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)
(1769) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
(1770) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 24-August 2
(1771) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 8-August 16
(1768) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 28-August 16

R Ssw 290
Community and Public Service Program (3)
(1017) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
(1061) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 24-August 2
(1084) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 8-August 16
(1160) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 28-August 16

R Ssw 291
Human Service in the Community (2)
(1018) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
(1062) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 24-August 2
(1085) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 8-August 16
(1161) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 28-August 16

R Ssw 390
Community and Public Service Program (3)
(1019) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
(1063) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 2: June 24-August 2
(1086) Stevens, Sharon
6 Week 3: July 8-August 16
(1162) Stevens, Sharon
12 Week: May 28-August 16
R Ssw 299
Multiculturalism in a Global Society (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. This course is a critical analysis of the global phenomenon of multiculturalism. Focus is on its interconnectedness with globalization, national and transnational migration, surrounding debates, and effects on the U.S. and other world nations. Theoretical perspectives and methods underlying social work and allied disciplines provide the overarching framework. It examines the history, variations, contributions, and distinct experiences of ethnic groups comprising current multicultural U.S. society giving special attention to the intersections of gender, social class, race, religion, and ethnic group membership. This course enables students to heighten awareness of their own ethnic heritage, strengthen knowledge and understanding of ethnic groups within and outside of the U.S., become engaged global citizens, and be better prepared to function effectively in today's multicultural global society. Only one version may be taken for credit.

(1668) Ramos, Blanca
4 Week 1: May 28-June 21
Online class in Blackboard

Graduate Courses

R Ssw 600
Social Welfare Policy and Services (3)
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.

(1173) Tashjian, Moira
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
MW 5:15p.m.-8:45p.m.
HS-219
(1719) TBA
July 12-14 & July 26-28
F 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.; SaSu 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
HS-202

R Ssw 611
Human Behavior and Social Environment II (3)
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. For advanced standing students only.

(1302) TBA
12 Week: May 28-August 16
W 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
HS-202
(1862) TBA
12 Week: May 28-August 16
W 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
HS-219

R Ssw 621
Micro Practice in Social Work II (3)
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. For advanced
standing students only.
(1369) TBA
12 Week: May 28-August 16
M 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
HS-202
(1653) TBA
12 Week: May 28-August 16
M 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.
HS-219

R Ssw 627
Supervision and Consultation (3)
The philosophy, principles, and methods involved in the supervisory processes; supervision and consultation as administrative arrangements for program implementation; educational and administrative components of supervisory and consultant processes; the supervisor-worker relationship; differences in the supervisory process of professional and paraprofessional personnel; differentiation between supervision and consultation processes and relationships.
(2317) Williams, Evelyn
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
TTh 5:30p.m.-9:00p.m.
HS-202

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
(1106) DeLaMater, Lisa
12 Week: May 28-August 16

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
(1303) DeLaMater, Lisa
12 Week: May 28-August 16

R Ssw 660
Introductory Research Methodology (3)
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.
(1667) Loneck, Barry
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
TTh 5:30p.m.-9:00p.m.
HS-219
(1720) deJong, Dirk
July 19-21 & August 2-4
F 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.; SaSu 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
HS-219

R Ssw 705
Special Areas of Social Welfare: Solution Focused Treatment (3)
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.
(2323) TBA
July 29-August 2
MTWThF 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
HS-210

R Ssw 722
Social Work Intervention with Grief and Loss (3)
Social work practice with clients experiencing grief and loss from terminal illness, bereavement through
death, and non-death events such as divorce or changes in physical or mental health status. Role of
individual difference (age, gender, race, ethnicity, spirituality) and societal/cultural beliefs. Skill
development in all phases of the helping process; examination of students' personal attitudes and
experiences; ethical, legal and policy-related issues influencing the decision-making process. Prerequisites:
Ssw 621, 631, and 651 or consent of instructor.
(2321) Seidel, Lisa
6 Week 1: May 28-July 5
TTh 5:30p.m.-9:00p.m.
HS-210

R Ssw 742
Cognitive Methods of Social Work Practice (3)
Development of a cognitive approach to practice that will be suitable for the types of problems, settings,
and contexts of most social work practice. Within this cognitive framework emphasis will be upon
expanding competence in differential assessment as well as expanding the knowledge base for related
differential intervention methods. Prerequisites: Ssw 621, 631, and 651 or consent of instructor.
(2322) Freidenberg, Brian
May 31-June 2 & June 14-16
F 5:00p.m.-9:00p.m.; SaSu 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
HS-210

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.
(1109) DeLaMater, Lisa
12 Week: May 28-August 16
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.  
(1110) DeLaMater, Lisa  
12 Week: May 28-August 16

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.  
(1247) DeLaMater, Lisa  
12 Week: May 28-August 16

R Ssw 772  
Social Work in the Schools (3)  
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.  
(2324) Oby Jr, Stephen  
July 22-July 26  
MTWThF 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.  
HS-210