The Social Work Minor is designed for:
- those students majoring in areas related to social work who may need knowledge of social welfare and social services
- those students interested in combining a primary academic area such as sociology, political science, or psychology with social welfare and professional social work content

The Social Work Minor consists of four required courses and one elective course (16 hours). Social Work Minors may double-count only one course (3 credits), with prior approval.

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SOCIAL WORK COURSE OFFERINGS IN THE MINOR

Required Courses (complete all 4):

**SW 201 Community Social Services.** Study of the social services typical of American communities including services for children, families, and older persons; and services in such settings as mental health, criminal and juvenile justice, and business; volunteer work required.

**SW 290 The Development of Social Welfare and Social Work in the United States.** This course is a review of the major policy and program developments in American social welfare and the parallel emergence and development of the social work profession.

**SW 307 Social Welfare Policy: Analysis and Advocacy.** This course addresses social welfare policy analysis and social work advocacy skill development. Recent changes in national and state social welfare policies and programs in major areas such as welfare, housing, health and mental health care, juvenile justice and rural development.

**SW 310 Human Behavior Theory for Social Work Practice.** This course focuses on theory regarding human social functioning for students intending to practice social work. In the course there is an emphasis on social, biological, psychological, and cultural factors in human life.
Elective Courses (choose 1):

**SW 312 Multi-Cultural Social Work.** This course is a study of social service provision to diverse populations with particular emphasis on implications for social work practice. Population groups will include African Americans, Asian Americans, Caucasians, Gays and Lesbians, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and selected religious groups.

**SW 412 Social Work in Schools.** Practice models and roles relevant to school social work are addressed in this course. There is an emphasis on cooperative work with school personnel in the identification, prevention and treatment of social, emotional and behavioral problems of children and interventive techniques with parents and community groups. This course is designed for individuals preparing for social work practice in the public schools and for school social workers seeking certification.

**SW 413 African American Families: History, Tradition, and Community.** This course prepares students to be sensitive and responsive to the cultural norms of Black Families (African American, and other African people who are now living in the United States). The course provides an opportunity to learn about Black families, their relationship to other social institutions, social policy development, social advocacy and the significance of their history and heritage.

**SW 414 Social Work Practice in Health Care.** This course addresses practice skills and knowledge required of social workers in health care systems. Multi-disciplinary teamwork in health care, social components of major illness and disabilities including prevention and rehabilitation, Emotional, cultural, economic and social factors in health and illness and the Health needs of specific population groups are addressed.

**SW 415 Child Welfare.** This course focuses on social work practice with children, youth, their parents and substitute parents. There is an emphasis on the development of diagnostic case planning activities that support, augment or substitute for the family. This course includes methods of protective services that focus on the maintenance, improvement and/or restoration of the social functioning of parents and children.

**SW 416 Addiction Recovery and Social Work Practice.** This course focuses on knowledge and skills in identifying Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) problems, screening, assessment, intervention, referral, and prevention: history of AOD problems and treatment, AOD classification, effects and signs/symptoms of AOD, models of addiction, diversity, assessment, diagnosis, intervention, treatment modalities, mutual-help groups, family dynamics, prevention, and ethical considerations.

**SW 417 Social Work and Aging.** This course addresses the physical, psychological, social, and cultural theories of the aging process as it relates to social work practice, social policy, and services for working with older adults and their families. Emphasis is placed on mental and physical well-being, diversity, social and economic justice, intergenerational issues, policy and programs.

**SW 420 The Legal Aspects of Social Work.** This course explores the roles of the social worker in the legal field. Legal terms and procedures and the state and federal courts systems are studied. The legal aspects of protective services for children and adults, the child support laws and the juvenile justice systems are examined. Students receive experience in locating and using legal records.

**SW 495 Special Topics in Social Work.** This course is a detailed investigation of a topic in social work. The topic and mode of study is determined by a faculty member. The number of credit hours is determined by the instructor.

**SW 498 Independent Study in Social Work.** This course is an independent study of a social work practice or social welfare area. The number of credit hours is determined by the instructor and student.
SOcial Work Minor
Plan of Work

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Student E-mail:  

Major Advisor:  

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Minor Advisor:  

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Minor Requirements:
Students complete four required courses (13 hours) and select one additional course from elective offerings (3 hours) which present the contribution of professional social work in a number of settings. Total hours required: 16. Social Work Minors may double-count only one course (3 credits), with prior approval.

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Students must obtain a “C” or better in social work courses taken to complete the Minor in Social Work.

Elective Offerings:  SW 312, SW 412, SW 413, SW 414, SW 415, SW 416, SW 417, SW 420, SW 495, or SW 498.

Any student seeking to minor must do the following:
- Consult with a minor advisor on a plan of work.
- File a copy of the plan of work in the Department of Social Work.
- File a copy of the plan and application for a minor with the major advisor at least one semester before graduation.
- Attach a transcript or degree audit to the Application for Minor form to verify completion of social work courses and obtain required signatures.
- A maximum of six credit hours may be transferred into the minor from another CSWE-accredited institution.

Application for the minor is on the next page. Additional copies are available in the Department of Social Work office (Room 205, 1911 Building).
APPLICATION FOR MINOR

STUDENT ID NUMBER    LAST NAME                  FIRST NAME                  MIDDLE NAME

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

MAJOR:
Curriculum Code ____________________________  Department ____________________________
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