

## Master Syllabus

### SWK 1206 - Introduction to Social Work

**Division:** Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

**Department:** Social Work

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

**Prerequisite(s):** DEV 0015

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### Course Description:

Explore how historical events have shaped the social work profession. Recognize personal values in the context of one's practice as social worker and identify roles and knowledge base required. Recognize social, cultural and economic justice issues related to vulnerable groups and the impact of inequality. Describe social work settings and various fields of practice. Service Learning opportunities available.

### General Education Outcomes:

- Oral Communication Competency
- Written Communication Competency
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- Information Literacy Competency

### Course Outcomes:

#### Relationship of Personal Values and One's Practice

Begin to recognize how personal values relate to and influence one's practice as a social worker, according to NASW Code of Ethics.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

#### Historical Events

Identify major historical events and people that have influenced the social work profession and social welfare.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

#### Knowledge Base and Skills

Describe the knowledge base and skills required for generalist social work practice.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

#### Settings and Fields of Practice

Describe the variety of social work settings and fields of practice.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

#### Social and Economic Justice Issues

Describe strategies to promote social, economic, and environmental justice and human rights at individual and systems levels.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

### **Identify Roles and Responsibilities**

Identify and describe the various roles and responsibilities of social workers.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

### **Social and cultural diversity issues**

Recognize social and cultural diversity issues in generalist social work practice.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

### **Impact of Inequality**

Identify the impact of inequality on at-risk and oppressed populations.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Oral examination  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

**Assessment Method:** Written surveys and/or questionnaires  
**Performance Criteria:** 70% or higher

### **Outline:**

Introduction to field of social work, roles and settings  
Historical perspective  
Values and Ethics  
Knowledge base for generalist practice  
Populations at risk and oppressed populations  
Fields of practice