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General Syllabus:

SOWK 3713 Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory: None

Prerequisite: PSYC 1163 General Psychology or SOWK 2103 Introduction to Social Work, and ENGL 1213 Composition II or equivalent.

Effective Catalog: 2015-2016

I. Course Information:

A. Catalog Description

Various theories concerning the interrelationships of social structure and the behavior of individuals to include human aggression, prejudice, attraction, persuasion, self-perception, and conformity. This course is equivalent to PSYC 3133 Social Psychology, may only take one course for credit.

B. Additional Information - None

II. Student Learning Outcomes:

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment. (Competency 2.1.7)
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the Workers Code of Ethics
<http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/CODE/Default.asp>.
3. Demonstrate Generalist Practice and core competencies. (Competency 2.2)
**The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) requires 10 Core Competencies, a Code of Ethics, and Generalist Practice requirements*

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Technological Skills

Students will use the library and internet resources to research literature to complete research papers, written assignments, and to prepare for class discussions. The use of

a variety of technological resources will be a graded component of these written and verbal activities.

Communication Skills

Students will demonstrate appropriate written and verbal communication skills through papers and oral presentations concerning course focus and in accordance with instructions.

Ethics

Students will be able to weigh evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of social work (nationally and internationally) as a discipline, and as a profession. Standard ethical conduct reflected by the CSWE and related international Social Work associations will be addressed.

III. Major Course Topics:

- A. Social thinking and social beliefs
- B. Behavior and Attitudes
- C. Social Influence
- D. Conformity
- E. Persuasion
- F. Group Influence
- G. Prejudice
- H. Aggression
- I. Attraction and Intimacy
- J. Altruism
- K. Conflict and Peacemaking