Courses in Social Welfare

The Community and Public Service Program (CPSP) administered by the School of Social Welfare provides opportunities throughout the summer for students to earn undergraduate course credits while performing community service. Students can find all the necessary information and forms to get started in a CPSP summer class at www.albany.edu/cpsp/ or by e-mailing cpsp@albany.edu.

R Ssw 190
Community Engagement (1)
(1644) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2
(1645) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 21-July 30
(1646) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 6-August 13
(2097) Stevens, Sharon
4 Week 3: July 19-August 13
(1643) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 24-August 13

R Ssw 290
Community and Public Service Program (3)
(1013) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2
(1053) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 21-July 30
(1073) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 6-August 13
(1123) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 24-August 13

R Ssw 291
Human Service in the Community (2)
(2318) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2
(2319) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 21-July 30
(2320) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 6-August 13
(1124) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 24-August 13

R Ssw 390
Community and Public Service Program (3)
(1014) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2
(1054) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 21-July 30
(1074) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 6-August 13
Graduate Courses

R Ssw 600  
Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)  
*This course offered fully online.* Introduction to the analysis of social policies and programs. Based upon frameworks of policy dimension, values, and knowledge, selected social policies are examined within an historical and contemporary context. The principles of social and economic justice are used in analyzing social policies and programs. Attention given to the differential impact of these policies and services on at-risk and oppressed populations.  
(2098) Stevens, Sharon  
4 Week 3: July 19-August 3

R Ssw 611  
Human Behavior and Social Environment II (3)  
*This course offered fully online.* Continuation of Ssw 610. Focus on psychosocial dysfunction. Emphasis on multiple determinants of human behavior including biological, psychological, social and environmental factors. Prerequisite: Ssw 610. Open to advanced standing students only.  
(2307) Tashjian, Moira  
6 Week 1: May 24-July 2  
Scheduled synchronous class meetings via Zoom:  
MW 5:15p.m.-8:45p.m.

R Ssw 621  
Micro Practice in Social Work II (3)  
*This course offered fully online.* Continuation of Ssw 620. The dynamic nature of the helping process, the helping relationship, and assessment skills. Emphasis on the linkage between theoretical models, assessment, intervention and outcome in work with individuals, families, and groups. Skills in beginning, middle and ending phases of social work treatment, treatment evaluation, advocacy, and case management. Issues of ethics, human diversity, oppression, and self-awareness throughout the course. Prerequisites: Ssw 620, 630 and 650; must be taken concurrently with Ssw 651 and concurrently or following Ssw 611 and 631. Open to advanced standing students only.  
(2421) O’Leary, Michael  
12 Week: May 24-August 13  
Scheduled synchronous class meetings via Zoom:  
W 1:00p.m.-4:30p.m.

R Ssw 650  
Field Instruction I (3)  
Introduces social work practice and provides the initial experience of practice in a social work setting. Students are placed in a social service agency where, under a qualified instructor, they are assigned experiences which enable them to apply, integrate, and extend the theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom and to develop social work skills and appropriate attitudes, particularly in relation to at-risk and oppressed groups. Assignment to a specific agency is made according to each student's educational needs. Students are in the field two days per week. Prerequisites: Ssw 610 and 630 must be taken concurrently with or prior to this course. Ssw 620 must be taken concurrently with the course. Permission of instructor required. S/U graded.  
Meeting times & location are by arrangement of instructor. $37.50 Additional Class Fee

(1125) Stevens, Sharon  
12 Week: May 24-August 13
R Ssw 651
Field Instruction II (4)
Continuation of Ssw 650. Students are in the field two days per week. Ssw 611 and 631 must be taken concurrently with or prior to this course. Ssw 621 must be taken concurrently. Prerequisites: Ssw 610, 630 and Ssw 650. For advanced standing students only. S/U graded. Meeting times & location are by arrangement of instructor. $37.50 Additional Class Fee

R Ssw 660
Introductory Research Methodology (3)
This course offered fully online. Introduction to research methods in social work including content on defining social work research problems, developing and testing hypotheses, the logic of causal inference, sampling, measurement (including reliability and validity), basic skills in data analysis and research utilization, the ethics of research, and research issues concerning human diversity. Emphasizes methods and content relevant to social work practice and the problems of social welfare.

R Ssw 705
Special Areas of Social Welfare: Ableism and Allyship Supporting Disability Justice (3)
This course offered fully online. Readings and discussions on topics of current interest in specific fields of research and study. May be repeated if the topic is different. Prerequisites: Ssw 651 or consent of instructor.

R Ssw 731
Special Areas of Clinical Practice of Social Welfare: Theory & Treatment of Anxiety (3)
This course offered fully online. Readings and discussion of topics of current importance in specific fields of research and study in the clinical practice of social welfare. May be repeated if the topic is different. Prerequisite(s): Ssw 621, 631, and Ssw 651 or consent of instructor.

R Ssw 745
Social Work Intervention in Alcohol Abuse (3)
This course offered fully online. Treatment of alcohol abuse and alcoholism for social workers in direct practice. Etiology and diagnosis; individual defense structures; family dynamics understanding of continuum of care; treatment planning, implementation and evaluation from various theoretical perspectives and modalities; special emphasis on treatment of diverse special populations. Prerequisites: Ssw 621, 631, and 651 or consent of instructor.

R Ssw 752
Field Instruction III (4)
Continuation of the field experience. Students are placed in a different agency in the second year so that they can experience practice in another setting. Field instruction in the third and fourth semesters in direct practice provides the opportunity for the student to develop greater depth of understanding of problems of social functioning and to continue to develop skill in treatment, as well as to develop understanding of how the structure of a particular agency and the relationship between community agencies affect the delivery of service. In the third and fourth semesters the management concentration provides the opportunity for the student to develop greater depth of understanding of the organization of social services in terms of problem definition and awareness of the organizational basis required for effective social work practice. There is continuing development of skill in the application of various social work technologies to achieve program objectives. Field placements in both concentrations are selected for their students according to their educational needs and, to the extent possible, their special field of interest. Students are in placement two days per week throughout the third and fourth semesters. Prerequisites: Ssw 650 and 651. S/U graded. Permission of instructor required.

(1083) DeLaMater, Lisa
12 Week: May 24-August 13

R Ssw 753
Field Instruction IV (4)
See R Ssw 752 for course description. Prerequisites: Ssw 650, 651, and 752. Must be taken immediately following 752. S/U graded. Permission of instructor required.

(1084) DeLaMater, Lisa
12 Week: May 24-August 13

R Ssw 754
Field Instruction IV (3)
Supplemental field experience for students in their advanced concentration. May be taken in same agency as Ssw 752 or another agency. Requires two days per week or equivalent in approved field agency. May not be repeated and may not be used to fulfill requirements for other field courses. Prerequisite or corequisite: Ssw 752 and permission of instructor.

(1199) DeLaMater, Lisa
12 Week: May 24-August 13

R Ssw 772
Social Work in the Schools (3)
This course offered fully online. Social work interventions for practice in and with schools. Explanatory theories relation to at-risk students and their families; selection and implementation of social work interventions; work with students who differ by gender, race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability; skills for inter-professional collaboration with educators; involving parents in the educational process; systematic evaluation of practice. Prerequisites: Ssw 621, 631, and 651 or consent of instructor.

(2424) Oby, Stephen
August 9-August 13
Scheduled synchronous class meetings via Zoom:
MTWThF 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.