Social Work (SOWK)

SOWK 1350. Introduction to Social Work.
This introductory survey course includes the nature, function, and various types of social work practice, acquainting the student with the history, scope, and values of the profession.

about Introduction to Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: SOCW 2361 about Introduction to Social Work

SOWK 2320. Love and Relationships.
This elective course explores the nature of attraction, friendship, love, and human sexuality, enabling students to enhance their own personal and professional relationships.

about Love and Relationships

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Love and Relationships

SOWK 2375. Social Services in the Community.
This undergraduate course introduces the organizations and policies involved in social services delivery. Students participate in 50 hours of work as supervised observers and volunteers in selected social service agencies.

about Social Services in the Community

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Social Services in the Community

SOWK 3305. Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment I.
This undergraduate course provides an overview of human functioning in the environment by studying eco-systems and developmental frameworks. It builds knowledge and values for practice with task groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisites: Official Social Work major; complete SOWK 3420 or instructor consent.

about Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment I

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment I

SOWK 3312. Alcoholism and Chemical Dependence.
This elective course focuses on commonly used and abused drugs as well as the dynamics and treatment of addiction and alcohol abuse. It emphasizes direct social work interventions aimed at addiction prevention and treatment.

about Alcoholism and Chemical Dependence

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Alcoholism and Chemical Dependence

SOWK 3332. Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War.
The course examines topics at the individual, family, group, organizational, and community levels related to troops who are returning from current combat operations and their families. It reviews the needs, community resources, and policies in place for helping them and their families make this transition. Prerequisite: Upper division undergraduate standing or instructor approval.

about Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War

SOWK 3339. Selected Topics in Social Work.
Students study relevant social work topics in depth. Topics, such as social work in prisons or in mental health facilities, are selected according to students' needs and professional trends. Repeatable for credit with different emphases.

about Selected Topics in Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Selected Topics in Social Work

SOWK 3340. Social Work Research.
This undergraduate course builds foundation scientific research skills in critical thinking, knowledge of program and practice evaluation, and a philosophy of generalist social work practice. Prerequisites: HP 3302 or HP 3325 or CJ 3347 or PSY 3301 or SOCI 3307; official Social Work major.

about Social Work Research

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Social Work Research

SOWK 3350. Connecting Policy and Practice.
This course describes contemporary American Social Welfare and illustrates social work professional practice within policy guidelines. It focuses on practice with involuntary clients in a variety of agency contexts.

about Connecting Policy and Practice

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Connecting Policy and Practice

SOWK 3420. Social Work Practice I.
This undergraduate course studies generalist theory and application of social work practice with individuals, families, and groups, including introductory data collection, assessment, intervention planning, and evaluation. Prerequisites: Official Social Work major. (WI).

about Social Work Practice I

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 1 Lab Contact Hour.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Social Work Practice I
SOWK 3425. Social Work Practice II.
This undergraduate course emphasizes generalist social work practice with task groups, organizations, and communities, examining data collection, assessment, intervention, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Students develop and implement a community-based project. Prerequisites: SOWK 3420; official Social Work major. (WI).

*Course Attribute(s): Lab Required* | *Writing Intensive*

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4305. Seminar in Human Behavior and Social Environment II.*
This undergraduate course integrates knowledge from social sciences and SOWK 3305, focusing on individuals, families, and small groups functioning in environments. It uses a bio-psychosocial perspective, expanding on eco-systems, developmental, and values frameworks. Prerequisites: Official Social Work major; and SOWK 3305. (WI).

*Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing* | *Writing Intensive*

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

This undergraduate course focuses on knowledge and skills necessary for effective, ethical, and just practice, exploring interpersonal and institutional dynamics of racism, sexism, heterosexism, homophobia, classism and other forms of oppression and their effects on providing social services to diverse populations. (MC).

*Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content*

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4315. Child Welfare.*
This undergraduate elective course analyzes child welfare services available to abused and neglected children in their own homes, in substitute care, and through the community, emphasizing social work intervention with children and their families.

*Course Attribute(s):* Exclude from 3-peat Processing

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4318. Social Work and Health Care.*
This undergraduate elective course provides a generalist view of social work practice in mental health and public health, considering the social problems that affect health care, and ethical and effective intervention strategies and service delivery systems.

*Course Attribute(s): Lab Required* | *Writing Intensive*

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4320. Social Work with Older Adults.*
This undergraduate elective gives a comprehensive introduction to contemporary social problems, values, and issues affecting older adults, and effective and ethical intervention strategies and service delivery systems.

*Course Attribute(s): Lab Required* | *Writing Intensive*

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4355. Policy Practice.*
This course is an overview of social policy and legislation and the processes of influencing public policy. It links policy with a broad range of social work service areas.

*Course Attribute(s):* Exclude from 3-peat Processing

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4356. Professionalism in Social Work.*
This course builds skills in self-presentation, in taking responsibility for personal and professional growth, in learning professional behaviors in organizations, and in presenting court testimony. Prerequisite: SOWK 3425 official Social Work major.

*Course Attribute(s):* Exclude from 3-peat Processing

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4360. Directed Study in Social Work.*
This one-semester undergraduate course highlights individualized reading, independent study and projects, and guided instruction. It is offered to superior students by the professor's invitation and with the consent of the BSW Coordinator. This course may not be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: official Social Work major.

*Course Attribute(s):* Exclude from 3-peat Processing

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4425. Social Work Practice III.*
This undergraduate course emphasizes interpersonal and communication skills necessary for effective, ethical generalist social work practice. Students translate theory into helping behaviors through practice and feedback to develop competent skills for beginning field placement. Prerequisites: SOWK 3425; official Social Work major. (WI).

*Course Attribute(s): Lab Required* | *Writing Intensive*

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*

*SOWK 4430. Social Work Practice IV.*
This undergraduate elective provides a generalist view of social work practice in mental health and public health, considering the social problems that affect health care, and ethical and effective intervention strategies and service delivery systems.

*Course Attribute(s):* Exclude from 3-peat Processing

*Grade Mode: Standard Letter*
Undergraduate students engage in generalist social work in agencies, supervised by licensed social workers and the field coordinator. Students work a minimum of 270 clock hours, attend seminars, and complete assignments. Prerequisites: Completion of all Phase II course requirements, and application to field coordinator.
about Beginning Field Practice in Social Work
6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Dual Enrollment Permitted|Time Conflicts Permitted
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Beginning Field Practice in Social Work

This undergraduate course extends SOWK 4645. Students, supervised by licensed social workers and the field coordinator, apply advanced generalist techniques for a minimum of 270 clock hours, attending seminars, and completing assignments. Prerequisites: Completion of all Phase II course requirements, and application to field coordinator.
about Advanced Field Practice in Social Work
6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Dual Enrollment Permitted|Time Conflicts Permitted
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Advanced Field Practice in Social Work

This foundation graduate course presents individual and family dynamics across the life cycle, centering on human development, individual and group strengths, and the effects of cultural diversity. It enhances critical thinking and assessment skills about human behavior in social environments, and incorporates material on professional values, ethics, and social justice.
about Human Behavior in Individual and Family Social Environments
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Human Behavior in Individual and Family Social Environments

SOWK 5309. Human Behavior in Local and Global Social Environments.
This foundation graduate course explores human functioning in the environment by studying families, groups, communities, organizations, and societies in local and global contexts. Through learning content on diversity, populations at risk, and social and economic justice, students build critical thinking and assessment skills using developmental and ecological frameworks.
about Human Behavior in Local and Global Social Environments
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Human Behavior in Local and Global Social Environments

This foundation course studies the United States’ social welfare system, emphasizing how social welfare policies affect diverse populations. Topics include social welfare history; and policy development, implementation, evaluation, and values. Prerequisite: Instructor approval.
about Social Welfare Policy and Services
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Welfare Policy and Services

This elective course focuses on commonly used and abused drugs as well as the dynamics and treatment of addiction. It emphasizes social work intervention aimed at addiction prevention and treatment. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.
about Social Work Intervention in Drug Addiction & Abuse
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Intervention in Drug Addiction & Abuse

SOWK 5313. Foundation Social Work Practice I.
This foundation course explores generalist social work theory and practice methodology in problem-solving with individuals, families, and groups, emphasizing data collection, assessment, intervention planning, and evaluation. Prerequisite: Admission to the M.S.W. degree program.
about Foundation Social Work Practice I
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Foundation Social Work Practice I

SOWK 5314. Foundation Social Work Practice II.
This foundation skill-development course emphasizes generalist social work practice with task groups, organizations, and communities. Prerequisite: Admission to the M.S.W. degree program.
about Foundation Social Work Practice II
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Foundation Social Work Practice II

This elective course considers child welfare services available to abused and neglected children in their own homes, in substitute care, and through the community, emphasizing social work intervention with children and their families. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.
about Social Work Intervention in Child Abuse & Neglect
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Intervention in Child Abuse & Neglect

SOWK 5316. Foundation Social Work Practice III.
This foundation course develops the student’s interpersonal and communication skills with clients and other professionals. Students must demonstrate competence in interviewing, assessment, and planning skills. Students learn to collect data to support assessment, plan intervention, and evaluate practice. Prerequisites: SOWK 5313.
about Foundation Social Work Practice III
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Foundation Social Work Practice III

SOWK 5317. Social Work Research.
This foundation course builds introductory scientific research skills in critical thinking and knowledge of program and practice evaluation. It prepares students to read, interpret, and critique research with skepticism and rigor and to perform various research and social work practice activities. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.
about Social Work Research
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Social Work Research
SOWK 5319. Diagnostic Assessment.
This advanced course examines how individuals, families, and groups interact with the social environment, emphasizing mental health and adaptive capacity, theories of the etiology and development of mental and emotional disorders, and how culture affects mental health. Prerequisites: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This advanced skill-development course emphasizes social work practice in managing small and large organizations. Students develop knowledge and skills in social work management and supervision in non-profit and public organizations. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5321. Advanced Administrative Leadership Practice II: Challenges and Innovations.
This advanced course expands knowledge and skills by exploring how theories, supervision and management interventions, and social work values are applied to diverse organizational environments. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This advanced course, a study of social legislation affecting disadvantaged persons, emphasizes policy analysis, values, and advocacy through studying social policy history; developing, implementing, and evaluating policy; and influencing social and economic justice. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5323. Advanced Social Work Research.
This advanced course builds knowledge and skills for systematically evaluating programs and practice. It enhances effective and ethical social work practice by teaching skills necessary to design, implement, and empirically assess intervention with client and programs. Prerequisites: SOWK 5317, advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5324. Advanced Direct Practice with Families.
This advanced course focuses on theories, research, and models of practice with families. It emphasizes a systems orientation to assessment and intervention, and integrates issues of self-awareness and human diversity. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5325. Advanced Administrative Leadership Practice III: Challenges and Innovations.
This advanced course expands knowledge and skills by exploring how theories, supervision and management interventions, and social work values are applied to diverse organizational environments. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5326. MC/MP Advanced Direct Practice with Individuals.
This advanced course examines intervention theories and builds specialized skills for effective, ethical practice with individuals. It examines how culture influences individuals, and discusses how to assess individuals from multiple perspectives. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5327. Advanced Direct Practice with Groups.
This advanced course develops effective, ethical group practice skills, including assessment from multiple perspectives, facilitation of group process and intervention, evaluation, and addressing needs of diverse populations. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5328. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Aging.
This interdisciplinary course provides a graduate-level foundation in knowledge and skills used to address a wide range of needs among the aging population, their families, and support systems. Biophysical, psychosocial, and environmental perspectives will be integrated into development of culturally competent approaches to work with elders in many fields. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5329. Organizational Development.
This advanced course examines organizational and inter-organizational social service delivery contexts; how funding, mandate, and organizational arrangements influence services; and factors to consider in modifying existing organizations. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

Grade Mode: Standard Letter
SOWK 5332. Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War.
The course examines topics at the individual, family, group, organizational, and community levels related to troops who are returning from current combat operations and their families. It reviews the needs, community resources, and policies in place for helping them and their families make this transition. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.

about Helping Troops Transition Back to their Families and Communities: The Invisible Wounds of War

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5334. Advanced Administrative Leadership Practice II: Resource Development.
This advanced course emphasizes grant-writing and marketing in non-profit organizations. It builds knowledge, roles, and skills to extend organizational resources for effective, ethical social work practice and programs. Prerequisite: Advanced standing, foundation coursework completion, or instructor approval.

about Advanced Administrative Leadership Practice II: Resource Development

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5339. Selected Topics in Social Work.
Students study relevant social work topics in depth. Topics, such as social work in schools or in health care, are selected according to students' needs and professional trends. Repeatable for credit. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor approval.

about Selected Topics in Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This one-semester course highlights individualized reading, independent study and projects, and guided instruction. It is offered by invitation of the professor and with the consent of the MSW Coordinator. It may not be repeated for credit. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and the approval of the MSW Coordinator and School Director.

about Directed Study in Social Work

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5370. Advanced Program Planning and Grant-Based Resource Development.
This advanced course emphasizes social work practice in building and developing non-profit and public human services organizations. Course topics include: determining organizational needs and priorities; identifying resources to address needs and priorities; and pursuing grant-funded resources to address organizational needs. Requires advanced standing or completion of foundation coursework. Departmental approval required to enroll.

about Advanced Program Planning and Grant-Based Resource Development

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This advanced course focuses on observational and interview-based evaluations of organizational functioning related to change, diversity, ethical decision-making, budgeting, and implementation of action plans. The course also focuses on development of supervisory strategies to effectively lead and transform an organization. Requires advanced standing or completion of foundation coursework. Departmental approval required to enroll.

about Advanced Assessment, Leadership, and Supervision in Social Service Organizations

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5372. Advanced Diagnostic Assessment and Intervention with Individuals.
This advanced course focuses on culturally relevant diagnostic assessment of and intervention with individuals based on current theory. The course emphasizes critical analysis of contemporary mental health practice using a psychosocial framework. Requires advanced standing or completion of foundation coursework. Departmental approval required to enroll.

about Advanced Diagnostic Assessment and Intervention with Individuals

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5373. Advanced Intervention with Families and Groups.
This advanced course focuses on culturally-relevant knowledge and skills for theory-based, therapeutic assessment and intervention with diverse families and groups. The course emphasizes systemic, critical analysis of contemporary mental health practice using a psychosocial, strengths-based framework. Requires advanced standing or completion of foundation coursework. Departmental approval required to enroll.

about Advanced Intervention with Families and Groups

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This advanced course focuses on the practice of social work with children and families. It covers legal and ethical issues, family systems theory, and intervention strategies. Requires advanced standing or completion of foundation coursework. Departmental approval required to enroll.

about Advanced Social Work Practice with Children and Families

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
SOWK 5410. Foundation Field I (Concurrent).
This foundation course consists of supervised beginning generalist social work practice in agencies for a minimum of 250 clock hours, applying classroom knowledge to work with individuals, families, groups, and communities. Prerequisites: Admission to MSW degree program and completed field application process.
about Foundation Field I (Concurrent)

4 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5411. Foundation Field II (Concurrent).
This second foundation course continues supervised generalist social work practice in agencies for a minimum of 250 clock hours, applying classroom knowledge to work with individuals, families, groups, and communities. Prerequisites: SOWK 5410 and Field Coordinator approval.
about Foundation Field II (Concurrent)

4 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5612. Direct Practice Field I.
This course offers supervised advanced direct social work practice opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to interventions with individuals, families, and groups in agencies for a total of 300 clock hours. Prerequisites: Completion of field application process and completion of MSW class work.
about Direct Practice Field I

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5613. Direct Practice Field II.
This course continues supervised advanced direct social work practice opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to interventions with individuals, families, and groups in agencies for a total of 300 clock hours. Prerequisites: Field Coordinator approval.
about Direct Practice Field II

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5622. Administrative Leadership Field I.
This course offers supervised advanced administrative leadership social work practice opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to interventions with public and non-profit social agencies for a total of 300 clock hours. Prerequisites: Completion of field application process and completion of MSW class work.
about Administrative Leadership Field I

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5623. Administrative Leadership Field II.
This course continues supervised advanced administrative leadership social work practice opportunities to apply classroom knowledge to interventions with public and non-profit social agencies for a total of 300 clock hours. Prerequisites: Field Coordinator approval.
about Administrative Leadership Field II

6 Credit Hours. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5678. Advanced Practicum 1.
This course is the first part of the advanced MSW practicum in which students participate in supervised social work practice internships in community agencies and facilities. Students apply classroom knowledge to activities and interventions serving individuals, families, groups, and communities for a minimum of 300 semester clock hours. Departmental approval required to enroll. Prerequisite: Completion of all MSW coursework. Co-requisite: SOWK 5679 unless enrolled in part-time student status.
about Advanced Practicum 1

6 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

SOWK 5679. Advanced Practicum 2.
This course is the second in the MSW advanced/final practicum sequence. This course builds on the experiential learning in Advanced Practicum 1, and continues the application of classroom knowledge. The Advanced Practicum 2 focuses on more complex, micro, mezzo, and/or macro learning in diverse community social service agencies and/or facilities for 300 semester clock hours. Departmental approval required to enroll. Prerequisite: Completion of all MSW coursework. Co-requisite: SOWK 5678 unless enrolled in part-time student status.
about Advanced Practicum 2

6 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 20 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter