

**Master of Social Work Program
MSW COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

SWG 501 Micro Human Behavior in the Social Environment. (3) F

Human behavior in the social environment through the life cycle, analyzing theories of human development within an integrative multidimensional framework.

SWG 502 Macro Human Behavior in the Social Environment. (3) S

Human behavior in the social environment, focusing on groups, organizations and communities and examining theoretical perspective in a macro context. Prerequisite: SWG 501.

SWG 510 Foundation Practice I. (3) F

Basic social work methods with an emphasis on the problem solving process as it pertains to individuals, families and small groups. Prerequisite: Social Work Major.

SWG 511 Foundation Practice II. (3) S

Theory and methods of direct practice with groups and selected practice models. Prerequisite: SWG 510.

SWG 519 Research Methods in Social Work. (3) S

Conceptual foundations and methods of nomothetic research in social work. Includes problem identification, hypothesis formulation, measurement, sampling and experimental design. Prerequisites: An approved course in statistics.

SWG 531 Social Policy and Services I. (3) F

Conceptual, analytical and historical perspectives on the social welfare institution. Emphasis on poverty and inequality. Principles of policy analysis.

SWG 533 Diversity and Oppression in a Social Work Context. (3) F

Explores issues of social inequality related to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and disability. Emphasis on populations of the Southwest.

SWG 541/542 Field Practicum I/II. (3) F, S

Two consecutive semesters (480 hours) of supervised social work practice in an approved placement. Fee . Social Work major; pre- or corequisites: SWG 510, 511.

SWG 585 Macro Social Work Practice. (3) S

Examines communities and human service organizations as social systems. Introduces strategies for initiating planned change.

SWG 603 Social Work Practice in Health/Behavioral Health Settings. (3) F

Advanced social work practice in health and behavioral health settings, focusing on enhancement of client functioning and quality of life. Prerequisite SWG 502, 511, 542.

SWG 604 Advanced Social Work Practice in Health. (3) S

Addresses the crucial social work practice issues of health and healthcare in the new millennium. Prerequisite SWG 603.

SWG 606 Assessment of Mental Disorders. (3) F

Theories and concepts of mental health and illness. Attention to the development of environmental, interpersonal, psychosocial and stress factors in human behavioral dynamics. Prerequisite: SWG 502.

SWG 608 Ecological Approach to Practice With Children, Youth and Families. (3) F

Provides a theoretical and practical orientation to working with children, youth, and families from an ecological strengths perspective. Prerequisite SWG 502, 511, 542.

SWG 609 Advanced Social Work Practice With Child Welfare Families. (3) S

Focuses on substance abuse, family violence, and serious mental illness in practice with families and children in the child welfare system. Prerequisite SWG 608

SWG 613 Advanced Social Work Practice in Behavioral Health. (3) S

Treatment of prevalent disorders encountered by social workers, selected from the following: anxiety disorder, personality disorders, depression and schizophrenia. Prerequisite: SWG 603.

SWG 617 Advanced Social Work Practice With Children & Adolescents. (3) S

Theory, research and intervention focusing on children and adolescents. Prerequisite: SWG 608.

SWG 619 Practice-Oriented Research. (3) F

Accelerated course in application of scholarly and scientific research principles to field practice, problem formulation, intervention procedures and impact assessment. Prerequisite: SWG 519.

SWG 621 Integrative Seminar. (3) S Explores the fit between theoretical frameworks and practice with clients. Requires presentation of empirical studies with clients. Prerequisite: SWG 603 or 608. Pre or co-requisite: SWG 641 and one of the following: 604, 609, 613 or 617.

SWG 623 Agency & Community Research/Social Work. (3) S Applications of research design techniques to data collection in human service agencies, including use of statistical analysis for program evaluation. Prerequisite: SWG 519, co-requisite 685.

SWG 632 Social Policy & Services II. (3) S Development of advanced knowledge and skills in social welfare policy analysis, policy formulation, and advocacy and intervention for policy change. Prerequisite: SWG 531.

SWG 641/642 Advanced Practicum/Direct Practice I/II. (3) F,S Two consecutive semesters (480 hours) of supervised social work practice in an approved placement related to the student's career goal. Prerequisites: SWG 541, 542; pre- or co-requisites: SWG 603 or 608 and one of the following: SWG 604, 609, 613 or 617.

SWG 643/644 Advanced Practicum/Planning/Social Work Administration and

Community Practice I/II. (3) F,S Two consecutive semesters (480 hours) of supervised social work practice in an approved placement related to the student's career goal. Prerequisites: SWG 541, 542; pre or co-requisites: SWG 681, 682, and 685.

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SWG 681 Social Work Administration. Administrative skill building and theory application within human service nonprofit social work settings. Prerequisite: SWG 585.

SWG 682 Community Participation Strategies. (3) F Review of strategies to involve citizen and consumers of social and human services in community decision making systems. Participation is viewed as a means to facilitate the empowerment of oppressed peoples. Prerequisite: SWG 585.

SWG 685 Program Planning in Social Services. (3) S The social services planning process includes needs assessment, goals and objectives, program design, budgeting, management information systems and program evaluation. Prerequisite: SWG 681 and 682; co-requisite: SWG 623.