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General Syllabus:

SOWK 3813 Social Welfare and Social Policy

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory: None

Prerequisite: Admission to BSW, POLS 2753 American National Government, and junior standing, or departmental permission.

Effective Catalog: 2015-2016

I. Course Information:

A. Catalog Description

Addresses the rights of populations served, and justice within practice fields. Within the context of societal responsiveness to human needs, content examines social welfare policies and programs as influenced by economic, political, and social changes. Examine the role of professional social work within social welfare.

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 social work ethical principles to guide professional practice. (Competency 2.1.2)
2. Critically evaluate the advancement of human rights, and social and economic justice in Arkansas. (Competency 2.1.5)
3. Respond to contexts that shape practice. (Competency 2.1.9)
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the Workers Code of Ethics
<http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/CODE/Default.asp>.
5. 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. National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics
- B. Social Policy
- C. Social Welfare
- D. Topics relevant to Americans with disabilities
- E. Human Needs
- F. Economic change