

SOCIAL WORK (SOC WRK)

Social Work Courses

SOC WRK 100 Introduction to Social Work

3 cr. Undergraduate.

A survey course focussed on the development of human service institutions and occupations.

Prerequisites: none.

General Education Requirements: Social and Behavioral Science

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 105 Orientation for Social Welfare Students

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Prepares students to participate in UWM's educational process and to explore career choices in social welfare.

Prerequisites: fr st only.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Soc Wrk 88. Jointly offered with & counts as repeat of Crm Jst 105.

Last Taught: Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 112 Field Observation

1 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to the services of a social welfare setting through placement in an approved social service, health, law enforcement, or recreational setting. Minimum of 3 hours per week.

Prerequisites: soph st.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 208 College of Community Engagement and Professions Internship Course

0-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Students conceptualize, understand, and apply the experiences of their internship. Students will consider the questions, among others: 'What is an internship?', and 'How does my internship connect to my career and to my community?'

Prerequisites: consent of instructor.

Course Rules: If credit has been earned for the course, it can be retaken, but only as a zero credit option.

Last Taught: Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 250 Human Behavior and the Social Environment

3 cr. Undergraduate.

A survey course in normative development from conception through aging. Focus on the interaction between biological, psychological, social, and cultural forces.

Prerequisites: concurrent or previous enrollment in SOC WRK 100, or special student.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 260 Case Management in Social Work

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduces concepts, models, responsibilities, legal issues, and best practices in the case management role in a variety of social work settings through experiential learning.

Prerequisites: Completion of at least 12 credits in any subject; one prior course in SOC WRK recommended.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 270 Advocacy and Empowerment

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Civics, citizenship, and the role of government in American society. Focusing on policies and social movements from both a historical and current perspective, students will investigate their impact on social work clients.

Prerequisites: SOC WRK 100(P); POL SCI 104(R).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 291 Current Issues in Social Welfare and Social Work:

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Selected current issues in Social Welfare and Social Work.

Prerequisites: none.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to max of 6 cr.

Last Taught: UWinterIM 2013, UWinterIM 2012, UWinterIM 2011, UWinterIM 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 297 Study Abroad:

1-12 cr. Undergraduate.

Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2023, UWinterIM 2023, UWinterIM 2020, Summer 2019.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 300 Aged to Perfection: Introduction to the Study of Aging

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Interdisciplinary survey on aging.

Prerequisites: completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P).

General Education Requirements: Natural Science and Wellness

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 306 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy

3 cr. Undergraduate.

An analysis of the relationships between poverty, welfare programs, and the society which creates and sustains them; the origins, structures, and goals of welfare programs.

Prerequisites: SOC WRK 100(P) and SOC WRK 250(P); or special student.

Course Rules: Previously SOC WRK 206.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 308 Social Work Values and Ethics

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Provides a framework for understanding, managing, and analyzing ethical dilemmas including professional boundaries utilizing the NASW Code of Ethics and an ethical decision-making process; addresses ethical decision-making within a variety of contexts and situations.

Prerequisites: SOC WRK 260(P).

Course Rules: Not open for credit to students with credit in SOC WRK 591: Ethical and Legal Dilemmas in Mental Health.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 310 Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Families

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to generalist Social Work practice methods. Experiential exercises designed to provide students with basic interviewing skills.

Prerequisites: junior standing; SOC WRK 100(P), SOC WRK 250(P), and SOC WRK 306(C); satisfaction of OWC-A GER.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 380 Honors Seminar in Social Work:

3 cr. Undergraduate.

A seminar in an interdisciplinary topic or on the broader implications of a faculty member's research.

Prerequisites: sophomore standing, HONORS 200(P), and consent of Honors College director.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to 9 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2016, Fall 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 410 Social Work Practice II: Groups

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to social work methods as applied to small groups. Lab provides experiential exercises in group interactions, needs, and leadership roles.

Prerequisites: junior standing; admitted to Social Work major; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); grade of B or higher in SOC WRK 310(P); and SOC WRK 421(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 421 Field Education & Integrated Field Seminar I

5 cr. Undergraduate.

The first of two consecutive semester practicum, and weekly field seminar which provides an opportunity to develop and demonstrate social work skills.

Prerequisites: junior standing, advanced to the Social Work major, completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P), a grade of B or higher in SOC WRK 310(P); and SOC WRK 410(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 422 Field Education & Integrated Seminar II

5 cr. Undergraduate.

(Second of a two semester required sequence). Continuation of Soc Wrk 421.

Prerequisites: Grade of B or better in Soc Wrk 410(P) and Soc Wrk 421(P); 427(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 423 Field Education III

5 cr. Undergraduate.

(Elective field course). Continuation of Soc Wrk 421 & 422.

Prerequisites: sr st; Soc Wrk 422(P), 427(P); cons Field Office.

Last Taught: Spring 2025, Spring 2020, Spring 2018, Fall 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 427 Social Work Practice III: Communities and Organizations

3 cr. Undergraduate.

Introduction to social work methods as applied to community problems. Lab provides experiential exercises in community organization and other techniques of social change.

Prerequisites: grade of B or better in SOC WRK 410(P) and SOC WRK 421(P); SOC WRK 422(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 497 Study Abroad:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Variable content (subtitle is area of concentration). Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to max of 9 cr.

Last Taught: UWinterIM 2026.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 497G Study Abroad:

1-6 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Variable content (subtitle is area of concentration). Designed to enroll students in UWM sponsored program before course work level, content and credits are determined and/or in specially prepared program course work.

Prerequisites: junior standing and acceptance for Study Abroad Program.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to max of 9 cr.

Last Taught: UWinterIM 2026.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 562 Child and Family Services

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Introduction to child and family welfare services, including methods for assessing needs, existing treatment techniques, and institutional support systems.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); one prior course in SOC WRK recommended; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 562G Child and Family Services

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Introduction to child and family welfare services, including methods for assessing needs, existing treatment techniques, and institutional support systems.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); one prior course in SOC WRK recommended; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 564 Concepts, Controversies, and Critical Policies for Older Adults

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Individual and societal implications of the aging process, with an emphasis upon current trends, resources and programs for older adults.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); one prior course in SOC WRK recommended; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 564G Concepts, Controversies, and Critical Policies for Older Adults

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Individual and societal implications of the aging process, with an emphasis upon current trends, resources and programs for older adults.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); one prior course in SOC WRK recommended; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Spring 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 581 Youth Work Practice

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Applies the skills, theories and approaches of the youth work field to settings such as schools, community centers, and residential programs.

Prerequisites: jr st; Ed Pol/Soc Wrk 580(P); or grad st or cons instr.

Course Rules: Ed Pol/Soc Wrk 581 are jointly offered & count as repeats of each other.

Last Taught: Spring 2017, Spring 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 581G Youth Work Practice

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Applies the skills, theories and approaches of the youth work field to settings such as schools, community centers, and residential programs.

Prerequisites: jr st; Ed Pol/Soc Wrk 580(P); or grad st or cons instr.

Course Rules: Ed Pol/Soc Wrk 581 are jointly offered & count as repeats of each other.

Last Taught: Spring 2017, Spring 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 591 Special Topics: Social Welfare and Social Work:

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Selected topics in social welfare and social work. Specific credits and additional prerequisites announced in Schedule of Classes whenever course is offered.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); one prior course in SOC WRK recommended.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 592 Independent Research

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Participation in an independent research project under faculty supervision.

Prerequisites: junior standing; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) and GER Quantitative Literacy Part A (QL-A) requirement, or Math Placement Level 30, or a grade of C or higher in any 100-level Math course (excluding MATH 194 or MATH 199) or MATH 111/PHILOS 111; 2.5 GPA, SOC WRK 662(P); and written consent of instructor and Director of Social Work program.

Course Rules: May be retaken to max of 6 cr.

Last Taught: Summer 2015, Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2010.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 599 Independent Reading

1-3 cr. Undergraduate.

Intensive readings in fields related to student's preparation and training, under the supervision of a faculty member.

Prerequisites: senior standing; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); 2.5 GPA; and written consent of instructor and Director of Social Work program.

Course Rules: May be retaken to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2023.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 600 Practical Applications of AI and Technology in Health and Social Services

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Practical applications of artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies within the context of health and social services. Emphasis is on knowledge and skills to critically evaluate, develop, and implement AI-driven solutions to enhance human services.

Prerequisites: junior standing or higher; or graduate standing.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 600G Practical Applications of AI and Technology in Health and Social Services

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Practical applications of artificial intelligence (AI) and emerging technologies within the context of health and social services. Emphasis is on knowledge and skills to critically evaluate, develop, and implement AI-driven solutions to enhance human services.

Prerequisites: junior standing or higher; or graduate standing.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 604 Social Systems and Social Work Practice

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Analysis of organizations, community and social institutions and the impact they have on human behavior and how they provide the social context of social work practice.

Prerequisites: junior standing, advanced to Social Work major, and concurrent or previous enrollment in SOC WRK 310; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 604G Social Systems and Social Work Practice

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Analysis of organizations, community and social institutions and the impact they have on human behavior and how they provide the social context of social work practice.

Prerequisites: junior standing, advanced to Social Work major, and concurrent or previous enrollment in SOC WRK 310; or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 610 Practice with LGBTQIA+ Communities

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Prepares students to identify and evaluate frameworks, programs, and interventions that best meet the needs of members of LGBTQIA+ communities using intersectional and affirmative practice lenses.

Prerequisites: junior standing or above and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing; or university special student.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 591 with similar topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 610G Practice with LGBTQIA+ Communities

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Prepares students to identify and evaluate frameworks, programs, and interventions that best meet the needs of members of LGBTQIA+ communities using intersectional and affirmative practice lenses.

Prerequisites: junior standing or above and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing; or university special student.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 591 with similar topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 630 Families and Poverty

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Description of families in poverty and analysis of historical and contemporary national and state policies aimed at reducing poverty.

Prerequisites: junior standing; one prior course in SOC WRK recommended.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 630G Families and Poverty

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Description of families in poverty and analysis of historical and contemporary national and state policies aimed at reducing poverty.

Prerequisites: junior standing; one prior course in SOC WRK recommended.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 650 Social Welfare and the Law

2 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Collaborative principles of social work and the legal profession. Selected concepts and principles of legal and social provision for protection of family, children and adults.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing. One prior course in SOC WRK recommended.

Last Taught: Fall 2015, Fall 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 650G Social Welfare and the Law

2 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Collaborative principles of social work and the legal profession. Selected concepts and principles of legal and social provision for protection of family, children and adults.

Prerequisites: junior standing and completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); or graduate standing. One prior course in SOC WRK recommended.

Last Taught: Fall 2015, Fall 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 662 Methods of Social Welfare Research

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Analyze methods of social welfare research and problems in project design and programming. Characteristics of investigations directed to planning, administrative, practice, and scientific objectives.

Prerequisites: junior standing and advanced to Social Work major; completion of GER Quantitative Literacy Part A (QL-A) requirement, or Math Placement Level 30, or a grade of C or higher in any 100-level Math course (excluding MATH 194 or MATH 199) or MATH 111/PHILOS 111; and SOC WRK 100(P), SOC WRK 250(P), SOC WRK 306(P), and SOC WRK 310(C); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 662G Methods of Social Welfare Research

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Analyze methods of social welfare research and problems in project design and programming. Characteristics of investigations directed to planning, administrative, practice, and scientific objectives.

Prerequisites: junior standing and advanced to Social Work major; completion of GER Quantitative Literacy Part A (QL-A) requirement, or Math Placement Level 30, or a grade of C or higher in any 100-level Math course (excluding MATH 194 or MATH 199) or MATH 111/PHILOS 111; and SOC WRK 100(P), SOC WRK 250(P), SOC WRK 306(P), and SOC WRK 310(C); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 665 Cultural Diversity and Social Work

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Emphasis on culture, race and ethnicity, theories of prejudice, and racial minority groups, and the politics of human services in multicultural society.

Prerequisites: junior standing in Social Work major; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and SOC WRK 100(P), SOC WRK 306(P), and SOC WRK 250(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 665G Cultural Diversity and Social Work

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Emphasis on culture, race and ethnicity, theories of prejudice, and racial minority groups, and the politics of human services in multicultural society.

Prerequisites: junior standing in Social Work major; completion of Oral and Written Communication Competency Part A (OWC-A) requirement or ENGLISH 102(P); and SOC WRK 100(P), SOC WRK 306(P), and SOC WRK 250(P); or graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 680 Death and Dying

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Focus on multiple perspectives on death, dying, and bereavement; roles and skills for social workers and other helpers about end-of-life issues.

Prerequisites: jr st; or grad st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Soc Wrk 591 & 791 with same topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 680G Death and Dying

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Focus on multiple perspectives on death, dying, and bereavement; roles and skills for social workers and other helpers about end-of-life issues.

Prerequisites: jr st; or grad st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Soc Wrk 591 & 791 with same topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 685 Social Gerontology

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Exploration of individual aging experiences and interaction with social structures and social systems.

Prerequisites: jr st and one prior course in Soc Wrk recom; or grad st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Soc Wrk 591 & 791 with the same topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 685G Social Gerontology

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Exploration of individual aging experiences and interaction with social structures and social systems.

Prerequisites: jr st and one prior course in Soc Wrk recom; or grad st.

Course Rules: Counts as repeat of Soc Wrk 591 & 791 with the same topic.

Last Taught: Fall 2025.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 690 Mindfulness and Community Building

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Seminar for upper level undergraduate and graduate students that offers didactic and experiential insights into trauma-informed care, community building and mindfulness.

Prerequisites: junior standing or graduate standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 591 or SOC WRK 791 with the same topic or "Community Building" topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 690G Mindfulness and Community Building

3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Seminar for upper level undergraduate and graduate students that offers didactic and experiential insights into trauma-informed care, community building and mindfulness.

Prerequisites: junior standing or graduate standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 591 or SOC WRK 791 with the same topic or "Community Building" topic.

Last Taught: Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 691 Practice Methods in Social Work:

1-3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Topics focused on Social Work practice methods. Specific topics and credits to be announced in Schedule of Classes.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to max of 6 cr.

Last Taught: Spring 2016, Spring 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 691G Practice Methods in Social Work:

1-3 cr. Undergraduate/Graduate.

Topics focused on Social Work practice methods. Specific topics and credits to be announced in Schedule of Classes.

Prerequisites: jr st.

Course Rules: May be retaken with change in topic to max of 6 cr.

Last Taught: Spring 2016, Spring 2009.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 705 Individual Behavior and Social Welfare

3 cr. Graduate.

The development and behavior of individuals in interaction with their social contexts; implications for social welfare.

Prerequisites: grad st.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 708 Social Work Methods I: Individuals and Families

3 cr. Graduate.

Introduction to generalist social work practice with individuals and families, with emphasis on integration of theory and knowledge with professional practice.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to MSW

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 709 Social Work Methods II: Groups, Organizations and Communities

3 cr. Graduate.

Introduction to generalist social work practice with groups, organizations and communities, with emphasis on integration of theory and knowledge with professional practice.

Prerequisites: graduate standing in MSW program and SOC WRK 708(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 711 Direct Social Work Practice I

3 cr. Graduate.

Methods of social work intervention employed in helping individuals, families and small groups. Addresses personal, interpersonal, environmental and resource issues with emphasis on interviewing, assessing, contracting and goal setting.

Prerequisites: graduate standing, SOC WRK 708(P), SOC WRK 709(P), and SOC WRK 722(C); SOC WRK 710(P); or BSW degree.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 712 Advanced Practice and Leadership in Organizations and Communities

3 cr. Graduate.

Designing and implementing innovations with human service task groups, organizations and communities. Leadership practices that promote social work professional values will be emphasized. Fiscal management, supervision and grant-writing skills will be developed.

Prerequisites: graduate standing; MSW Program Advanced Standing; SOC WRK 604(P) and SOC WRK 709(P) or approved exemption equivalents for each by MSW Program Coordinator.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 713 Community Organization, Planning and Human Service Administration I

3 cr. Graduate.

Knowledge and skill development in the activities, roles, styles, and ethical issues in community and administrative practice. Emphasis on needs assessment, planning methodologies, and change efforts.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 708 & 709(710) or BSW degree.

Last Taught: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 718 Introduction to SAS Programming

3 cr. Graduate.

Fundamental instruction in programming, data management and exploratory data analysis using SAS software.

Prerequisites: grad st

Last Taught: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 719 Advanced SAS Programming

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced instruction in programming, data management, and exploratory data analysis using SAS software.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 718(P) or cons instr

Last Taught: Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 721 Field Instruction I

3 cr. Graduate.

Supervised social work practice in a social agency.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 710(P) or 708(P); 709(C) or 711(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 722 Field Instruction II

3 cr. Graduate.

Supervised social work practice in a social agency.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 721(P) or BSW degree; Soc Wrk 713(C) or 711(C).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 730 School Social Work Direct Practice and Theories

3 cr. Graduate.

Overview of the practice of social work in the K-12 school setting, emphasizing equal education, evidence-informed practices, special education, mental health and advocacy.

Prerequisites: SOC WRK 721(C), SOC WRK 722(C), SOC WRK 821(C), or SOC WRK 822(C).

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 791 with similar topic. A grade of B or better must be earned in this course to satisfy MSW degree and DPI licensing requirements.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 731 Supporting the Exceptional Individual: School SW in Special Education

3 cr. Graduate.

Reviews special education policies and practices to equip those in the unique role of school social worker with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively support students with exceptional needs and their families.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 791 with similar topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 732 Advancing Educational Equity Through School Social Work

3 cr. Graduate.

Overview of how laws, policies and practices have produced and sustained educational inequities in K-12 schools, with an emphasis on how School Social Workers can bring equity-centered frameworks into practice.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Course Rules: Counts as a repeat of SOC WRK 791 with similar topic.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 750 Social Welfare Policy Development and Implementation

3 cr. Graduate.

Examination of policy development, implementation, and models of analysis that describe and provide analytical guides for determining the efficacy of public policy in addressing human needs.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 753 Adult Psychopathology

3 cr. Graduate.

Mental disorders and their implications for the social work profession, including assessment, intervention and prevention issues.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 705(P).**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 754 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology**

3 cr. Graduate.

Mental and behavioral disorders of children and adolescents and their implications for the social work profession, including assessment, intervention and prevention issues.

Prerequisites: graduate standing and SOC WRK 705(P).**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 765 Social Work Boundaries and Ethics in Professional Practice**

2-3 cr. Graduate.

Ethical issues faced by social work practitioners in professional practice. Topics include NASW Code of Ethics, boundary issues, ethical dilemmas, and risk management.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 771 Development of the Family Over the Life Span**

3 cr. Graduate.

The family as a social system as it engages in various developmental tasks throughout the life cycle and in interaction with the social context; social work implications of relevant theories and research.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 774 Trauma Counseling I: Theory and Research**

3 cr. Graduate.

Seminar examining impact of trauma experience on individuals, groups and communities following a catastrophic event. Explores traumatic events, mental injuries and impact on memory, learning, physical health and dysfunctional behavior.

Prerequisites: grad st**Course Rules:** Couns 774, Nurs 774, OccThpy 774, and Soc Wrk 774 are jointly offered; they count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 775 Trauma Counseling II: Diagnosis and Treatment**

3 cr. Graduate.

Seminar on diagnosis and assessment instruments as well as intervention and therapeutic techniques used to address trauma issues in counseling acute and chronic traumatized clients.

Prerequisites: graduate standing, COUNS 744(P), NURS 775(P), OCCTHPY 774(P) or SOC WRK 774(P); or consent of instructor.**Course Rules:** COUNS 775, NURS 775, OCCTHPY 775, and SOC WRK 775 are jointly offered and count as repeats of one another.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 791 Current Topics in Social Work:**

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Variable content course with specific topics to be announced in schedule of classes.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** May be repeated with change in topic to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 793 Evaluation of Practice**

2 cr. Graduate.

Advanced problems and methods of research in social work practice.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 662(P) or equiv; Soc Wrk 721(C) or 722(C).**Last Taught:** Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 794 Evaluation of Programs**

2 cr. Graduate.

Provides students with the skills and knowledge base necessary to understand the program evaluation process as it applies to social welfare programs.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 795 Evaluation of Social Work Practice and Programs**

3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced knowledge and skills in evaluating individual social work practice and evaluating human service programs. Students learn various, practical research methods for evaluating social work practice and programs.

Prerequisites: graduate standing, SOC WRK 662(P) or equivalent exemption by MSW Program Coordinator.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 811 Direct Social Work Practice II:**

3 cr. Graduate.

A continuation of methods of social work intervention, with sections tailored to specialized concentration areas: gerontology, family and child welfare, and behavioral and physical health. Emphasis is on selection and implementation of appropriate intervention plans.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 711(P); 722(C).**Course Rules:** Repeatable with change in topic to 6 credit max.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 813 Financial Management and Planning in Human Services**

2 cr. Graduate.

This course is designed to facilitate and understanding of selected areas of planning and management in human services with an emphasis on resource development and financial management.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 713(C) & 915(C) or cons reg; cons instr.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 818 Treatment of Co-Occurring Disorders**

3 cr. Graduate.

Knowledge on assessment and treatment strategies with substance misuse and mental health issues, along with research on etiology and best practices for addressing co-occurring disorders.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 711(P) or 713(P)**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 819 Social and Environmental Justice in Public Health

3 cr. Graduate.

Social and environmental justice perspective on public health problems and concerns.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Course Rules:** Jointly offered w/ & counts as a repeat of PH 819.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 820 Seminar in Social Work Practice:**

3 cr. Graduate.

Critical examination of varied and specialized methodologies with emphasis on new professional directions, interdisciplinary coordination and integration of professional practice with behavioral sciences, research, and policy concerns.

Prerequisites: graduate standing and SOC WRK 711(P) or SOC WRK 713(P).**Course Rules:** May be repeated with change in topic to max of 12 cr.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 821 Field Instruction III**

3-4 cr. Graduate.

Second-year supervised social work practice in a social agency.

Prerequisites: grad st; SOC WRK 811(C) or SOC WRK 915(C); SOC WRK 722(P); SOC WRK 711(P) or SOC WRK 713(P).**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 822 Field Instruction IV**

3-4 cr. Graduate.

Advanced second-year supervised social work practice in a social agency with emphasis on integration of professional practice with methodology, behavioral sciences, research and policy concerns.

Prerequisites: grad st; SOC WRK 821(P).**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 823 Coordinated Public Health and Social Work Field Education**

3 cr. Graduate.

Supervised social work and public health practice in an agency specially identified to provide both a professional social work and public health perspective. Integrate skills to real world social work and public health problems.

Prerequisites: graduate standing, Coordinated Public Health MPH/Social Work MSW student, SOC WRK 722(P), PH 701(P), PH 702(P), PH 703(P), PH 704(P), PH 705(P), PH 706(P), and PH 707(P); or consent of instructor**Course Rules:** May be retaken to 9 cr max.**Last Taught:** Summer 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 830 Intervention Strategies for Correctional Clients**

3 cr. Graduate.

A review and analysis of intervention approaches and programs used with correctional clients, both juvenile and adult, with emphasis on diversion, prevention, and rehabilitation strategies.

Prerequisites: grad st.**Last Taught:** Fall 1995, Fall 1991, Spring 1990, Fall 1988.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 831 Models of Family Therapy**

2 cr. Graduate.

Introduction to the major family therapy approaches, including assessment and intervention techniques for each. Models include systemic, structural, strategic, interactional and multigenerational.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 811 or conc reg.**Last Taught:** Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 832 Social Work Practice with Couples**

2 cr. Graduate.

Intensive examination of varied methodologies to effect therapeutic change in couples. Includes assessing couples' interactional patterns and formulating therapeutic strategies.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 811 or conc reg; cons instr.**Last Taught:** Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2010.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 851 Social Issue and Policy Analysis:**

2-3 cr. Graduate.

Advanced level analysis of the relationship between selected problem areas, policy development and service system.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 750(P) or BSW degree.**Course Rules:** May be repeated with change in topic to max of 9 cr.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 855 Practice Skills and Concepts for Aging and Health**

3 cr. Graduate.

Intensive examination of the concepts and skills needed for effective practice with the aging population. Focus is on competency development in assessment and intervention planning from micro, mezzo, and macro perspectives.

Prerequisites: grad st; SOC WRK 705(P) or consent of instructor.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 888 Candidate for Degree**

0 cr. Graduate.

Available for graduate students who must meet minimum credit load requirement.

Prerequisites: graduate standing.**Course Rules:** Fee for 1 cr assessed; unit does not count towards credit load for Fin Aid. Repeatable. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only.**Last Taught:** Summer 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2016, Summer 2016.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 901 Philosophy of Science**

3 cr. Graduate.

Analyzes philosophical foundations of science, knowledge building processes, and the scope and nature of knowledge, emphasizing applications for the social and behavioral sciences.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Soc Wrk Ph.D. program or written cons instr.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 915 Human Services Administration II

3 cr. Graduate.

The role of the professional in the human services administrative organization, focusing on interpersonal relationships in supervision, evaluation and leadership.

Prerequisites: grad st; Soc Wrk 713; 722 or conc reg.**Last Taught:** Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 921 Field Instruction V**

1-4 cr. Graduate.

Optional advanced supervised social work practice in a social agency.

Prerequisites: grad st; SOC WRK 822 (P).**Course Rules:** May be retaken to 12 cr max.**Last Taught:** Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 931 Theories of Poverty and Social Welfare Policy**

3 cr. Graduate.

Analyzes anti-poverty policies/programs, populations at risk, poverty dynamics, poverty-rate trends, circumstances of the poor, poverty etiology and government roles in income redistribution and social change.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Social Work Ph.D. program or written cons instr**Last Taught:** Spring 2012, Spring 2010, Fall 2007.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 932 Theories and Research on Behavior Change**

3 cr. Graduate.

Theory and research of individual change from a social work perspective using classic to recent models, with application to diverse populations.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Soc Wrk Ph.D. program or written cons instr.**Last Taught:** Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 945 Family and Long-Term Care Across the Life Course**

3 cr. Graduate.

Seminar on the family role in the provision of long term care within the context of kinship care, and care of persons with chronic illnesses, developmental and adult disabilities.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Soc Wrk Ph.D. prog or writ cons instr.**Last Taught:** Spring 2013, Spring 2011, Fall 2008.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 950 Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis**

3 cr. Graduate.

Introduces methods for conducting research synthesis of intervention studies using systematic reviews and meta-analysis, including the processes of problem formulation, data collection, data evaluation, data analysis, and interpretation of findings.

Prerequisites: doctoral student with graduate level research methods and statistics course such as ED PSYCH 725 or equivalent; or master's-level student with consent of instructor.**Last Taught:** Spring 2024.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 951 Quantitative Research Methods**

3 cr. Graduate.

An in-depth, hands-on review of experimental, quasi-experimental, and non-experimental approaches to the design and implementation of quantitative research studies.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Social Work Ph.D. Program or written cons instr**Last Taught:** Spring 2021, Spring 2019, Spring 2016, Spring 2014.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 952 Qualitative Research Methods in Social Work**

3 cr. Graduate.

Seminar on the philosophical and methodological issues of qualitative research. Students will conduct exploratory original field research and produce a research proposal based on their findings.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Soc Wrk Ph.D. prog or writ cons instr.**Last Taught:** Spring 2015, Spring 2013, Spring 2011, Fall 2008.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 961 Introduction to Statistical Methods**

4 cr. Graduate.

Reviews basic parametric and nonparametric tests, including descriptive statistics, correlation, basic inferential statistics, one- and two-way ANOVA, OLS regression, nonparametric statistics, and handling missing data.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Social Work Ph.D. program or written cons instr**Last Taught:** Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 962 Applied Multiple Regression Analysis**

3 cr. Graduate.

Multiple regression analysis concentrating on OLS regression techniques but also covering logistic and Poisson regression.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Social Work Ph.D. program or written cons instr.**Last Taught:** Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 963 Measurement Methods and Related Multivariate Statistics**

3 cr. Graduate.

Survey of concepts and applications of Classical True Score and Item Response Theory and multivariate statistical methods relevant to test evaluation and construction.

Prerequisites: grad st; SocWrk 961(P) & 962(P); admis to the Soc Wrk Ph.D. program or written cons instr.**Last Taught:** Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2015.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>**SOC WRK 964 Advanced Statistical Methods**

3 cr. Graduate.

Covers multivariate statistical procedures, including MANOVA, MANCOVA, canonical correlation and discriminant function analysis, Poisson regression, survival analysis, multilevel modeling, and analysis of longitudinal data.

Prerequisites: grad st; admis to the Soc Wrk Ph.D. program or written cons instr.**Last Taught:** Spring 2010, Spring 2009.**Current Offerings:** <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 970 Independent Research

1-4 cr. Graduate.

Participation in an independent research project under faculty supervision.

Prerequisites: grad st; cons instr; Soc Wrk 662(P)

Course Rules: Students shall not take more than 6 cr total between courses Soc Wrk 970(P) & 999(P).

Last Taught: Summer 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Summer 2014.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 990 Doctoral Research

1-12 cr. Graduate.

Research connected with dissertation.

Prerequisites: grad st. & admis to candidacy for Ph.D. degree.

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 991 Doctoral Proseminar:

1 cr. Graduate.

Variable content course with specific topics to be announced in schedule of classes.

Prerequisites: graduate standing in Social Work PhD program; or consent of instructor.

Course Rules: May be repeated with change in topic to 6 cr max.

Last Taught: Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2021.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>

SOC WRK 999 Independent Reading in Social Work

1-3 cr. Graduate.

Work suited to individual graduate students arranged.

Prerequisites: grad st; completion of foundation courses for non-BSW students; writ cons instr & dir of Soc Wrk prog.

Course Rules: Students shall not take more than 6 cr total between courses Soc Wrk 970(P) & 999(P).

Last Taught: Fall 2025, Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.

Current Offerings: <https://catalog.uwm.edu/course-search/>