

SOCIAL WORK

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The Social Work Program has been fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education since 1987. The primary objective of the Department of Social Work is preparation for entry-level professional social work practice. Courses are offered in social work practice; social policy and social justice; human diversity and populations-at-risk; human behavior and the social environment; social work values and ethics; research, and field work. In order to declare a Social Work Major, students are required to:

1. submit an application for admission to the Social Work Program (while enrolled in SWK 200);
2. demonstrate and maintain a minimum QPA of 2.25 within the General Education (liberal arts) requirements;
3. submit two reference letters (while enrolled in SWK 200);
4. be accepted by the Social Work Admissions Committee.

If a student is rejected from declaring the Social Work Major by the Department Chair, the decision may be appealed to the Social Work Department's Appeals Committee. Prior to enrolling in SWK 200, Introduction to Social Work, students must successfully complete ENG 105, 106 and 75 percent of their General Education requirements with a minimum QPA of 2.25. Students who are accepted into the program and fail to maintain an overall QPA of 2.25 in General Education or the major are placed on academic probation. In addition, students are required to complete SWK 200, 245, 380, 385, 450, 480, 490 and 491 with a minimum QPA of 2.0 in each course. Students need to read *The Student Social Work Handbook* (see: <http://www.uncp.edu/sw/>) for information regarding curriculum policy. All students who declare social work as their major are encouraged to join the Campus Association of Social Workers, attend majors' meetings, and meet regularly with their academic advisor; only active members of CASW may apply for social work scholarships. In addition, eligible students can join the Social Work Department's Chapter of *Alpha Delta Mu*, the Social Work Honor Society.

An integral and required part of the program is the successful completion of field work with a minimum of 400 clock hours in a semester (see: <http://www.uncp.edu/sw/>). The Social Work Department will not accept past social work practice experience for academic credit (see *The Student Social Work Handbook* for more details).

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Requirements for a Bachelor of Social Work Degree	Sem. Hrs.
Freshman Seminar	1
General Education Requirements*	44
Social Work Major Requirements: SWK 200, 245, 345, 348, 371, 380, 385, 391, 445, 448, 450, 480, 490, 491	45
Social Work electives: select 9 hours among population-at-risk/social and economic justice electives: SWK 382, 383 (or 354), 384, 387, 388, 389	9
University-wide Electives* (Recommended electives: SWK 360 or PSY 208, or MAT 210; SOC 303, 313, 375, 377; SWK 350, 354, 403; CRJ/SOC 440)	21
Total:	120

*It is recommended, but not required, that Social Work majors declare a minor.

MINORS

The department offers minors in Substance Abuse (20-21 credit hours) and in Social Welfare (18 credit hours). Six of these hours may be used to satisfy other major and minor requirements, as well as the University's General Education requirements.

Requirements for a Minor in Substance Abuse	Sem. Hrs.
SAB/CRJ 283, SOC/HLTH/SAB 377, SWK/SAB 455, SOC/SAB 461 or SOC/SAB 465, and 8-9 hours chosen from: CRJ/SOC 367, CRJ/SWK 350, SAB/SWK 270, SOC 209, SOC 303, SOC/SWK 245	
	Total: 20-21

See SAB listings under Interdisciplinary Majors and Minors.

Requirements for a Minor in Social Welfare	Sem. Hrs.
Select 18 semester hours following the unduplicated rule from the courses listed below: SWK 200, 245, 348, and 9 hours from SWK 345, 370, 382, 383, 384, 388, 391	
	Total: 18

COURSES

SWK 200. Introduction to Social Work

Required for: Social Work Major. Historical and current overview of the social welfare system and the field of social work. Basic social work concepts. Social welfare structure and services. Social work intervention methods. Field experience required. Fall, Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: ENG 105, 106.

SWK 245. Human Diversity and Populations at Risk (SOC 245)

This course is designed to provide the student with a theoretical perspective on human relations and to aid the student in acquiring a better understanding of diversity as it applies to selected groups in the United States. Although other historically disadvantaged groups may be addressed, a case study approach is utilized for the following: African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native-Americans, Latin-Americans, women, homosexuals, and Jews. [SWK majors must complete with a minimum 2.0] Fall, Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWK 270. Medical Terminology (SAB 270)

Students are introduced to the most frequently used medical terms and abbreviations. Intended primarily for students in social and behavioral science curricula who seek careers in medical organizations. As announced. Credit, 2 semester hours

SWK 304. Social Aspects of Human Sexuality (SOC 304)

Human sexuality is analyzed as a social, psychological, and biological process. Included is a discussion of sexual values and behaviors and their relationship to social structure. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWK 345. Human Behavior and Social Environment I

Behavior in the socio-cultural psychological and biological contexts which determine life-cycle development and behavior. Human functioning in the social environment. Spring and Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite or co-requisite: BIO 103 or PED 349 or equivalent; PSY 101; SOC 102; SWK 200 and 245 recommended.

SWK 348. Social Welfare Policies and Programs I

Process of policy-making, programming and planning. Social, cultural, economic, and political influences on the social welfare system. Fall, Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: PSPA 100 or 101; Prerequisite or co-requisite: SWK 200, ECN 100 or GGY 246.

SWK 350. Correctional Treatment (CRJ 350)

Discussion and application of various Social Work methods will be included along with the history of treatment and rehabilitation in correctional institutions. Students will focus upon how a social worker provides services within the authoritarian setting of a correctional institution. Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWK 354. School Social Work

An overview of school social work as an area of social work practice. Emphasis will be placed upon historical development, legislation affecting school social work practice, problems of school age children, and the role of the school social worker in dealing with these problems. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 or permission of instructor.

SWK 360. Social Statistics (CRJ 360, SOC 360)

An introduction to statistical analysis. Focus is on the process of determining the appropriate statistical techniques, the uses of those techniques, and on the process of the proper interpretation of statistical results. Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: MAT 105 or permission of the instructor.

SWK 370. Practice with Children and Adolescents

This course focuses on multiculturally competent social work practice with children and adolescents living in diverse family arrangements. Economic, social, and psychological concerns of vulnerable children are identified, and intervention strategies that will effectively meet these needs will be addressed. Students are presented with specialized knowledge and skills essential for working with children and adolescents. As Announced. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 recommended.

SWK 371. Writing for the Social Sciences

This course is an introduction to writing for the social sciences, with an emphasis on using the APA style (American Psychological Association). It is designed to help students master competencies in the area of manuscript development and literature reviews. Fall and Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite or Corequisite: SWK 200.

SWK 380. Social Work Practice I

Social work methods for serving individuals, groups, and communities. [SWK majors must complete with a minimum 2.0] Spring and Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours. Corequisite: SWK 200, permission of instructor.

SWK 382. African-American Populations (SOC 382)

This course is designed to provide the student with a theoretical perspective on the African American family. The course offers an opportunity for students to explore, analyze, and experience various aspects of African American culture via the study of history, oppression, social programs, and acculturation. This course will equip students with skills, sensitivities, and knowledge necessary to help them function more intelligently within a pluralistic society and can serve as a guide for better race relations. The student will learn how to analyze the impact of society on family structure and functioning, and the reciprocal impact of families on society. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 is recommended..

SWK 383. Child Welfare Services

Historical perspective on the development of our society's perception of children's needs. Current situation in social services for children. Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 is recommended.

SWK 384. Gerontological Social Work

Problems and needs of the aged. Role of the social worker in planning and providing services. Analysis of existing programs. Students will be involved in the delivery of care to aged individuals. Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 is recommended.

SWK 385. Social Work Practice II

A continuation of SWK 380. [SWK majors must complete with a minimum 2.0] Spring and Fall. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 380, and permission of instructor.

SWK 387. Women in Society (SOC 387)

This course is designed to provide the student with a review of themes on women's development and their interaction with micro, mezzo and macro systems. The goal of this class is to aid the student in acquiring a better understanding of developmental paradigms and how that applies to social work service delivery to the women of the United States with particular emphasis on services within our rural community. The interaction between women and color, socioeconomic status, religion, disability, and sexual orientation will also be reviewed. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 is recommended.

SWK 388. Native American Populations (SOC 388/AIS 388)

Using a person-in-environment perspective, the social service delivery system is analyzed within the uniqueness of the cultural parameters of different tribal communities. Laws and regulations that affect social service delivery to Native Americans are reviewed. Social problems that are common among Native American groups are also emphasized while equipping students with skills, sensitivities, and a knowledge base necessary to practice generalist social work effectively. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200 is recommended.

SWK 389. Sexual Minorities

This course brings together the essential knowledge for effective and affirmative social work practice with sexual minorities who are coping with all usual crises of everyday life in addition to concerns related to their individual uniqueness and their status as a population-at-risk. Knowledge is incorporated under an exosystem-interactional framework for a multidimensional understanding of the many complexities and nuances of sexual minorities. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWK 391. Understanding Social Research

The ethics, standards, and methods of scientific inquiry in social research and the helping services. Particular emphasis is given to standards and methods to improve helping skills. The course is directed to the professional research needs of those preparing for careers in such areas as medical sociology and social work. Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SOC 102 or 101 and MAT 105 or 107.

SWK 397. Experiential Learning I

Written acceptance by a supervising faculty member is required. The student's written proposal, together with the faculty member's acceptance, is submitted for approval to the Program Director prior to registration. Fall, Spring, Summer. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWK 398. Directed Research I

Written acceptance by a supervising faculty member is required. Based on the student's written proposal, together with the faculty member's acceptance, is submitted for approval to the Program Director prior to registration. Fall, Spring, Summer. Credit, 1 semester hour.

SWK 399. Directed Research II

Written acceptance by a supervising faculty member is required. The student's written proposal, together with the faculty member's acceptance, is submitted for approval to the Program Director prior to registration. Credit, 2 semester hours.

SWK 403. Supervision in Human Service Organizations

A survey of administrative considerations such as manpower utilization, supervisor/worker interaction, and roles and functions of supervisors and workers. This course is suggested for students who presently are supervisors or expected to be in a supervisory position. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 348.

SWK 445. Human Behavior and Social Environment II

This course is a continuation of SWK 345. Special focus is placed on issues of human development that are the concerns of generic entry level social work practitioners. Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200, 345.

SWK 448. Social and Economic Justice

Theories of organization and their implication for social work are explored. The central focus of this course is placed on the relationship between social forces (primarily socioeconomic status) and populations at risk. Fall and Spring. Credit, 2 semester hours. SWK 448, SWK 490, and SWK 491 must be taken concurrently. Prerequisites: SWK 200, 245, 345, 348, 380, 391, 445, 450, 480, and permission of instructor.

SWK 450. Social Work Values and Ethics

This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to explore the ethics and values related to social work practice. Students will integrate theory and practice by reviewing ethical dilemmas. Students will also learn to classify value conflicts and the dilemmas of ethical decision-making. Fall, Spring. Credit, 1 semester hour.

SWK 455. Treatment of Alcohol and Drug Addiction (SAB 455)

Substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation involving individual clients, families and groups is addressed. Modalities of treatment, treatment planning, case management and managed care in addictions are also addressed. Spring. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWK 480. Social Work Practice III

This course is designed to further develop students' generalist social work skill. Practice content also emphasizes professional relationships that are characterized by mutuality, collaboration, and respect for the clients. This course includes content regarding knowledge, values and skills to enhance the well-being of people and to help ameliorate the environmental conditions that affect people adversely. Practice content also includes approaches to and skills for practice with clients from differing social, cultural, racial religious, spiritual and class backgrounds, and with systems of all sizes. Fall, Spring. Credit, 3 Semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 245, 345, 348, 385

SWK 490. Field Work

Each student will complete a minimum of 32 hours per week in an assigned supervised field setting. Successful completion of a minimum of 400 clock hours is required at the end of the semester in order to receive a passing grade [see <http://www.uncp.edu/sw/fieldexp.html> for more details]. The field work experience is designed to facilitate professional development as well as to integrate social work skills, knowledge, and values. NOTE: Pass/Fail basis. SWK 448, SWK 490, and SWK 491 must be taken concurrently. Fall, Spring. Credit, 9 semester hours. Prerequisite: SWK 200, 245, 345, 348, 380, 385, 391, 445, 450, 480, and permission of instructor. Students may only enroll in 15 hours during their field work.

SWK 491. Integrative Seminar for Field Work

This course will focus on the transition from student to entry level professional. Each student will engage in field work activity that will allow the development of generalist skills; will explore multi cultural/lifestyle and practice issues and will present a case in order to demonstrate the integration of social work skills, knowledge and values. Each student will demonstrate the development of professional communication skills and will be able to function in a human service setting. NOTE: Letter

grading basis. SWK 490 and SWK 491 must be taken concurrently. Fall, Spring. Credit, 1 semester hour. Prerequisite: SWK 200, 245, 345, 348, 380, 385, 391, 480, and permission of instructor. Students may only enroll in 15 hours during their field work.

SWK 497. Experiential Learning II

Written acceptance by a supervising faculty member is required. The student's written proposal, together with the faculty member's acceptance, is submitted for approval to the Program Director prior to registration. Fall, Spring, Summer. Credit, 3 semester hours.

SWKS 4xx. Special Topics in Social Work

This course is to provide flexibility to introduce specialized courses which may be of substantial interest to students. Topics will vary from time to time according to student interest. As announced. Credit, 3 semester hours.