

SOCIAL WORK (SOCW)

200 Level Courses

SOCW 200: *Introduction to Social Work*. 3 credits.

Provides an overview of the social work profession, including its core values, ethics, and multidimensional competencies. The profession's knowledge base is covered, with an emphasis on practice with diverse individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. A unique intersectional and strengths-based person-in-environment perspective is used to explore strategies for promoting change through an anti-oppressive lens. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Just Societies, Social/Behavioral Sciences (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

300 Level Courses

SOCW 311: *Building Professional Social Work Skills*. 3 credits.

Learn requisite social work concepts, ethics, and professional skills for serving clients and client systems within the community. In turn, students will have the opportunity to apply this knowledge during a required 40-hour service-learning project within a community-based social service agency. This experience provides students the opportunity to become familiar with the planned change process, a professional sense of self, values, ethics, and understand how to work in a social work setting. Students will practice using cultural humility, empathy, reflection, and interpersonal skills while interacting within the agency. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200.

Registration Restrictions:

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

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 312: *Knowledge Building for Helping Professionals*. 3 credits.

Integrates critical thinking and culturally adaptive frameworks for facilitating and understanding of how knowledge is created, the connection between research and practice, and interpreting evidence-based practice. An overview of scientific paradigms from the traditional Western theories as well as critical and post-positivist theories, and qualitative and quantitative approaches used to study and understand person-in-environment will be covered. Students will gain knowledge in the process of evidence-based practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 357: *Methods of Social Work Intervention I*. 3 credits.

Facilitates the development of social work knowledge for promoting individual and family system well-being. Approaches to engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation will be covered within the framework of antiracism, diversity, equity, and inclusion. Students will enhance their understanding toward using professional values to frame practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200, SOCI 101, PSYC 100, or permission of the instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: SOCW 361^{*C} or 361^{*XS}.

^{*} May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

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

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 358: *Methods of Social Work Intervention II*. 3 credits.

Emphasizes an understanding of conceptual frameworks that underscore interventions and approaches to group practice. A variety of group dynamics will be reviewed such as those related to cohesion, communication, leadership, and social integration. Approaches to goal setting and evaluating practice will be critically addressed within an anti-oppressive framework. Students will enhance their understanding toward using professional values to frame group interventions. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200, 357, and 361

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: SOCW 362^{*C} or 362^{*XS}.

^{*} May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

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

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 361: *Methods of Social Work Intervention I: Laboratory*. 3 credits. Develops skills for practice with individuals and families through a variety of skill building exercises such as demonstrations, structured role-plays, critical evaluation of video-taped sessions, and feedback from peers and instructor. Multiple opportunities exist to engage, assess, and intervene with hypothetical clients and client systems. Self-reflection is another component of the learning experience as students will enhance their cognitive and affective processes related to work with individuals and families. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: SOCW 357^{*C} or 357^{*XS}.

^{*} May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

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

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 362: *Methods of Social Work Intervention II: Laboratory*. 3 credits. Develops skills for facilitating different group types through participation in group simulations that enable students to experience the roles of group facilitator, member, and observer. A variety of anti-oppressive group intervention strategies will be explored to ensure equity and inclusion. Students will enhance their cognitive and affective processes related to group work. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200, 357, and 361

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 200^C or 200^{XS}) and (SOCW 357^C or 357^{XS}) and (SOCW 361^C or 361^{XS}) and (SOCW 358^C or 358^{XS}).

^{*} May be taken concurrently.

^C Requires minimum grade of C.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

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

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Laboratory

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 375: *Human Behavior from an Anti-Oppressive Lens*. 3 credits. Integrative person-in-environment approach frames the understanding of human behavior within the influences of oppression, privilege, and distribution of power in society. The life course perspective will be applied to assess the impact of life events, trauma, transitions and change, timing, and historical context on behavior and development. Opportunities will be afforded to critically analyze interactions of the person within their social environment and methods for human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice advocacy. Offered by

Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 380: *Changing Social Policies and Systems*. 3 credits.

Equips students with the prerequisite knowledge and values required for promoting change within organizations and communities. Change is understood from its implications for promoting antiracist, equitable and inclusive social policies, standards in the delivery of social services, and distribution of community resources. An overview of the historical and sociopolitical dynamics of social institutions that result in privilege for some populations and oppression for others will be reviewed. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

400 Level Courses

SOCW 400: *Legal and Ethical Issues in Human Services*. 3 credits.

Overview of ethical and legal issues related to human services professions. Topics include responsibility, competence, duty to warn, confidentiality, professional relationships, and research. Emphasizes models of ethical decision making and critical thinking. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 410: *Substance Use, Misuse, and Disorder: Programs and Policies*. 3 credits.

Examines issues related to substance use, misuse, and disorder including key concepts, theories, programs, services, interventions, policies, and research regarding the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders (SUD's). Emphasizes promotion of well-being and recovery for those diagnosed with SUD's, with a special attention being placed on vulnerable populations. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 415: *Child and Family Welfare*. 3 credits.

Emphasizes viewing human development and child and family welfare services critically, holistically, and contextually. Integrates ecological systems, human rights, and empowerment perspectives for understanding delivery systems and persons in relation to their environment across levels from individual to global. Provides overview of existing child welfare system with focus on current issues, challenges, and at-risk populations. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 435: *Introduction to Gerontology*. 3 credits.

Surveys issues related to working with older adults, their families, and care providers. Studies biological, psychological, and sociocultural aspects of aging, and unique problems with service delivery to older persons. Examines forces that impinge on an older person, and explores critical issues related to extended life span, family changes, institutionalization, and role of older persons in society. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of the instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 445: *Social Determinants of Health*. 3 credits.

Examine the social determinants of health and the application of this framework to social work and public health policy and practice interventions. Explore the many social justice factors that affect health and consider which community systems and social change approaches may decrease or eliminate health inequities. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts. Equivalent to GCH 445.

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of the instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 471: *Research in Social Work*. 3 credits.

Examines the role of scientific inquiry in social work, emphasizing the significance of employing ethical, culturally informed, anti-racist, and anti-oppressive approaches in conducting research. Students will learn essential steps in conducting research, including literature review, research design, data collection and analysis, and dissemination of results with implications for policy, practice, and future research. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Writing Intensive in Major (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Mason Impact.

Recommended Prerequisite: Admitted to progress into the BSW Senior Year, ENGH 302, and one of the following: STAT 250, SOCI 213, or PSYC 300.

Recommended Corequisite: SOCW 495

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 472: *RS: Integrative Methods in Social Action and Social Change*. 3 credits.

Integrates the knowledge, skills, cognitive and affective processes, and values that were learned throughout the BSW program. These multidimensional competencies frame the course's signature assignment of conducting organization or community-based research projects. The projects planning, implementation, and analysis are understood from their utility at advancing human rights, justice, and well-being. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Mason Core: Mason Core, Mason Apex (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>)

Specialized Designation: Research/Scholarship Intensive

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 495 and SOCW 471

Registration Restrictions:

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

Enrollment limited to students in a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 475: *Selected Topics in Social Work Policy*. 1-3 credits.

In-depth study of special areas of social work of interest to students, faculty, and social work community. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 483: *Selected Topics in Social Work Intervention*. 1-3 credits.

Opportunity to examine personal use of different approaches to social work intervention currently employed in practice settings. Students use

technical skills with clients that these approaches require. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 9 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: 45 credits or permission of instructor.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 495: Social Work Practicum and Seminar I. 5 credits.

Engages in supervised practicum experience provided by practicum agencies designed to develop and demonstrate aptitude in social work service delivery aligned with the core competencies identified by the Council on Social Work Education. These activities are designed to provide generalist social work training including knowledge, comprehension, application and analysis of social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 200, 311, 312, 357, 358, 361, 362, 375, and 380 with a minimum grade of C and recommendation of faculty.

Registration Restrictions:

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

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 496: Social Work Practicum and Seminar II. 5 credits.

Engages in supervised practicum experience provided by practicum agencies designed to develop and demonstrate aptitude in social work service delivery aligned with the core competencies identified by the Council on Social Work Education. These activities are designed to provide enhanced social work training including application, analysis, evaluation and synthesis of social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). Limited to three attempts.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 495 with a minimum grade of C.

Registration Restrictions:

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

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 499: Independent Study in Social Work. 1-3 credits.

Investigates research problem in field of social work. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 3 credits.

Recommended Prerequisite: 60 credits and a research proposal approved by instructor before enrollment.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Undergraduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

600 Level Courses

SOCW 600: Foundations of Social Work and Social Welfare. 3 credits.

Introduces issues in social welfare by highlighting the social work profession's commitment to serve diverse and at-risk populations, as well as promote social, economic, and environmental justice. Provides students with opportunities to examine how historical, political, economic, and cultural contexts influence the structure and functions of oppression and the social welfare delivery system. Students gain knowledge and develop critical analysis skills for examining systems of privileges and oppression based on race and ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social and economic status, age, ability status, religion, and nativity status. Emphasis is also placed on professional values and ethics. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 623: Human Behavior and Social Systems. 3 credits.

Ecological systems approach to understanding the behavior of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. Integrates and applies theories from a variety of disciplines, to include social work, psychology, sociology, biology, and anthropology to the study of human behavior. Emphasizes human diversity. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 630: Clinical Social Work in Forensic Settings. 3 credits.

Exploration of clinical social work roles in legal processes including child and family courts, juvenile and adult justice, competency and capacity processes. Students learn the clinical considerations for working with clients involved in these legal processes and will develop forensic skills including preparation for and participation in court hearings and understanding and mitigating liabilities. Skills include interviewing, risk assessment, mitigation, advocacy and multidisciplinary collaboration. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 640: *Clinical Practice with Adults*. 3 credits.

Prepares Specialization students to apply diagnostic, assessment, prevention, treatment and intervention skills with adults in clinical mental health and health settings. Currently accepted evidence-based treatment interventions within the context of contemporary social work theory will also be presented and applied. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 644: *Community Practice Across the Life Course*. 3 credits.

Examines the role of environmental factors including poverty, income inequality, political oppression and traumatic events as factors influencing what is commonly called "psychopathology." Stages of life course development are examined in this course from conception to late adulthood. The course's primary focus is understanding the interactions between cultural and structural processes, and their influence on how clients and client systems live and adapt. In keeping with the social justice imperative of the profession, students will critically analyze the environmental and structural forces that impinge or enhance human development. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 650: *Advanced Social Work Policy Practice Skills*. 3 credits.

Addresses the role and influence of politics, economics, and cultural and social values on social welfare policy. Develops knowledge, values, and skills to analyze, influence, evaluate, and address public policy. Examines theory and best practices to advance social work policy. Applies advanced policy practice skills to advocate for change to promote and ensure social and economic justice, with special attention to racial and ethnic minorities, women, LGBT persons, children and youth, and other populations at risk. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 653: *Immigration Policy*. 3 credits.

Prepares students for advocacy on behalf of immigrants from a human rights and social justice perspective. Explores policies, economic forces and historical precedence abetting global migration. Abets development of an in-depth knowledge of national and local policies as they pertain to immigrants, and how issues relate to social work advocacy. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 654: *Social Policy for Children and Youth*. 3 credits.

Examines social policies, programs, and services on behalf of children and youth with implications for social work; including child welfare, child and adolescent health and mental health, juvenile justice, and school social work. Explores how societal norms regarding family and definitions of children's well-being influenced these policies over time. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 655: *Aging Programs and Policies*. 3 credits.

Analyzes the evidence-based benefits and challenges of social welfare and health care policy at the local, state, and federal levels on programs and services for older persons and their families. Fosters an understanding of the context of administrative structures, and legislative context of social policy and aging with attention to diversity and ethics. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 671^{B-} or 671^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

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SOCW 656: *Poverty, Oppression, and Inequity*. 3 credits.

Critically examines the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequity in the United States. Examines the historical antecedents and the intersections of the political, economic, social, cultural, and ideological influences on policies, programs, and services. Examines how to use personal and collective political power to guide the analysis of social problems as well as the development of organizational, community, and policy solutions. Introduces skills to create systemic change through the analysis of social problems and the policies, programs, and services that exist to address these issues. Students will develop strategies for planned change in collaboration with marginalized populations, organizations, communities, and policy makers. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 659: *Organizing and Advocating for Change*. 3 credits.

Explores the roles of grassroots organizing and policy advocacy in achieving community change. Introduces skills including capacity mapping, building organizations, assessing power dynamics, mobilizing community members, engaging in participatory planning, nurturing leaders, and selecting appropriate strategies for action. Examines the impact of policy change on community well-being; introduces advocacy skills including legislative research, coalition building, testifying, using the media, field outreach, and direct lobbying. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 660: *Foundations of Direct Practice*. 3 credits.

Introduces the role of social workers as change agents and the core knowledge, values, and skills that guide social work practice with

individuals, groups, and families. Emphasizes use of self, engagement, intervention and planning, follow up, and termination skills with diverse populations. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Corequisite: SOCW 672

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 661: *Social Work Practice in Schools*. 3 credits.

Presents best practices for social work practitioners working in the K-12 school setting, understanding educational policy and special education, and addressing mental health and concerns of students in the school culture, such as bullying and drug/violence prevention. Content on intervention planning will assist students in selecting interventions to be used in the school setting which are matched with client problems across diverse populations, cultural backgrounds, sociopolitical contexts, and available resources. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Completion of Foundation Level Courses

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 663: *Global Human Rights Policy*. 3 credits.

Examines meaning and benefits of transforming social work policy practice to a global perspective and focus on a human rights-based rather than a needs-based approach. Demonstrates how human rights can serve as conceptual framework for policy practice to effect social change promoting human development and social and economic justice across levels, from the micro through macro and local through global. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 664: *Creative Arts in Social Work Practice*. 3 credits.

Explores the principles and techniques of creative arts for social work practice, examining assessment, intervention and evaluation strategies that supplement traditional social work treatment. Course covers theory, research, and interventions applied to individuals, families, groups, and communities. Notes: Previous training in the visual arts and/or artistic ability is not required. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 667: *Advanced Group Theory and Practice*. 3 credits.

Prepares students for advanced theory and practice in group work, the use of self in the therapeutic process, and the use of varied practice modalities in the group setting. Prepares students to apply multiple theoretical approaches in group work practice with diverse and at-risk populations with an emphasis on social and economic justice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 668: *Interpersonal Violence*. 3 credits.

Examines various forms of interpersonal and family violence, including child abuse, dating violence, intimate partner violence, and sexual assault, focusing on dominant theories in the field, incidence, nature,

causes, and consequences. Particular attention is paid to various policies, interventions, and prevention efforts, with a focus on understanding the gaps and needs from an evidence-based perspective. Students will apply their knowledge using illustrative case studies and other examples, and will examine what we know and don't know about interpersonal violence in under-served communities. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: 30 graduate credits or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 671: *Research Methods for Social Workers*. 3 credits.

Examines role of scientific inquiry in social work. Emphasizes construction and use of measurement instruments, data collection, analysis, and interpretation, and application of computer technologies relevant to social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

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Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 672: *Generalist Social Work Practicum and Seminar I*. 3 credits.

Engages in supervised practicum experience provided by practicum agencies designed to develop and demonstrate aptitude in social work service delivery aligned with the core competencies identified by the Council on Social Work Education. These activities are designed to provide generalist social work training including knowledge, comprehension, application and analysis of social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Corequisite: SOCW 657

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 673: *Generalist Social Work Practicum Education and Seminar II*. 3 credits.

Engages in supervised practicum experience provided by practicum agencies designed to develop and demonstrate aptitude in social work service delivery aligned with the core competencies identified by the Council on Social Work Education. These activities are designed to provide enhanced social work training including application, analysis, evaluation and synthesis of social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 672.

Recommended Corequisite: SOCW 658.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 674: *Psychopathology*. 3 credits.

Presents overview of adult and child psychopathology within the contexts of the lives of people experiencing mental disorders and the social contexts that can have a bearing on symptom maintenance. Learn to formulate competency-based assessments and DSM IV-TR-based differential diagnoses. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 675: *Selected Topics in Clinical Practice*. 3 credits.

In-depth study of special topics related to clinical social work practice at the individual, family, small group, or community level. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: 30 graduate credits or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 676: *Selected Topics in Social Work and Social Change*. 3 credits.

Critical examination of special topics related to understanding and improving community and societal conditions through policy practice, program development, and social action. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Recommended Prerequisite: 30 graduate hours or permission of instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 677: *Family Therapy*. 3 credits.

Examines research and theory relevant for assessment and intervention with families. Students will learn to conduct a family assessment, taking cultural diversity, non-traditional family structures including single-

parent and GLBTQ families, and socioeconomic factors into account. Students will develop skills in implementing an intervention based on the family's strengths and challenges. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

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Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 678: *Trauma and Recovery*. 3 credits.

Explores complex traumatic stress disorders, the process of recovery, and the etiology of healing in contemporary North American culture. Diagnostic criteria, assessment strategies and evidence-based treatment options for complex traumatic stress disorders across diverse populations including sexual trauma, war, early childhood trauma, and natural disasters will be addressed. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture**Grading:**

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 679: *Military Social Work*. 3 credits.

Examines research and theory relevant for social work practice with service members, veterans, and their families. The course addresses the military as a workplace culture, evidence-based approaches for post-traumatic stress and co-morbid conditions, clinical practice with military families, preventive care and the service delivery system in military

and civilian settings. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 671^{B-} or 671^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 682: Substance Use Interventions. 3 credits.

Develops knowledge and skills for direct practice in the addiction field. The course advances knowledge in evidence-based assessment and interventions utilized at all stages of the recovery process, and examines their application with individuals, families, groups and communities. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 683: Clinical Practice with Children, Youth, and Families. 3 credits.

Applies evidence-based prevention, assessment, interventions, and treatment practice to address the needs of children, youth, young adults, parents, and caregivers. Examines development from a biopsychosocial perspective with consideration of both internal and external influences,

trauma and loss, and responses to the expressed client experience inclusive of culture and community. Assesses issues such as substance use, diverse family types, immigrant and refugee status, children in kinship and foster home placements, and domestic and community violence. Presents interventions that have shown efficacy in historically marginalized populations including experiential therapy, sensorimotor psychotherapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, behavioral therapy, and parent management training. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 684: Social Work and the Law. 3 credits.

Students engage in close analysis of judicial opinions to explore the role of the courts in creating public policy. Areas of inquiry include the role of social workers in the legal system, the nature of legal proceedings, and how the law shapes policy in relation to issues affecting children, youth, families, older adults, women, minorities, people in poverty, and other vulnerable populations. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 671^{B-} or 671^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 685: *Organizational Leadership for Social Workers*. 3 credits.
Examines functions and structure of human service organizations in context of service delivery. Development of theoretical knowledge, professional ethics, and skills in administration, leadership, management, organization, and supervision. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 671^{B-} or 671^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 686: *Advanced Trauma Theory and Practice*. 3 credits.

Explores theories of how psychological trauma affects the individual, family and community followed by strategies for healing. An in depth exploration of the practice of psychotherapy with trauma survivors across diverse populations using evidence-based interventions coupled with special attention to relationship and attachment theory. Individual and group work will be practiced using role plays and direct experience with Animal Assisted Psychotherapies. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-}, 674^{B-} and 678^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 687: *Empowering Communities for Change*. 3 credits.

Explores social work interventions at community level, including organization, planning, and development. Strategies for mobilizing community members, using community organizations, formulating coalitions, engaging in participatory planning, and social and economic

development. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 624, 652, 658, and 673.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 688: *Program Evaluation for Social Workers*. 3 credits.

Explores social work intervention research, needs assessment, formative and summative program evaluation, and cost analyses. Discusses applications of systematic inquiry at the practice, organizational, and policy levels. Addresses ethical, pragmatic, and political considerations; qualitative approaches; quality performance; evidence from empirical research; and evaluation design. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: ((SOCW 600^{B-} or 600^{XS}) and (SOCW 623^{B-} or 623^{XS}) and (SOCW 644^{B-} or 644^{XS}) and (SOCW 656^{B-} or 656^{XS}) and (SOCW 659^{B-} or 659^{XS}) and (SOCW 660^{B-} or 660^{XS}) and (SOCW 672^{B-} or 672^{XS}) and (SOCW 673^{B-} or 673^{XS}) and (SOCW 674^{B-} or 674^{XS})).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

^{XS} Requires minimum grade of XS.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 689: *Clinical Practice with Older Adults*. 3 credits.

Examines age-associated changes and challenges faced by older adults. Focus is strengthening assessment and intervention skills with older adults, their family members and caregivers within the community and long-term care facilities, determining the best standardized instruments to use, and developing effective questions for assessment. Attention is given to the resilience of elders, ethical issues and diversity. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 696: Specialization Practicum Education and Seminar I. 3 credits. Engages in supervised practicum experience provided by practicum agencies designed to develop and demonstrate aptitude in social work service delivery aligned with the core competencies identified by the Council on Social Work Education. These activities are designed to provide enhanced social work training including knowledge, comprehension, application and analysis of social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Generalist Year Curriculum

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 698: Specialization Social Work Practicum and Seminar II. 3 credits. Engages in supervised practicum experience provided by practicum agencies designed to develop and demonstrate aptitude in social work service delivery aligned with the core competencies identified by the Council on Social Work Education. These activities are designed to provide enhanced social work training including application, analysis, evaluation and synthesis of social work practice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: All Generalist Year Courses and SOCW 696

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 699: Independent Study in Social Work. 1-3 credits.

Investigates research problem in field of social work. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the term for a maximum 4 credits.

Specialized Designation: Topic Varies

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Junior Plus, Non-Degree or Senior Plus.

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

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Independent Study

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

700 Level Courses

SOCW 710: Behavioral Health Interventions Across Systems. 3 credits.

Examines the most commonly occurring behavioral health conditions, such as anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and substance use disorders. Critically evaluates state-of-the-art evidence-based screening and assessment tools and interventions used to effectively address these challenges with clients in a variety of care systems. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

800 Level Courses

SOCW 801: Epistemological Approaches in Social Work. 3 credits.

Examines diverse scholarly traditions through an interdisciplinary lens and the scholarly evidence and knowledge that comprise social work research. Applies the many ways of knowing and methods of discovery – what counts as data, knowledge, and evidence – to key areas in social work. Integrates how diverse approaches are used to understand, frame, and investigate broad research areas in social work inquiry. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 802: *Theory-Driven Conceptual Model-Building*. 3 credits.

Analyzes social science and social work theory and theory-driven research in the context of power, gender, ethnicity, race, age, ability, socioeconomic position, sexual orientation, spatiality, culture, and history. Assesses the social construction of theory and social “problems” in the context of historical changes in conceptual and theoretical perspectives on human society, interaction, and change. Develops skills in building empirically testable conceptual models to explain socio-ecological phenomena. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisite: SOCW 801^{B-}.

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 810: *Technology Innovations to Power Social Change*. 3 credits.

Examines issues of equity and accessibility, including how the digital divide perpetuates social, economic, and health inequities. Applies a variety of technologies, digital innovations, and computing techniques for multi-system level assessment, intervention, and social change initiatives to promote health equity and social justice. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: SOCW 671

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisites: (SOCW 600^{B-}, 623^{B-}, 644^{B-}, 656^{B-}, 659^{B-}, 660^{B-}, 672^{B-}, 673^{B-} and 674^{B-}).

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 820: *Multivariate Statistical Methods for Social Work Research*. 3 credits.

Examines and applies multivariate statistics, including various regression, ANOVA, cluster analysis, factor analytic techniques, and structural equation modeling. Emphasis is placed on a conceptual understanding and real-world application of the techniques using statistical software. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/>)

[colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/](https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/)). May not be repeated for credit.

Recommended Prerequisite: Previous statistics course as approved by the instructor.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Lecture

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Regular scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 830: *Social Work Applied Research Practicum I*. 3 credits.

Examines research methodologies relevant for engaging communities in research projects, including a focus on implementation research and translating research findings to practice. Develops skills for building strong partnerships with community stakeholders to design a collaborative high-impact community-based research project implemented in Social Work Applied Research Practicum II. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 831: *Social Work Applied Research Practicum II*. 3 credits.

Implements a community-based research project with community partners, collects data and uses appropriate data analytic approaches to explain project results. Collaborates with community partners to identify the most appropriate dissemination plan and makes findings available to intended audiences using dissemination method(s) agreed upon with the community stakeholders. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May not be repeated for credit.

Registration Restrictions:

Required Prerequisite: SOCW 830^{B-}.

^{B-} Requires minimum grade of B-.

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Seminar

Grading:

This course is graded on the Graduate Special scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

900 Level Courses

SOCW 998: *Doctoral Dissertation Proposal*. 1-3 credits.

Focuses on the development of a doctoral dissertation proposal under the direction of their dissertation committee. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 12 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy or Graduate.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)

SOCW 999: *Doctoral Dissertation*. 1-9 credits.

Doctoral dissertation research and defense under the direction of their dissertation committee. Offered by Social Work (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health/social-work/>). May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 18 credits.

Registration Restrictions:

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy.

Schedule Type: Dissertation

Grading:

This course is graded on the Satisfactory/No Credit scale. (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/grading/>)