, voluntary, and private sectors; and the implications of policies and programs for society and the individual client.
Health Policy--A Social Welfare Perspective: Read More [+]

 Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Hastings
Health Policy--A Social Welfare Perspective: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 240 Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Introduction to masters-level education in social work and to the intellectual, historical, sociopolitical, and ethical foundations of the U.S. social work profession. Through examination of the profession’s framing values, history, contextual influences, and current directions in a global society, students will begin to develop an orientation to practice, research, and policy-making informed by professional ethics and obligations and anchored in a commitment to plurality and social justice. Students will be oriented to social work professional ethics and ethical decision-making, and to social justice as the framing value for social work practice.
Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work: Read More [+]

 Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Midgley
Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 241 Foundations of Multilevel Practice 3 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
This course is designed to introduce generalist skills and knowledge for social work practice with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities, within a framework of social work’s core values and fundamental practice responsibilities. These core values include social justice and client empowerment. A generalist approach to understanding fundamental practice responsibilities includes cultural responsiveness, commitment to professional competence, and demonstration of practice effectiveness.

SOC WEL 243 Direct Practice in Child and Family Settings 2 Units
Direct intervention models for addressing the behavioral, emotional, and situational problems of children and families in child welfare, mental health, medical, school, and community settings.

SOC WEL 244 Direct Practice in Mental Health Settings 2 Units
Planning, implementing, and evaluating services for clients with major mental disorders or at risk of developing mental illness. Review of intervention models addressing the needs of clients for basic resources, social rehabilitation, and clinical treatment.

SOC WEL 245 Direct Practice in Health Settings 2 Units
Examines the range of therapeutic modalities used by social workers in health care; the interaction of health care policies and practices; interdisciplinary issues; and the ethical dimensions of practice.
SOC WEL 246 Direct Practice in Aging Settings 2 Units
Clinical case management with older adults. Comprehensive multidimensional assessment, advocacy and empowerment, and the range of direct intervention models for addressing the physical, cognitive, and psychosocial concerns of older adults and their families.
Direct Practice in Aging Settings: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 241
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Direct Practice in Aging Settings: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 250A Social Work with Groups 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
Theory and practice regarding the formation, sustenance, and termination of groups. Emphasis on the role of the social worker in facilitating interpersonal processes in groups.
Social Work with Groups: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 241
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Social Work with Groups: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 250C Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
Examines the clinical application of crisis intervention and brief psychotherapy from an historic and psychodynamic perspective. Provides assessment criteria for assignment to these forms of treatment and techniques for intervention.
Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 241
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Brief Therapy and Crisis Intervention: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 250J Social Work with Latino Populations 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
This graduate-level course prepares social workers in training and students in allied fields to provide culturally sensitive and competent services to members of major U.S. Latino populations. The course is designed to enhance cultural sensitivity by using multiple relevant social science theories and frameworks to teach about social and cultural experiences of U.S. Latinos; to enhance culturally competent practice skills by teaching a comprehensive Latino practice model; and to provide a selective review of best/promising practices for various psychosocial and health problems within Latino populations. Latino diversity is addressed from a social justice perspective, emphasizing undocumented Latinos and immigration policy issues.
Social Work with Latino Populations: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 241
Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Organista
Social Work with Latino Populations: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 250K Social Work and Disability 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2012, Spring 2011
Using a theoretical framework grounded in the values of self-determination, dignity, and respect, this course will address issues in the disabilities field including demographics, etiology, policy and programs, and the disability resources network. Practice skills in communications, assessment, and micro- and macro-level intervention will be reviewed. 
Social Work and Disability: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 250L Human Sexuality 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2015
This course will provide a forum for the exploration of multiple issues related to human sexuality and the diversity of sexual experience, including the human sexual response cycle; childhood and adolescent sexuality development; sexual problems, causes and treatment approaches (including systems approaches to working with couples); sexual orientation and gender identity development; sexuality and living with a disability; sexual violence and consent; sexuality and HIV/AIDS; and the law and ethics related to professional sexual misconduct and boundary violations. Teaching methods will include interactive lecture, small group discussions, video presentations, and guest speakers from throughout the Bay Area who specialize in a range of sexuality issues.
Human Sexuality: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 250M Death and Dying 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Spring 2016
This course explores death and dying from a variety of perspectives: psychological, philosophical, cultural, spiritual, and phenomenological. Emphasis is placed on understanding the experiences of dying persons and their loved ones, as well as the interplay between the process of dying and the process of living. Implications for social work interventions are discussed. This course is both academic and experiential, relying on a wide variety of materials: autobiography, fiction, scholarly and theoretical writings, case examples, films, poetry, and guest lectures.
Death and Dying: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 250N Public Child Welfare Services 2 Units
This course is designed for students preparing for careers in public child welfare. Addresses the range of documentation required for legal purposes, practice issues for social workers within the court setting, and skills required in presenting testimony.
Public Child Welfare Services: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 241

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Ralph
Formerly known as: 250NA and 250NB
Public Child Welfare Services: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 250P Child Psychopathology: Issues in Assessment and Treatment 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012
Course surveys assessment and empirically based treatment approaches to various psychosocial problems in childhood and adolescence. Specific emphasis is placed on internalizing and externalizing disorders. Course is taught using a development psychopathological framework. Students must possess a working knowledge of DSM-IV-TR nosology.

Child Psychopathology: Issues in Assessment and Treatment: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 205, 241

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Child Psychopathology: Issues in Assessment and Treatment: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 250T Social Work Practice in School Settings 2 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2017, Summer 2017 Second 6 Week Session
This course (1) provides students with an understanding of how current educational policies and practices impact the day-to-day lives of academically and socially vulnerable students; (2) builds student skills in identifying and selecting the multiple points of intervention relevant to social work practice in schools, including individual intervention with children, family intervention, building links between families and school staff, advocacy, classroom-based intervention, and collaboration with teachers; and (3) presents assessment and intervention strategies guided by an ecosystemic and resilience perspective which focus on student and family strengths and suggests multiple intervention options.

Social Work Practice in School Settings: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 241

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 250U Substance Abuse Treatment 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
Course provides an introductory overview of various theories and methodologies currently used in the diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse disorders. Though the bulk of the course will be devoted to the disease model and corresponding interventions, some attention will be given to prevention and epidemiology. Emphasis will be placed on the unique practice role of social work in the prevention/ intervention of substance abuse problems.

Substance Abuse Treatment: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 241

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 250X Domestic Violence: Assessment and Intervention 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013
This practice-oriented course will teach graduate level social work students how to engage, assess, and intervene effectively with individuals, families, and children impacted by intimate partner violence. We will review the scope, impact, and causes of the problem; relevant screening and assessment skills; effective clinical intervention paradigms and techniques for victims, perpetrators, and children; and future directions. Significant time will be devoted to examining this problem in disadvantaged and diverse populations and, identifying emotional coping strategies for the developing clinician.

Domestic Violence: Assessment and Intervention: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

Domestic Violence: Assessment and Intervention: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 250Y International Social Development 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Fall 2012
This seminar focuses on the theory and practice of social development and, in particular, engages members of the seminar in an analysis of the social development practice strategies that are now widely used in community settings not only in the developing but in the western countries as well. The course is primarily designed for MSW students who have an interest in issues of development and international social welfare, but doctoral and undergraduate students may enroll.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing or consent of instructor

SOC WEL 250Z Cognitive Behavioral Methods 2 Units
The purpose of this course is to increase students’ understanding of and competencies in cognitive-behavior methods. Throughout the course practice decisions and related research will be closely integrated. Although further guided experience will be needed to develop high levels of related skills, especially concerning assessment and relationship factors as these are needed to maximize success, students will have the opportunity to develop a beginning understanding of basic behavior principles.

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Graduate standing

SOC WEL 251 Program Development 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2015
This is a required practice course for students in the Management and Planning concentration. Using a community-based service delivery framework, the purpose of the course is to provide the competency and skill set necessary for effective program design including task group management, community engagement, and collaborative resource development. The course will focus on designing community-wide interventions in a diverse society through analyzing social problems, identifying community capacities and needs, developing effectiveness-based programs, and conducting evaluation.

SOC WEL 252 Program Implementation 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
This required Management and Planning practice course builds upon the conceptual and critical thinking skills found in the foundation MAP courses in order to focus on strategic management and leading skills in this course. It is designed to introduce students to the distinctive role of the manager in public and nonprofit human service organizations. Drawing on the management sciences and social work practice in administration, this seminar-style course focuses on a range of managerial processes with special attention to the analytical and interpersonal aspects of program implementation. The course is built upon the three domains identified in research on program management: leadership roles; analytic roles; and interactional roles.

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SOC WEL 254 Advocacy Skills for Social Change: Social Welfare Policy Practice 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Course introduces the practice of social welfare policy making. Focusing on the California State Legislature, students in the first half of the course are taught policy analysis skills, lobbying, testifying, working with legislators, legislative staff, and the media, and forwarding a policy agenda. In the second half of the course, students examine the internal environment of agency change, address the use of management information systems and outcomes measurement as strategies for information collection, and learn skills for effectively using information to improve agency decision making.
Advocacy Skills for Social Change: Social Welfare Policy Practice: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Berrick

SOC WEL 257 Financial Management 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
This course provides both theoretical knowledge and practical skills for managing scarce resources in social service organizations. Students will learn tools and techniques for effective planning and budgeting as well as how to design information systems to control, evaluate, and revise plans. Accounting principles and systems will be examined from a management perspective with an emphasis on designing systems to meet the unique management information needs of different organizations. The use and development of internal and external financial statements will be covered. Students will learn the tools and techniques of financial statement analysis, interpretation, and presentation. The course is designed to develop the core financial management skills needed by senior and middle managers in large and small social service organizations.
Financial Management: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 255 Community Organizing 2 Units
Introduction to the theory and practice of community organization.
Community Organizing: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Albano

SOC WEL 260 Forensic Social Work 2 Units
Focuses on issues arising within the practice of forensic social work in correctional settings (jails, prisons, and probation and parole departments), especially practice with people whose social positions and/or mental health struggles render them disproportionately affected by incarceration. Uses a person-in-environment perspective to explore the phenomenology of corrections, paying particular attention to the intersection of social identities and psychological capacities among individuals who are incarcerated, the complexities of the systems within which social workers attempt to create change, and the historical and contemporary role of incarceration in the United States.
Forensic Social Work: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Social Welfare 240 and Social Welfare 241

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Forensic Social Work: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 265H Social Work Practice in Integrated Behavioral Health Care 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Students in this practice course will be introduced to the foundation of integrated behavioral health practice, including population-based screening instruments and functional assessment for use in primary care. Students will become familiar with primary care medical culture and psychopharmacological interventions for depression and anxiety. A main emphasis of this class is skill acquisition in evidence-based behavioral interventions for a variety of conditions commonly seen in IBH settings. These include: behavioral activation, mindfulness relaxation strategies, sleep-hygiene techniques, and problem solving treatment.

Social Work Practice in Integrated Behavioral Health Care: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 265M Motivational Interviewing 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016
Motivational interviewing (MI) is a modern clinical paradigm that dialectically integrates humanistic, client-centered principles with goal-focused strategies. Students in this course will be introduced to all key aspects of MI including its major tenets, its theoretical base, the available empirical evidence on its efficacy, and its overall compatibility with social work. Moreover, students will learn all of the associated clinical skills for the four processes of motivational interviewing: 1) engaging; 2) focusing; 3) evoking; and 4) deciding and planning.

Motivational Interviewing: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 265N Narrative Practices with Vulnerable Populations 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018
Narrative therapy is a natural choice in the practice of social work, as it rejects pathology as the main focus of treatment. This class provides an introductory exploration of the narrative approach to therapy as developed by Michael White and David Epston. Students will consider how to apply narrative practices as a potential intervention for individuals, families and communities; and explore possibilities for appropriately adapting narrative interventions in social work service settings. Students will be encouraged to explore if and how Narrative Therapy has the potential to reinforce already existing therapeutic culturally-rooted practices like dance, storytelling, myths, poetry, spirituality and music.

Narrative Practices with Vulnerable Populations: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 272 Health and Human Services in Mexico 3 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Fall 1996
This service learning course is a comprehensive, integrated learning program conducted in Mexico. Through continuous cross-cultural immersion, Latino and non-Latino social work students build language skills; study culturally informed and derived engagement and intervention practices; and acquire competencies relevant to preparation for providing social welfare services to Latino clients. Ultimately, social work students will gain a transnational perspective that will shape their approach to providing services to Latino communities in the U.S. Includes lectures given by local academics, mental health professionals, community members and indigenous healers; language instruction; field placement/service learning; and an integration seminar.

Health and Human Services in Mexico: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of directed group study and 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Health and Human Services in Mexico: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 274 Immigrants and Refugees in the U.S. 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015
Overview of immigration policy in the U.S. from an international and historical perspective. Theories of migration, transnationalism, and adaptation will be addressed, along with skills required for working with refugees and immigrants facing difficulties. Addresses the impact of policy on who comes to the U.S. and the circumstances newcomers and their families face once here.

Immigrants and Refugees in the U.S:  Read More [+]

SOC WEL 275 Diversity-Sensitive and Competent Social Work 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Course prepares students to understand, provide, and evaluate diversity-sensitive social work services. The course (1) builds sensitivity to human diversity by addressing multiple status dimensions (race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social class, etc.), (2) involves students in the process of diversity sensitization through experience self-reflection and interactive exercises, and (3) promotes diversity competent practice skills.

SOC WEL 279 Seminar in the History and Philosophy of Social Welfare 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Primarily for doctoral students. A review of efforts to conceptualize the field of social welfare and to analyze its tendencies.

SOC WEL 280 Introduction to Social Welfare Research 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2014
Introduction to the theory and practice of research in social welfare.

SOC WEL W280 Introduction to Social Welfare Research 2 Units
Terms offered: Summer 2017 8 Week Session, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Summer 2016 8 Week Session
The goal of this course is to develop a working knowledge of research designs and methods for the purpose of evaluating social work practice and programs.
SOC WEL 282A Seminar in Social Welfare Research 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Problem formulation, design, and implementation.
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 280

SOC WEL 282B Seminar in Social Welfare Research 2 Units
Problem formulation, design, and implementation.
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: 280

SOC WEL 287 Research Resources and Processes 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015
Students will be introduced to the tasks and tools of library research in social welfare, including reference works, bibliographic aids, and computer databases. Individual faculty members will present their research, emphasizing methodology, outcomes, and contributions to social welfare.

SOC WEL 289A Research Methods and Techniques in Social Welfare 4 Units
This course provides doctoral students a firm foundation in research processes and methods. Topics include problem formulation, use of theory, conceptualization, measurement, causal inference, sampling, and design methods. A core goal is to provide insight into the opportunities and challenges social work researchers face as they apply social science and related theory and methods to real world problems and settings. Course activities will guide students to future coursework in research methodologies and analysis, as well as position paper and dissertation proposal development. Sessions combine a focus on the conceptual and technical aspects of the research process and consider issues across quantitative and qualitative approaches.
SOC WEL 290A FOUNDATION FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016
Integrative seminar designed to augment and strengthen student experiential learning capacities in the context of agency-based field practicum training. Students participate in a wide array of activities and discussions to cultivate self-reflection and develop an enduring sense of authentic professional identity. Students will learn how to engage in peer-based validation, support, and corrective feedback, and examine how to strategically approach learning in agency contexts in order to become professionally competent and creative social workers. To become more knowledgeable advocates for a range of communities and social concerns, students will examine a wide range of practice dilemmas and challenges in which divergent experiences matter.

FOUNDATION FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Credit Restrictions: Requires concurrent enrollment in SOC WEL 410A, Foundation Field Practicum

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: Social Welfare 400
FOUNDATION FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 290B Foundation Field Integration Seminar II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Continuation of integrative seminar exploring field placement issues and common agency and practice-based concerns. Run as a consultation group, this seminar encourages students to draw from a wide range of academic, field, and life experiences, to pose questions to and learn from one another, and to continue to examine how to strategically approach competency-based professional learning in agency contexts. Students are guided to deepen learning from assigned field placement tasks and academic coursework by participating effectively in peer consultation. The spring semester seminar also supports students as they engage in the second year placement process.

Foundation Field Integration Seminar II: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Social Welfare 290A-Field Integration Seminar
Credit Restrictions: Concurrent enrollment in Social Welfare 410B, Foundation Field Practicum, is required.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Formerly known as: Social Welfare 400B
Foundation Field Integration Seminar II: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 291 Preparing for an Academic Career in Social Work 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2013
This 2 unit seminar is intended for doctoral colleagues who are preparing to embark on a career as social work scholars and educators. The seminar is designed to facilitate an understanding of the nature of research universities and the role of social work education in these universities. It focuses on preparing doctoral colleagues for academic positions within research universities, and to understand their roles and expectations with regard to scholarship, teaching and service. It seeks to acquaint them with the evolution of professional social work education, with particular reference to research universities and to discuss current topics, issues and concerns in the field.

Preparing for an Academic Career in Social Work: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.
Instructor: Midgley
Preparing for an Academic Career in Social Work: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 292A ADVANCED FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR 1 Unit
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016
Advanced Field Integration Seminar provides a cohort-based learning community for 2nd-year MSW students as they develop leadership skills in the advanced field practicum. This advanced seminar deepens students' abilities to critically appraise and function effectively in organizational contexts. Students use self-reflection, foundation and specialty knowledge domains, and analytical thinking to identify complex, problem-solving approaches with the overall goal of providing evidence-informed, quality services to clients and communities. Students take increasing responsibility for planning, facilitating, and evaluating the seminar, allowing for deep discussion of relevant, advanced topics and advancing student group facilitation skills.
ADVANCED FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Requires concurrent enrollment in SOC WEL 410A, Foundation Field Practicum

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

ADVANCED FIELD INTEGRATION SEMINAR: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 292B Advanced Field Integration Seminar II 1 Unit
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Continuation of 2nd-year integrative seminar, providing opportunities to gain a sense of consolidation and closure, and to transition into the role of entry-level professional. Students will continue to take responsibility for planning, facilitating, and evaluating the seminar, including facilitating and evaluating advanced topical conversations identified by the cohort with guidance from the seminar instructor. This will allow for deep discussion of relevant, advanced topics and advance student skills in group facilitation. Students will identify strategies for lifelong learning and developing a strong professional support base.
Advanced Field Integration Seminar II: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Social Welfare 290A-Field Integration Seminar

Credit Restrictions: Concurrent enrollment in Social Welfare 410B, Foundation Field Practicum, is required.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Advanced Field Integration Seminar II: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 293 Social Welfare Theory: Policy Implications 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2012
The course deals primarily with macro-theories of a sociological and political-economy nature that offer 1) conceptual representations of welfare systems, 2) explanations of the dynamics and functions of welfare systems, and 3) analyses and assessments of the different normative perspectives that inform policy making in social welfare. The latter aspect is given particular emphasis and the major normative theoretical perspectives in the field will be reviewed with reference to their policy implications for social welfare in the United States. The major theoretical perspectives to be discussed include institutionalism, welfare pluralism, neo-liberalism, Marxism, traditionalism, regulationism, critical theory, multiculturalism, feminism, ecology, and developmentalism. This course is designed for doctoral students but is open to other qualified graduate students with instructor permission.
Social Welfare Theory: Policy Implications: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Social Welfare Theory: Policy Implications: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 295 Dissertation Seminar 2 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
The purpose of this seminar is (1) to develop research skills by integrating issues of research design with measurement, data analysis, and report writing, and (2) to prepare students for their dissertation research by directly addressing issues related to the development of a dissertation prospectus.
Dissertation Seminar: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Dissertation Seminar: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 296 Individual Study for Graduate Students 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014
Designed to permit qualified graduate students to pursue special study in a subject area of their choosing under the direction of a faculty member. Individual Study for Graduate Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week
10 weeks - 1.5-18 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 298 Group Study for Graduate Students 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
Intensive examination of selected social welfare topics. Group Study for Graduate Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of seminar per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 2.5-30 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 2-22 hours of independent study per week
10 weeks - 1.5-18 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 299 Individual Research for Graduate Students 1 - 12 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014
Designed to permit qualified graduate students to pursue research in a subject area of their choosing under the direction of a faculty member. Individual Research for Graduate Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 2-15 hours of independent study per week
8 weeks - 1.5-18 hours of independent study per week
10 weeks - 2-22 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Graduate
Grading: Letter grade.

SOC WEL 301 Training in Teaching 1 - 6 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Supervised teaching assistance. Training in Teaching: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-6 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 10 weeks - 2-15 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Training in Teaching: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 375 Teaching in Social Welfare 2 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2015
Interactive seminar that prepares doctoral students for teaching in social welfare. Includes examination of education from the perspective of both student and teacher, and their interface. It reviews philosophies and theories of adult education, and underscores the importance of critical reflection for both teacher and student. The course covers the practice of teaching in social welfare, and addresses specific skills, such as syllabus design, instructional methods, coverage of diversity content, student assignment and evaluation, use of technology, advising, mentoring, and working with students with special needs. Students will share their own learning and teaching experiences, and develop the beginnings of a teaching portfolio.
Teaching in Social Welfare: Read More [+]

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Teaching in Social Welfare: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 401 Field Practicum 1 - 10 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2017, Summer 2016 10 Week Session, Spring 2016
Supervised field work in social agencies and university-based group meetings.
Field Practicum: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4-40 hours of fieldwork per week
Summer:
6 weeks - 1-10 hours of fieldwork per week
10 weeks - 1-10 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Other professional
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Field Practicum: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 403 Training in Research 1 - 6 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Supervised research assistance.
Training in Research: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-6 hours of independent study per week
Summer: 10 weeks - 1.5-9 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Other professional
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.
Training in Research: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 410A Foundation Field Practicum 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016
The foundation field practicum advances the experiential learning capacities and professional competencies of first year MSW students. Students are placed in an approved field internship placement setting for two days a week with an agency-based field instructor. Available placements provide a range of generalist learning opportunities along all phases of the intervention cycle (engagement, assessment, intervention, and/or evaluation) and various levels of the social ecology (individuals, families, groups, and/or communities). These opportunities allow the student to practice, receive observationally-based feedback, refine professional competencies, and ultimately, have their competencies assessed.
Foundation Field Practicum: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format
Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 12-12 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details
Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Other professional
Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series.
Foundation Field Practicum: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 410B Foundation Field Practicum 4 Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017
The foundation field practicum advances the experiential learning capacities and professional competencies of first year MSW students. Students are placed in an approved field internship placement setting for two days a week with an agency-based field instructor. Available placements provide a range of generalist learning opportunities along all phases of the intervention cycle (engagement, assessment, intervention, and/or evaluation) and various levels of the social ecology (individuals, families, groups, and/or communities). These opportunities allow the student to practice, receive observational-based feedback, refine professional competencies, and ultimately, have their competencies assessed.

Foundation Field Practicum: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 12-12 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Other professional

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series.

Foundation Field Practicum: Read Less [-]

SOC WEL 412A Advanced Field Practicum 6 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016
Advanced Field Practicum advances the experiential learning capacities, professional competencies, and leadership capacities of second year MSW students. Available placements provide a range of complex learning opportunities along various phases of the intervention cycle; at various levels of the social ecology; and meet specific concentration-based standards. Students in Advanced Field Practicum generally assume a higher degree of professional responsibility for clinical care and/or administrative projects. These opportunities allow the student to practice, receive observational-based feedback, refine professional competencies, and have professional competencies assessed.

Advanced Field Practicum: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: SOC WEL 410A and SOC WEL 410B

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 18 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Other professional

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only. This is part one of a year long series course. A provisional grade of IP (in progress) will be applied and later replaced with the final grade after completing part two of the series.

Advanced Field Practicum: Read Less [-]
SOC WEL 412B Advanced Field Practicum 6
Units
Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Advanced Field Practicum advances the experiential learning capacities, professional competencies, and leadership capacities of second year MSW students. Available placements provide a range of complex learning opportunities along various phases of the intervention cycle; at various levels of the social ecology; and meet specific concentration-based standards. Students in Advanced Field Practicum generally assume a higher degree of professional responsibility for clinical care and/or administrative projects, especially in the spring semester. These opportunities allow the student to practice, receive observational-based feedback, and refine professional competencies, and ultimately, for their competencies to be assessed.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: SOC WEL 410A, SOC WEL 411B, and SOC WEL 412A

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 18 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Social Welfare/Other professional

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only. This is part two of a year long series course. Upon completion, the final grade will be applied to both parts of the series.