Social Work (SWK)

Courses

SWK A106 Introduction to Social Welfare 3 Credits
Analyzes social inequality and the American social welfare system. Traces historical development of government response to social inequality. Explores historical and persisting dilemmas-ethical, political, social, and economic-explicit and implicit in social welfare provisioning. Develops understanding of social welfare problems and solutions.

Prerequisites: SOC A101 with a minimum grade of C.
Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

SWK A206 Introduction to Social Work 3 Credits
Introduces the profession of social work and its fields of practice, roles, professional values and ethics, and guiding theories and perspectives. Highlights the profession's commitment to engaging diversity, serving at-risk populations, and advancing human rights and social and economic justice, especially within Alaska.

SWK A243 Cultural Diversity and Community Service Learning 3 Credits
Focuses on the intersection of multiple dimensions of difference and their relationship to oppression and privilege. Concepts introduced in the class will be applied to students' interactions with clients of community-based partner organizations as part of a required 20-hour service learning component.

Prerequisites: WRTG A111 with a minimum grade of C.
Attributes: UAA Social Sciences GER.

SWK A290 Special Topics in Social Work 1-3 Credits
Introduction to special topics related to social work practice.
Special Note: May be repeated for credit with a change of topics for a maximum of 6 credits.

SWK A330 Social Work Practice with Individuals 4 Credits
Develops generalist social work practice knowledge and skills for implementing the planned change process with individuals. Utilizes evidence-based practice guided by values, ethics, culture, research, theory, client preference and the needs of Alaska. Includes both lecture and a relationship-building and interviewing skills lab.

Prerequisites: SWK A206 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A331 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities 3 Credits
Develops generalist social work practice knowledge and skills in implementing the planned change process with organizations and communities. Utilizes evidence-based practice guided by values, ethics, culture, research, theory, client preferences and the needs of Alaska.

Prerequisites: SWK A430 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: SWK A495B.

SWK A342 Human Behavior in the Social Environment 3 Credits
Uses a multidimensional framework to assess the biological, psychological, social, cultural and spiritual dimensions of human behavior across the lifespan. Applies theories and perspectives to understand the behavior of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities and to guide practice with client systems.

Prerequisites: PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C and (BIOL A102 with a minimum grade of C or BIOL A111 with a minimum grade of C or BIOL A112 with a minimum grade of C or BIOL A108 with a minimum grade of C or LSIS A102 with a minimum grade of C or LSIS A201 with a minimum grade of C).

SWK A363 Great Books in Social Work 3 Credits
Focuses on the directed reading of a social work text which has enduring significance for the profession, supplemented by other readings. The focal text and supplemental readings will vary with the instructor.

Prerequisites: WRTG A111 or SWK A106.

SWK A405 Children's Mental Health Interdisciplinary Seminar 1 Credit
Examines strategies for optimal interdisciplinary collaboration by mental health professionals working with children and their families, including techniques for building successful teams, strengthening family-professional partnerships, and introducing effective communication/conflict management. Cultural competence and the promotion of professional resilience are also covered.

Crosslisted With: HUMS A405 and PSY A405
Prerequisites: PSY A442 with a minimum grade of C and SWK A410 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A406 Social Welfare: Policies and Issues 3 Credits
Prepares students to assess, analyze, formulate, and advocate for empirically supported policies that advance social and economic justice and to collaborate with colleagues and clients to carry out effective policy action.

Special Note: Offered concurrent with the Alaska Legislature session.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program
Prerequisites: SWK A106 with a minimum grade of C.
Attributes: UAA Integrative Capstone GER.

SWK A409 Introduction to Child Welfare 3 Credits
Provides an in-depth overview of child welfare policies, public and private social services, and empirically supported child welfare practices within the context of the social work profession.

Prerequisites: EDSE A212 with a minimum grade of C or PSY A150 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A410 Trauma in Childhood 3 Credits
Provides students with an understanding of the psychobiological, developmental and social implications of trauma exposure throughout childhood and adolescence. Introduces students to the principles of prevention, intervention and resiliency as related to childhood trauma.

Prerequisites: EDSE A212 or PSY A365.
SWK A424 Social Work Research 3 Credits
Introduces quantitative and qualitative research methods. Provides a foundation for evaluating and utilizing research findings to employ the evidence-based practice process, evaluate social work practice outcomes, and to improve social work services and service delivery.
Prerequisites: SWK A206 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A429 Trauma and Crisis Intervention in Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Presents the historical and theoretical basis of trauma and crisis intervention within the context of generalist social work practice. Prepares students to utilize empirically-supported approaches to engage, assess, intervene, and evaluate services with individuals, families, and communities experiencing trauma and crisis. Special vulnerabilities and ethical concerns for at-risk populations are examined.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program
Prerequisites: SWK A430 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: SWK A495A.

SWK A430 Social Work Practice with Families and Groups 3 Credits
Develops generalist social work practice knowledge and skills in implementing the planned change process with families and groups. Extends the use of evidence-based practice that is guided by values, ethics, culture, research, theory, client preferences, and the needs of Alaskan families and groups.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program
Prerequisites: SWK A330 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A440 Social Work Practice in Mental Health and Addictions 3 Credits
Preparation for work in a variety of social service settings in which clients may be coping with problems related to mental disorders and/or addiction. A research based analysis of addictions and mental disorders as they are manifested independently and in combination; and the impact of those disorders upon clients involved in a variety of service systems such as child welfare, corrections, and domestic violence.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing. Consent of instructor.

SWK A450 Child Protective Services 3 Credits
Prepares the student for entry level practice in Alaska's child protection system. Covers the knowledge and skills required to provide investigation, protection, family preservation and permanency planning services to children who have been abused and/or neglected and their families.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior standing. Consent of instructor.

SWK A473 Geriatric Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Covers the knowledge, skills and values needed for effective social work practice with older adults and their families. Students will have the opportunity to develop the capability for accurate multidimensional assessments and effective interventions with and on behalf of older adults and their families.
Registration Restrictions: Departmental approval
May Be Stacked With: SWK A673

SWK A481 Case Management in Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Enhances knowledge and skill development in delivering professional social work case management, care coordination, and discharge planning services to individuals and families. Emphasizes the planned change and evidence-based practice processes. Develops professional skills guided by social work values and ethics, cultural contexts, and the needs of Alaska.
Prerequisites: SWK A330 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: SWK A482.

SWK A482 Writing for Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Applies professional writing skills to the documents of the social work profession. Emphasizes critical thinking and analysis in effective professional writing as required for generalist social work practice.
Prerequisites: SWK A330 with a minimum grade of C and (WRTG A211 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A212 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A213 with a minimum grade of C or WRTG A214 with a minimum grade of C).
Corequisites: SWK A481.

SWK A490 Selected Topics in Social Work 1-3 Credits
Focuses on current topics related to social work services, diverse client groups and field of practice.
Special Note: May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits with a change in subtitle. Not available for credit to students who have completed SWK A690 with the same subtitle.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior level standing
May Be Stacked With: SWK A690

SWK A495A Social Work Practicum I 3 Credits
Student applies social work knowledge, skills, values, and ethics within an organization or community context. Emphasis is on integration and demonstration of the generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 224 practicum hours in an approved setting under the supervision of social work faculty and a field instructor appointed by the university.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program
Prerequisites: SWK A331.
Corequisites: SWK A429.

SWK A495B Social Work Practicum II 3 Credits
Student applies social work knowledge, skills, values, and ethics within an organization or community context. Emphasis is on continued integration and demonstration of the generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 224 practicum hours in an approved setting under the supervision of social work faculty and a field instructor appointed by the university.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the Bachelor of Social Work program
Prerequisites: SWK A495A with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: SWK A331.

SWK A498 Advanced Community-Based Research 3 Credits
Application of research skills to a social welfare problem in collaboration with a community partner under the guidance of a faculty mentor. Projects must demonstrate advanced scholarship grounded in the theory and professional standards of social work practice.
Prerequisites: SWK A424.
SWK A607 Social Welfare Policy and Services 3 Credits
Prepares students for generalist social work policy practice as they learn to analyze, formulate and advocate for policies that advance social, economic, and environmental justice and to collaborate with colleagues, clients, and constituencies to carry out effective policy action.
Special Note: Course is offered concurrent with the Alaska Legislature session.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program

SWK A608 Social Policy for Advanced Generalist Practice 3 Credits
Prepares practitioners for developing policies and programs in a political economy. Examines contemporary social needs in a diverse and inequitable society. Emphasizes roles of research and evaluation in a policy process.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.

SWK A624 Foundation Research Methods 4 Credits
Explores the strengths, weaknesses and challenges of quantitative and qualitative research methods and data analysis approaches. Provides a foundation for using research methods and findings to inform practice, engage in the evidence-based practice process, and evaluate programs and practice.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program

SWK A628 Program Evaluation 3 Credits
Theory and practice of agency or community-based research and evaluation. Course topics include commonly used evaluation models and research designs, politics and ethics of conducting and using research in an applied setting, communicating findings.
Registration Restrictions: Successful completion of MSW foundation requirements or admission as advanced standing, or graduate standing in Health Sciences.

Crosslisted With: HS A628

SWK A629 Advanced Generalist Practice I: Individuals 3 Credits
Develops clinical knowledge and skills to provide competent and effective services and interventions for individuals in Alaska. Focuses on the use of the planned change process through the application of theory and evidence-based practice knowledge.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.

SWK A630 Practice I: Individuals 3 Credits
Provides foundation generalist social work practice knowledge and skills for implementing the planned change process with individuals. Utilizes evidence-based practice guided by values, ethics, culture, research, theory, client preferences and the needs of Alaska.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program

SWK A631 Introduction to Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Introduction to generalist social work practice, focusing on the use of the planned change and evidence-based practice processes with clients and systems in need of professional intervention. Emphasis is on professional identity, values and ethics in social work practice.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program

SWK A632 Practice II: Families and Groups 3 Credits
Provides foundation generalist social work practice knowledge and skills in implementing the planned change process with families and groups. Utilizes evidence-based practice that is guided by values, ethics, culture, research, theory, client preferences, and the needs of Alaska's families and groups.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW Program
Prerequisites: SWK A631 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A633 Advanced Generalist Practice II: Families and Groups 3 Credits
Focuses on the use of the planned change process through the application of theory and evidence-based practice knowledge to provide competent and effective clinical services and interventions for families and groups in Alaska.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.
Prerequisites: SWK A629 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A634 Advanced Generalist Practice III: Organizations and Communities 3 Credits
Provides an advanced generalist eco-systemic perspective for providing services for community and organizational social work practice with communities, organizations, programs, staff, and larger systems. Addresses advanced generalist roles such as agency administrator, program planner, supervisor, and community organizer.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.

SWK A635 Advanced Generalist Integrative Seminar 3 Credits
Provides students with the opportunity to integrate eco-systemic theory and problem-solving approaches with direct and organizational practice through the completion of a literature review and a federal, state, municipal, or foundation grant RFP.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.
Prerequisites: SWK A634 with a minimum grade of C.

SWK A636 Practice III: Organizations and Communities 3 Credits
Provides foundation generalist social work practice knowledge and skills in implementing the planned change process with organizations and communities. Utilizes evidence-based practice guided by values, ethics, culture, research, theory, client preferences and the needs of Alaska.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW Program

SWK A638 Practice Evaluation Lab 1 Credit
Supports students with engaging in the evidence-based practice process while in the field practicum placement. Students develop and implement a plan for evaluating their social work practice with individuals, families, groups, or organizations.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.
Prerequisites: SWK A624 with a minimum grade of C.
SWK A639 Advanced Generalist Intensive Practicum 6 Credits
Advanced generalist block practicum in which student performs as an advanced generalist social worker within an organization and/or community context. Emphasis is on integration and demonstration of the advanced generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 480 hours in an approved setting under the supervision of a MSW field instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW Program with concurrent enrollment in a MSW practice course
Prerequisites: SWK A629 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

SWK A641 Child Trauma 3 Credits
Understanding of the impact of trauma on children using contextual approach. Emphasis on child trauma from developmental, ecological, etiological, epidemiological, systemic, neurobiological, physiological, and psychodynamic approaches. Examine different theoretical approaches to child trauma and child trauma treatment and examine intervention approaches at the level of the individual, family and system. Emphasis on trauma in the context of attachment, relationships and development and issues related to diagnosis and assessment.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing

SWK A642 Human Behavior in the Social Environment 3 Credits
Advanced application of theoretical knowledge about human behavior across the life-span, the ranges of social systems in which people live and the ways social systems promote or deter people in maintaining or achieving health and well-being.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program

SWK A643 Human Diversity in Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Examination of intersecting dimensions of human diversity in relation to oppression, privilege, power and the social justice commitments of social work generalist practice.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW Program

SWK A644 Social Work Practicum 1 3 Credits
Part one of generalist practicum sequence. Emphasis is on integration and demonstration of the generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 240 practicum hours in an approved setting under the supervision of social work faculty and a MSW field instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with concurrent enrollment in a MSW practice course
Corequisites: SWK A632.

SWK A645 Social Work Practicum II 3 Credits
Part two of generalist practicum sequence. Emphasis is on integration and demonstration of the generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 240 practicum hours in an approved setting under the supervision of social work faculty and a MSW field instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW Program
Prerequisites: SWK A644 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: SWK A636.

SWK A646 Advanced Generalist Practicum I 3 Credits
Part one of advanced generalist practicum sequence. Emphasis is on integration and demonstration of the advanced generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 240 hours in an approved setting under the supervision of a MSW field instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with concurrent enrollment in a MSW practice course
Prerequisites: SWK A629 with a minimum grade of C or concurrent enrollment.

SWK A647 Advanced Generalist Practicum II 3 Credits
Part two of advanced generalist practicum sequence. Emphasis is on integration and demonstration of the advanced generalist competencies and practice behaviors. The student completes 240 hours in an approved setting under the supervision of a MSW field instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW Program
Prerequisites: SWK A646 with a minimum grade of C.
Corequisites: SWK A635.

SWK A651 Social Work Practice in Addictions and Mental Health 3 Credits
Preparation for work in a variety of social service settings in which clients may be coping with problems related to mental disorders and/or addiction. A research based analysis of addictions and mental disorders as they are manifested independently and in combination; and the impact of those disorders upon clients involved in a variety of service systems such as child welfare, corrections and domestic violence.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

SWK A654 Supervisory Management in Social Work 3 Credits
Prepares graduate students and practitioners for social work supervisory management roles. The course provides a theoretical framework for supervisory management methods and processes and will address essential knowledge, values, and skills in these professional functions. Issues of gender and race as it relates to supervisory management will also be explored.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

SWK A656 Treatment of Families 3 Credits
Explores a range of theories to inform social work practice with families and couples. The course traces the evolution of family systems theories and other perspectives with emphasis upon the development of skills to apply evidence based interventions with diverse families in need.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

SWK A659 Leadership and Decision Making in Social Work 3 Credits
Focuses on knowledge and skills related to leadership and decision making for potential leaders of social service organizations. Emphases include leadership theory, analysis of leadership styles, decision making theory and techniques. Issues of gender and race as they relate to leadership and decision making will also be explored.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
SWK A660 Financial Leadership for Social Work Administrators 2 Credits
Focuses on the budgeting process and how it relates to social service program planning, accounting methods and procedures, financial evaluation, and financial accountability. Values and ethics relating to financial administration in the nonprofit sector are emphasized. Gender and race and their interpersonal/social influences on the financial management process are explored.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
Prerequisites: SWK A634.

SWK A661 Marketing in the Social Sector 2 Credits
Focuses on the nature, role, and relevance of social sector marketing, the nature of public relations activities, the major concepts and tools to analyze an organization's markets, and potential strategies/guidelines for the development and implementation of marketing programs.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

SWK A662 Financial Resource Development for Social Services 2 Credits
Explores the planning, conducting, and evaluation of fundraising activities, the development of mission-based fundraising, donor identification and relations, spectrum-wide fundraising (in-kind support, private support, private/public grants), social entrepreneurship and fundraising ethics and accountability.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.

SWK A663 Clinical Social Work with Children and Adolescents 2-3 Credits
Preparation for clinical work with children, adolescents and their families. Review of fundamental issues in child and adolescent development will provide the groundwork for development of effective assessment and treatment skills. Emphasis will be placed upon understanding the child/adolescent within the family, community, and cultural context, incorporating these factors into treatment approaches and planning.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing

SWK A664 Clinical Social Work with Adults 2 Credits
Prepares students for advanced clinical social work in a variety of settings with adults suffering from behavioral disorders and problems coping with environmental stressors. Focuses upon skills for assessment, application of evidence-based interventions and evaluation.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
Prerequisites: SWK A651.

SWK A666 Family Development 3 Credits
Explores the reciprocal relationships of individuals and systems on family growth and development across the life cycle. Examines the impact of individual family members, extended family, community, cultural group and larger society on family development.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing

SWK A672 Social Work with Families and Couples 2 Credits
Prepares students for the application of family and couple therapy in clinical settings. Theoretical concepts, assessment methods, and intervention techniques will provide students the ability to formulate interventions with families and couples.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing.
Prerequisites: SWK A656.

SWK A673 Geriatric Social Work Practice 3 Credits
Covers the knowledge, skills and values needed for effective social work practice with older adults and their families. Students will have the opportunity to develop the capability for accurate multidimensional assessments and effective interventions with and on behalf of older adults and their families.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
May Be Stacked With: SWK A473

SWK A674 Advanced Family Therapy 3 Credits
Focuses on the assessment of families, and the process of family therapy through an examination of classic and contemporary family therapy theory, models, research and practice. A variety of therapeutic approaches will be presented. Students will identify their own theoretical style of family therapy.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
Crosslisted With: PSY A674
Prerequisites: PSY A626 with a minimum grade of B or SWK A656 with a minimum grade of B.

SWK A676 Couples Therapy 3 Credits
Focuses on the assessment of couples and the process of couples therapy through an examination of classic and contemporary theory, models, research and practice. A variety of therapeutic approaches will be presented. Students will identify their own theoretical style of couples therapy.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
Crosslisted With: SWK A676
Prerequisites: PSY A626 with a minimum grade of B or SWK A656 with a minimum grade of B.

SWK A677 Multidisciplinary Seminar in Children's Mental Health 1 Credit
Provides an interdisciplinary approach to working with children and families in a variety of behavioral/mental health and educational settings.
Special Note: Course is one credit per semester over two sequential semesters
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
Crosslisted With: EDSE A677 and PSY A677

SWK A683 Innovative Practices in Telehealth 3 Credits
Provides an overview of telehealth with an emphasis on telebehavioral health in Alaska. Includes topics on the history of telehealth and current legal, technical and logistical considerations to prepare leaders in the expanding field of telehealth. Includes hands-on experience with telehealth technology and clinical exercises.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing or instructor permission.
Crosslisted With: HS A683

SWK A685 Social Work Services in Schools 3 Credits
Explores the multiple roles practiced by social workers who provide social work services in a school setting with special emphasis on practice with populations at risk and culturally diverse students and families.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing in social work or related discipline
SWK A690 Selected Topics in Social Work 1-3 Credits
Focus on current topics related to social work with various system levels (individuals, families, groups, communities and organizations), fields of practice and settings.
Special Note: May be repeated for credit with a different subtitle for a maximum of 9 credits. Not available for credit to students who have completed SWK A490 with the same subtitle.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
May Be Stacked With: SWK A490

SWK A691 Children’s Mental Health Systems of Care 3 Credits
Expands systems of care as a coordinated network of community-based services and supports that are organized, multidisciplinary, and in partnership with youth and family. Addresses the cultural and linguistic needs of families in order to meet the challenges of children and youth with serious mental health needs.
Registration Restrictions: Graduate standing
Crosslisted With: EDSE A691 and PSY A691

SWK A698 MSW Research Seminar 3 Credits
Students use practice knowledge to inform and complete an applied research study or program evaluation. Involves the conceptualization, design, implementation and dissemination of results.
Registration Restrictions: Admission to the MSW program with advanced standing or successful completion of the foundation curriculum.
Prerequisites: HS A628 with a minimum grade of C or SWK A628 with a minimum grade of C.