

BSW Elective Course Description

HWC 326 Crisis Intervention: Opportunities for Change

This course provides theoretical and substantive content that will enable students to gain knowledge, understanding, and skill in relation to crisis intervention in social work practice. This course defines crisis, provides examples of the types of crises workers will face in various fields of practice, explores the role of the social worker, and the range of interventions needed in response to crisis situations. Permission required for students not enrolled in the School of Social Welfare.

HWC 351 Law and Social Change

This course introduces students to the interrelationship of the legal process in the United States and the profession of social work. Focuses on the legal process in general, social welfare law, in particular, and the implications for effective social work practice. Co-scheduled with HWC 551.

HWC 379 Special Topics in Social Welfare: Social Work and Behavioral Health

This course provides a history of behavioral healthcare and an overview of the current state of behavioral healthcare in the United States. Students will learn about behavioral health settings, the roles within behavioral healthcare, practical and ethical issues impacting diagnosis, co-occurring conditions, theories of behavioral change, and disorder prevention.

Attention will be paid to factors that impact access to and quality of behavioral healthcare such as stigmas, awareness, discrimination, financial barriers, religious factors, and cultural factors.

HWC379 Special Topics in Social Welfare: Innovation and Entrepreneurship:

Study of the environment of private practice and non-profit agencies. Functions and philosophy of entrepreneurs in non-profit. Topics include problems in initiating and achieving success in new private practice and non-profit, including financing, marketing, management, and legal governmental relationships involved.

**HWC 379 Special Topics in Social Work: Anti-Racist Social Work:
Understanding White Fragility and Black Rage**

The course will assist social work students in understanding the complex nature of the dynamics of social oppression, racism, and anti-racist practice. Students will explore their own personal values, beliefs, and behaviors that may limit their ability to practice effective social work with people of diverse backgrounds, in particular, disadvantaged and oppressed persons. Students will acquire the knowledge needed for practice using an anti-oppressive and anti-racist lens framed by an understanding of systemic racism.

HWC 477 Program Evaluation

This course provides an in-depth analysis of the technical requirements of program evaluation and the organizational and political constraints that influence the evaluation process. Techniques in the design and implementation of evaluation research in the health and human services fields are covered. (*Departmental Permission*)