

UNDERGRADUATE-SOCIAL WORK (CUSW)

CUSW 200 Introduction to Social Work 3 Credits

This is the first prerequisite course for students interested in social work. The course traces the development of social work from early volunteer efforts to the present organizations in social welfare and includes various fields of social work practice and career opportunities.

CUSW 202 Intro to Helping Professions 3 Credits

This course is a study in self-assessment, personal values clarification, problem solving and interviewing skills for career choices in social services. A directed field observation experience of at least 50 clock hours is required. (CUSW 200 must be completed prior to or co-requisite with CUSW 200.)

CUSW 300 Social Welfare Policy 3 Credits

This course is designed to familiarize students with social welfare policy formation and how corresponding organizational structures that impact programs, services and clients. The course also explores and analyzes select historical and current perspectives in developing policy to address societal issues. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisites: CUSW 301, CUSW 402, and CUSW 404.

CUSW 301 Statistics & Meth of Soc Res I 3 Credits

This course introduces students to methods for social work research. The course takes students through research problem formulation, methods for answering research questions (qualitative and quantitative methods and interviews, surveys, case studies, practice effectiveness, etc.), and the major components of research design (sample, measurement, design, and procedures). Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisites: CUSW 300, CUSW 402 and CUSW 404.

CUSW 302 Stat & Meth of Social Res II 3 Credits

This course introduces students to descriptive and inferential statistics. In addition to learning about the use of statistics, students will learn to analyze, present, and interpret data based on the methodologies learned in the prerequisite course using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) computer application for data analysis. Prerequisites: CUSW 300, CUSW 301, CUSW 401 and CUSW 402. Co-Requisite: CUSW 360.

CUSW 304 Colorism: Does Color Matter? 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide knowledge and understanding for assessment and interpretation of colorism in the U.S. and/or Western civilization. The content includes information relative to African, Asian, Latino and Native Americans populations. Content will also be provided to understand diverse non-Western White populations based on postcolonial assimilation experiences.

CUSW 333 Writing for Social Work 3 Credits

This course is designed to prepare BSW students to successfully master the skill of writing professionally and effectively. Course work activities will provide hands-on-experience with social work writing tasks to include: writing mechanics; APA format; developing literature reviews; writing for social media; and resume writing; and case management documentation. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisite: CUSW 361, CUSW 401, CUSW 403, and CUSW 411.

CUSW 350 Issues of Health Disparities/M 3 Credits

This course introduces students to select issues regarding health disparities that are dominant among minority populations. The course is divided into three modules: (1) current major health disparities (2) community-based health programs; and (3) a review of research methodologies and best-practice approaches to address the issues of health disparities in the United States. Co-Requisite: CUSW 301, CUSW 360 and CUSW 411.

CUSW 360 Interpersonal Skills Lab 3 Credits

This course objective is to enhance basic social work skills such as interviewing, problem solving, time management, technical writing, group processing, and empathic understanding. This course is also designed to assist students in developing effective communication and problem solving skills applicable to micro and mezzo systems. Prerequisites: CUSW 300, CUSW 301, CUSW 401 and CUSW 402. Co-Requisite: CUSW 302.

CUSW 361 Soc. Work Diverse Populations 3 Credits

An overview of racial, ethnic, gender, age, religion, disability, and sexual orientation issues. The course will focus on helping students develop a conceptual understanding about complex and emotionally-charged issues of diversity, human rights, and social and economic justice. Students are challenged by using research, guided readings, and class discussion in understanding the societal implications of diversity. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisite: CUSW 333, CUSW 401, CUSW 403, and CUSW 411.

CUSW 401 Human Behavior I 3 Credits

This course focuses on the life stages from conception through adolescence and introduces students to multiple factors that influence the reciprocal relationship between the person and their environment. Students explore theoretical frameworks and, analyze and synthesize a range of behavioral constructs and contemporary social problems. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisite: CUSW 333, CUSW 361, CUSW 403, and CUSW 411.

CUSW 402 Human Behavior II 3 Credits

This course focuses on the life stages of young adulthood through late adulthood and introduces students to multiple factors that influence reciprocal relationships between the person and their environment. Students explore theoretical frameworks and, analyze and synthesize a range of behavioral constructs and contemporary social problems. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisites: CUSW 300, CUSW 301 and CUSW 404.

CUSW 403 Practice Competencies I 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide students with a synthesis of generalist social work knowledge, values, skills, and roles for integration into appropriate and effective helping strategies for professional practice with individuals, families, groups, communities, and organizations. Prerequisite: All required junior level courses. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisite: CUSW 333, CUSW 361, CUSW 401, and CUSW 411.

CUSW 404 Practice Competencies II 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide students with knowledge and skills to apply supervision, consultation, into generalist social work practice. Emphasis is placed on teamwork in agencies and organizations, and techniques for interpreting and applying organizational policies and mandates, resource identification, and select methods for conducting community assessments. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisites: CUSW 300, CUSW 301, and CUSW 402.

CUSW 405 Social Work Practicum Instruction 12 Credits

The course is an educationally directed practicum offered in a social service setting, emphasizing an assessment and planning, and their relationships to improve social services delivery. Only declared Social Work Seniors may enroll in this course. Prerequisites: CUSW 200, CUSW 202, CUSW 300, CUSW 401, CUSW 402, CUSW 403, and CUSW 404. Co-requisites: CUSW 406, and CUSW 499.

CUSW 406 Social Work Practicum Seminar 3 Credits

This course is an educationally directed seminar aligned with the practicum experience. Students attend weekly seminars designed to integrate and synthesize theories of social work practice, administration and community engagement. Only Declared Social Work Seniors may enroll in this Course. Prerequisites: CUSW 200, CUSW 202, CUSW 300, CUSW 401, CUSW 402, CUSW 403, and CUSW 404. Co-requisites: CUSW 405, and CUSW 499.

CUSW 411 Social Work Theory & Practice 3 Credits

This course introduces the relationship of theory and practice skills needed to practice with all systems. Primary focus is placed on structural rather than personal explanations of social problems with concern for inequality and oppression. The course integrates social work values and ethics, diversity, promotion of social and economic justice, and empowerment of human beings. Prerequisites: CUSW 200 and CUSW 202. Co-Requisite: CUSW 333, CUSW 361, CUSW 401, and CUSW 403.

CUSW 412 Mental Health of Diverse Group 3 Credits

This course provides students with knowledge of mental health services and its application for diverse groups: i.e. African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, physically handicapped, migrant workers, women, and the elderly. Life situations impacting the behavior of these populations are examined from an ecosystems perspective in an effort to understand the mental health problems that may emerge. Co-Requisite: CUSW 300, CUSW 302, and CUSW 413.

CUSW 413 Child Welfare Prog & Services 3 Credits

The course covers knowledge, concepts and tools associated with contemporary child welfare practice focusing on micro, mezzo, and macro considerations in providing child welfare services. Emphasis will be placed on the identification of child maltreatment, reporting procedures, and continuing professional interaction with children and families from a community-based and multidisciplinary perspective. Co-Requisite: CUSW 300, CUSW 302, and CUSW 412.

CUSW 415 Issues in Child Welfare: Abuse 3 Credits

This course provides students with knowledge and information regarding how to assess and identify cases of child abuse and neglect. Students will gain general knowledge and understanding of the types of abuse and neglect, methods of investigations, interviewing techniques, as well as, knowledge of available community resources to both prevent and treat child abuse. Co-Requisite: CUSW 402, CUSW 404, and CUSW 416.

CUSW 416 Social Work Practice w/with Aged 3 Credits

This course is designed to assist students with the development of competence in the delivery of services to older adults and their families. Students will explore social work practice with the elderly in various service settings. Students will acquire the skills required for interdisciplinary collaboration and intervention and the application of the problem solving process with all systems. Co-Requisite: CUSW 402, CUSW 404, and CUSW 406.

CUSW 497 Special Topics: 3-4 Credits

The course is designed to present selected contemporary topics in Social Work. The course may be repeated for credit when topics vary.

CUSW 499 Independent Study 3 Credits

Independent study course geared toward specialized areas of study. Plan of Study requires this course be taken in the student's second semester of senior year. Co-requisites: CUSW 405, and CUSW 406.