

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK

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Programs

All first-year students who enter SRU in the Summer and Fall terms of 2019 and after will follow Rock Studies. Students who entered

SRU before Spring 2019 will follow Liberal Studies. All new transfer students beginning Summer 2019 and after will follow Liberal Studies. We anticipate that transfer students will begin to enter under Rock Studies during the Summer/Fall term of 2021.

Majors

- Health Science - Public Health, Bachelor of Science (BS) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/health-science-public-bs/>)
- Health Science - Public Health, Bachelor of Science (BS) / Pre-Occupational Therapy (SRU) (3+3) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/health-science-public-bs-pre-occupational-therapy/>)
- Health Science - Public Health, Bachelor of Science (BS) / Pre-Occupational Therapy (SRU) (Traditional) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/health-science-public-bs-pre-occupational-therapy-traditional/>)
- Health Science - Public Health, Bachelor of Science (BS) / Pre-Physical Therapy (SRU) (3+3) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/health-science-public-bs-pre-physical-therapy/>)
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- Health Science - Public Health, Bachelor of Science (BS) / Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU) (3+2) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/health-science-public-bs-pre-physician-assistant/>)
- Health Science - Public Health, Bachelor of Science (BS) / Pre-Physician Assistant (SRU) (Traditional) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/health-science-public-bs-pre-physician-assistant-traditional/>)
- Social Work, Bachelor of Science (BS) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/social-work-bs/>)

Minors

- Gerontology, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/gerontology-minor/>)
- Public Health, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/public-health-minor/>)
- Social Work, Minor (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-engineering-sciences/public-health-social-work/social-work-minor/>)

Courses

GERO Courses

GERO 139 - University Seminar

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Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2.

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GERO 190 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

GERO 195 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

GERO 198 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

GERO 265 - Aging and the Older Person

Introduction to the interdisciplinary study of gerontology as a social, behavioral and biological science. A prerequisite to courses in gerontology and aging. Women and Aging examines the effects of women growing older in a changing society. Social, psychological, physical, economic, cultural, and political implications will be discussed, including health concerns, changing roles, and discrimination.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Thematic Thread(s): 21st Century Healthcare, Transfer Thread Completion Course

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GERO 295 - Workbook

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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GERO 298 - Selected Topics

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GERO 395 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

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GERO 398 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

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GERO 414 - Death and Dying

This course is an introduction to the study of death, dying and bereavement which utilizes a multidisciplinary approach. This course is aimed at sensitizing students to the subject of dying, death and bereavement, aiding students in adjusting to the death of a significant other, helping students examine their feeling and reactions to death and grieving and introducing students to diverse perspectives.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

GERO 425 - Women and Aging

Examines the effects of women growing older in a changing society. Social, psychological, physical, economic, cultural, and political implications will be discussed, including health concerns, changing roles, and discrimination.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Gender and Diversity, Transfer Thread Completion Course

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2, Sophomore 1 or Sophomore 2 may **not** enroll.

GERO 450 - Gerontology Internship

Individually designed experiential learning intended to provide the student with an opportunity for observation and participation in a wide range of gerontological activities in an approved institution or agency setting.

Credits: 3-12

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2, Junior 1, Sophomore 1 or Sophomore 2 may **not** enroll.

GERO 465 - Seminar in Gerontology

An interdisciplinary investigation of selected facets of gerontology. Course content is drawn from the biological, behavioral, and social sciences, and it will include a consideration of current issues in such areas as mental health, housing, economics, transportation, preventive health program, long-term care, and leisure work activities.

Prerequisite: GERO 265^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2, Sophomore 1 or Sophomore 2 may **not** enroll.

GERO 490 - Independent Study

A rigorous investigation of a topic of relevance to gerontology not covered in detail in existing courses. Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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HLTH Courses**HLTH 100 - Introduction to Health Careers**

Provides students with an understanding of various career opportunities in health and safety occupations and the opportunity to determine whether their needs, interests, abilities, and values are suited to careers in this area.

Credits: 3

HLTH 101 - Personal Health

Addresses concerns pertaining to college living and life-long health. Emphasizes wellness with its emotional, physical, and social components.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Thematic Thread(s): Body and Self, Transfer Thread Completion Course

HLTH 102 - Health Appraisal and Promotion

Discusses the role of wellness in health promotion. Identifies major health risks and examines primary prevention strategies utilizing select health appraisal instruments for the promotion of optimal individual and community health. Exposes students to agencies, which serve as resources for health information.

Credits: 3

HLTH 103 - Health and Behavior Change

Examines the major health problems and health risks to determine feasible secondary and tertiary intervention strategies to maintain, promote and manage the highest possible level of individual and community health. Explores behaviors and circumstances that are barriers to seeking and/or adhering to medical advice.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

HLTH 203 - Public Health and Physical Activity

This course will focus on introducing public health students to the benefits of physical activity (PA), how to safely engage in PA and how to apply PA to the public health model.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health or Health Science - Public Health.

HLTH 210 - Introduction to Public Health

Provides a broad foundation of information related to the structure and functioning of the community health system including the identification and examination of programs, providers, and current problems associated with the delivery of health services.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall, Winter, & Spring

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 211 - Women's Health Issues

Examines the role of women as consumers and as both formal and informal providers of health services.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Summer Terms

HLTH 262 - Health Foundations

Identifies and examines the major health problems at the individual and community level. Emphasizes health information and resources that can be used to deliver developmentally appropriate primary, secondary and tertiary education and/or interventions among diverse populations.

Credits: 3

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Exploratory Physical Educ, School Wellness Education, Health-Physical Educ Teaching, Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

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Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

HLTH 298 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

HLTH 301 - Introduction to Health Education

Examines the knowledge and skills necessary to function effectively as a community, school, or worksite health educator. Emphasizes the responsibilities and competencies of the Certified Health Education Specialist.

Prerequisites: HLTH 103^D and HLTH 210^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 309 - Introduction to the Study of Disease

Provides a broad foundation of information related to the etiology, pathophysiological mechanisms, signs and symptoms, outcomes and current therapies for selected communicable, genetic, and chronic diseases.

Prerequisite: BIOL 216^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Winter Terms

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 310 - Environmental Health

Explores the ecologic, economic, ethical, toxicologic and epidemiologic bases for environmental health both globally and within the community setting. Emphasizes the relationship between biological, physical and chemical agents and disease/injury causation and the role of government.

Prerequisites: CHEM 104^D or CHEM 107^D or BIOL 210^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring & Summer Terms

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 311 - International Health

Examines significant health problems affecting populations in various areas of the world. Provides opportunities to understand approaches to health from different cultural perspectives and focuses on the integration of disease patterns in peoples within specific geographic areas. Emphasizes interdisciplinary perspectives on how cultural diversity relates to us and the world community.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

Thematic Thread(s): 21st Century Healthcare, Healthy Body, Mind & Environment, Sustainable International Development, Transfer Thread Completion Course

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

HLTH 312 - Data Management for Health Science

Explores methods of data collection, manipulation and reporting for health science. Includes computer applications.

Prerequisites: MATH 152^D or STAT 152^D or MATH 114^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 313 - Biostatistics

Provides a broad foundation of knowledge related to data analysis in health science. Emphasizes the interpretation of health data and the computer skills for common statistical methods.

Prerequisites: HSAF 312^D or HLTH 312^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Exercise Science, Exercise Sci- Pre PT-SRU 3+3, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 314 - Nutrition and Health

Examines basic scientific principles of nutrition, specifically all major nutrient classes in terms of functions, food sources, and adequate intakes along with sensitivity to diverse needs throughout the life cycle. Emphasizes interdisciplinary perspectives on how cultural diversity relates to food choices and how unique ethnic health challenges influence dietary needs.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Winter Terms

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Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 316 - Human Sexuality

Surveys a broad range of information about human sexuality from biological, psychological, sociological, religious, and medical perspectives.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

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HLTH 395 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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HLTH 398 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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HLTH 406 - Program Planning and Evaluation

Provides basic proficiency in quantitative and qualitative approaches to health education and health promotion program measurement and evaluation. Current trends and issues in community, school and worksite health promotion are brought to bear on the problems of implementing and interpreting the results of formative and summative evaluation.

Prerequisite: HLTH 301^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 408 - Public Health Administration

This course is designed to give an overview of the context, infrastructure and core functions of public health systems and related administration. It focuses on the administrative aspects for carrying out the public health functions, and the legal, ethical, economic, management, leadership, and regulatory dimensions of public health systems. This course also addresses performance measures, strategic planning, information systems, and current issues or trends in public health.

Prerequisite: HLTH 210^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health or Health Science - Public Health.

HLTH 410 - Epidemiology

Introduces the study of population-based research and statistical methods of inquiry regarding distribution and determination of disease in human populations. Emphasizes appropriate study design and investigative techniques and interpretation of findings related to community health. Prerequisites: HLTH 313 Biostatistics or taking HLTH 313 Biostatistics concurrently.

Prerequisite: HLTH 313 (may be taken concurrently)^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring & Summer Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 424 - Nutrition and Exercise

This course provides an understanding of the dietary standards that dictate nutritional requirements for apparently healthy adults. Emphasis is placed on the evaluation of an recommendations for macronutrients, micronutrients, and hydration status for health, physical activity, and human performance.

Prerequisites: (HLTH 314^D or ERS 300^D) and ERS 301^D and ERS 302^D
^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Exercise Science, Exercise Sci- Pre PT-SRU 3+3 or Athletic Training.

Enrollment limited to students in the BS 6149 or BS 6204 programs.

HLTH 440 - Public Health Seminar

This course is designed to provide a critical analysis of the major contemporary public health problems facing persons and communities. Content will also address professionalism and career advancement in the public health professions.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Public Health, Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 450 - Internship

Provides opportunity to apply theory and develop competencies through a work-related experience in an appropriate cooperating enterprise. Summers only.

Credits: 1-12

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall, Spring, & Summer

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Health Science - Public Health or Hlth Sci-P Hlth-Pre PT-SRU 3+3.

HLTH 455 - Student Teaching - Health Science

Under the guidance of a cooperating teacher and university supervisor, students engage in two, eight week assignments on a full-time basis in specified school districts and attend scheduled seminars. Supervisors assign additional requirements.

Credits: 3-12

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HLTH 490 - Independent Study

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Credits: 1-3

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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SOWK Courses**SOWK 105 - Human Diversity**

An orientation to living and working with diverse populations within modern American society, including examination of the strengths and stresses associated with diversities.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Every Term

Thematic Thread(s): 21st Century Healthcare, Education, Transfer Thread Completion Course

SOWK 107 - Cultural Competency and Human Services

This course is designed for Social Work and Criminology/Criminal Justice majors to develop their understanding of how cultural differences among client populations require differential applications generic (professional) skills.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 195 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 198 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 200 - Introduction to Child Welfare

Provides an overview of the child welfare system in the United States, including the history of the development of child welfare policies, programs, and services; exploring best practices in child welfare; and examining current and future issues and problems in this field.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Transfer Thread Completion Course, Well-Being of Children and Youth

SOWK 230 - Social Justice and Equality

This course provides an overview of Frederick Douglass' perspectives on injustice and racial prejudice, which will be examined from his life experiences as a former slave who became the pre-eminent voice of the liberation struggle. The historical context of Douglass' life will be compared and contrasted to contemporary issues of race, ethnicity, freedom and diversity awareness.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Winter, Spring&Summer

Thematic Thread(s): African-American Studies, Transfer Thread Completion Course

SOWK 251 - Introduction to Social Work

An orientation to the field of social work and social work activities in the community. Includes service learning.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

SOWK 290 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 295 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 298 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 300 - Crisis Intervention

This course focuses on practice skills to effectively recognize and intervene in crises. This course examines factors influencing the development of crises, identification of potential crises and use of de-escalation skills. This course will focus on developing effective crisis intervention skills and techniques for a variety of crisis situations.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Thematic Thread(s): Building a Healthy Society, Transfer Thread Completion Course

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2 may **not** enroll.

SOWK 310 - Animal Assisted Interventions

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the human-animal bond and how this relationship can foster interventions in the human service and health care fields. Students will learn several animal-assisted interventions, beneficial effects and how they are implemented with diverse groups in various practice settings.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2 may **not** enroll.

SOWK 311 - Clinical and Academic Documentation for Social Work

This course will assist students in developing strong clinical documentation skills for social work practice. Students will be exposed and practice various types of clinical documentation. Additionally, students will enhance their clinical and academic writing by creating a portfolio of various documents.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Summer Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

SOWK 318 - Research Methods

Major methods and procedures used in social work and sociological research.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Social Work.

SOWK 319 - Statistical Methods

Introduction to basic statistical concepts and research techniques used in social research. Also listed as PROF 317

Prerequisite: SOWK 318^D

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Social Work.

SOWK 321 - Forensic Social Work

This course applies social work principles to various aspects of the legal system. Students will address legal rights, policies and practice in various forensic settings and with clients involved with the law and legal system.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

SOWK 328 - Human Behavior and the Social Environment

Covers the biophysical, psychological, and social dimensions assessing social functioning during pregnancy, birth, newborn, infancy, and early childhood, middle childhood and adolescence, young and late adulthood.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Social Work or Social Work.

SOWK 334 - Clinical Perspectives on DSM Diagnoses

Course content related to taxonomy, etiology, and diagnostic impressions of psychiatric disorders will be presented. Social Work services will be analyzed in relation to the disorders.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Criminology & Criminal Justice or Social Work.

SOWK 340 - Social Welfare Institutions

An introductory analysis of social welfare policies, issues, and institutions.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Social Work.

SOWK 355 - Social Work Practice with Individuals

Principles and practice of interviewing processes as applied to casework methods. Grade of C or better is required in this course.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Social Work.

SOWK 356 - Social work Practice with Groups & Families

Expands knowledge and skills base to include social work practice with family and group systems. Grade of C or better is required in this course.

Prerequisite: SOWK 355^C

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Social Work.

SOWK 357 - Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities

Expands knowledge and skills base to include social work practice in communities and larger social systems. Grade of C or better is required in this course.

Prerequisites: SOWK 340^D and SOWK 356^C

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

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SOWK 390 - Experimental

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 395 - Workshop

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 398 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 407 - Social Policy Issues

Problems and issues associated with social policy including the politics of welfare policy.

Prerequisites: SOWK 251^D and SOWK 340^{*D} (may be taken concurrently).

^D Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Social Work.

SOWK 450 - SOWK Internship

A Social Work Internship.

Corequisite(s): SOWK 460

Credits: 1-12

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring & Summer Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Social Work.

SOWK 460 - Social Work Integrative Seminar

This senior level course integrates a four year social work curriculum with emphasis on knowledge base and skill acquisition for working in micro, mezzo, macro and research practice. This course will be a corequisite with SOWK 450 (Internship)

Corequisite(s): SOWK 450

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring & Summer Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Social Work.

SOWK 490 - Independent Study

Independent research under the guidance of a faculty member.

Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor, departmental chairperson, and dean of the college where the study will be conducted. (repeatable up to 6 credits) Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 495 - Workshop

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

SOWK 498 - Selected Topics

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.