Social Work, AAS

School Art, Humanities, Social Sciences and Public Service

Program Description

The Social Work AAS degree program is designed to provide students with the knowledge base for the profession and general skills to enter into the workforce and/or transfer to a bachelor's program. Students who want to pursue a career in social work have a sincere concern for others, ability to motivate others and desire to make a change in the world. The program allows for classroom instruction about the field including networking with agency workers in the area and learning about available programs. The program includes the opportunity to spend one semester in an agency where the skills and knowledge acquired in the classroom will be applied. The student will also earn general education credits that will apply to a bachelor's program.

Career Opportunities

Students who complete this program of study may be employed as entry-level case aides or caseworkers, resident counselors in youth and adult programs and other entry-level human services and social work positions in the community. Students in this program are usually interested in working in the fields of child welfare, counseling, adoption, drug and alcohol, healthcare, mental health, aging, community organization, politics and race relations.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successfully completing this program, students will be able to:
- Identify societal issues and their impact on vulnerable populations and advocate for at-risk populations at the micro, mezzo, and macro level.
- Conduct assessments, identify strengths, create action plans, counsel on an individual and group level, and provide case management for at-risk populations.
- Provide culturally competent services and adhere to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.
- Use knowledge of the history of the social work profession and analysis of social policy to create change.
- Analyze how political, community, and societal structures affect social service programs and funding.
- Express self-awareness, personal values, and attitudes about self in relation to others and identify self-care strategies.

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	SWK 155	Introduction to Social Work	3		
	3	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
	4	SOC 155	Principles of Sociology	3		
	5	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement	
	6	Elective	Math Elective	3	MTH 052 or Placement	Page 47 Column IV
1st Spring	7	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	
	8	SWK 157	Interviewing and Recordkeeping Skills	3	SWK 155	
	9	SWK 165	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3		
	10	Elective	Tech Literacy Elective	3		Page 47 Column VI
	11	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List
2nd Fall	12	SWK 160	Group Process	3	SWK 155 and SWK 157	
	13	SWK 161	Solutions-Focused Counseling	3	SWK 155 and SWK 157	
	14	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		
	15	PSY 270	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 160	
	16	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List
2nd Spring	17	SWK 170	Race & Diversity in the U.S.	3		
	18	SWK 172	Drug and Alcohol Dependency	3		
	19	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		
	20	Elective	Humanities Elective PHL 101 or PHL 103 Recommended	3		Page 47 Column II
	21	SWK 163	Introduction to Social Welfare	3		
Minimum Program Credits				61		SWK

Restricted Electives: ASL 101; ASL 102; BIO 155; BUS 158; HIS 155; HIS 156; HIS 255; PHL 101; PHL 103; POL 155; POL 255; PSY 265; PSY 268; SOC 161; SPC 155; SWK 171; SWK 258;