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**VII. COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Social Work 571 3 units (crs.) Child and Family Welfare**

Examines the historical trends in services to children and their families within the framework of supportive, supplemental and substitute services that have evolved over time as part of the service structure in child welfare. While recognizing the impact of impoverishment, changing family structures and other aspects of pressures on contemporary parenting, attention is given to resiliency forces and practitioner approaches that encourage parenting strengths and home-based intervention options as preventive strategies in child welfare services. 371/571

**Social Work 575 3 units (crs.) Treatment and Mistreatment of Offenders**

Examines the application of generalist social work practice within the criminal justice system focusing on the change agent role in working with juvenile and adult offenders in both community-based corrections and institutional settings. Prepares social workers for an understanding of correctional models and their inherent values, bio-psycho-social theories of crime causation and develops assessment and intervention skills within a generalist framework. 375/575

**Social Work 701 3 units (crs.) Ethical Issues in Contemporary Social Work**

This foundation course is designed to introduce MSW students to wide-ranging ethical issues that involve practitioners in various settings. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in Soc Work 704; to be taken in the second semester of foundation field.

**Social Work 702 3 units (crs.) Generalist Social Work Practice I**

This course promotes master's level development of knowledge, values and skills necessary to practice social work with diverse individuals and family groups. Prerequisites: This course will be taken concurrently with Soc Work 707, Soc Work 703, and Soc Work 709.

**Social Work 703 1 unit (cr.) Skills Lab with Individuals, Families and Small Groups**

This practice lab introduces students to a range of skills required for effective work with individuals, families, and small groups. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in Soc Work 702

**Social Work 704 3 units (crs.) Generalist Social Work Practice II**

This course promotes master's level development of knowledge, values and skills necessary to practice social work with diverse groups and within organizations and communities. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment with Soc Work 705.

**Social Work 705 1 unit (cr.) Skills Lab with Large Groups and Communication**

This practice lab introduces students to a range of skills required for effective work with various professional and community groups, organizations and communities. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in Soc Work 704.

**Social Work 706 3 units (crs.) Social Welfare Institutions**

This course examines the origins of and changes in American social welfare arrangements to meet human needs. It traces the evolution of the social work profession and social welfare efforts in relation to major economic, social and political forces over time defining populations at risk and the nature of social and economic justice in the U.S. This course prepares students for the study of social welfare policy that is informed by its past. Prerequisites: Students enroll in this course during their first semester in the program.

**Social Work 707 3 units (crs.) Human Behavior in the Social Environment**

Integration of theories and models examining the complexity of person/environment functioning with respect to individuals, families, small groups, organizations and communities. Using an ecologically based approach, the biological, culturally diverse, psychological and social influences of human choices, behavior and functioning are examined. This approach prepares the graduate student with a theoretical foundation for multilevel understanding of client systems. Prerequisites: Must be taken in the first semester of the MSW Program. This course is taken conjointly with the first generalist practice course (Soc Work 702) as well as the first semester of field placement (Soc Work 709). Concurrent enrollment in Social Work 702.

**Social Work 708 3 units (crs.) Social Welfare Policy: Contemporary Approaches**

In this course, students evaluate contemporary social policies affecting poor and disenfranchised groups in the U.S. Students are introduced to the processes of policy development and policy change.

**Social Work 709 4 units (crs.) Field I: Foundation Social Work Field Practicum**

Supervised social work practicum experience in a human service agency setting. Prerequisites: Generalist practice and skills courses must be taken concurrently with Soc Work 709, Field I and Soc Work 710, Field II.

**Social Work 710 4 units (crs.) Field II: Foundation Social Work Field Practicum**

Supervised social work practicum experience in a human service agency setting. Prerequisites: Generalist practice and skills courses must be taken concurrently with Soc Work 709, Field I and Soc Work 710, Field II.

**Social Work 720 3 units (crs.) Practice Competence in a Diverse Community**

Social work advanced practice course on working with diverse groups and communities. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 721 3 units (crs.) Multilevel Family Intervention**

Advanced social work practice techniques for direct practice students working with families of many types and in varied settings. Prerequisites: Completion of Soc Work 720 and 731; concurrent enrollment in Soc Work 729.

**Social Work 722 3 units (crs.) Social Work Management and Supervision in the Social Services**

Advanced social work practice of management and supervision methods for students working in management positions at any level in social service agencies. Prerequisites: Completion of Soc Work 720 and 731; concurrent enrollment in Soc Work 729

**Social Work 727 3 units (crs.) Psychopathology and Strength-Based Assessment**

This course examines mental health and mental illness from a strengths-based social work perspective. Cultural and community factors defining these issues are addressed. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 728 3 units (crs.) Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis**

This course uses an analytical framework for assessing social welfare policy and its implications for particular practice concerns. Particular attention is paid to rural/urban differences and to diversity issues. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 729 4 units (crs.) Field III: Advanced Social Work Field Practicum and Integrative Seminar**

Supervised social work practicum experience in a human service agency setting. Prerequisites: Completion of Social Work 720. Concurrent enrollment in Soc Work 721 or Soc Work 722.

**Social Work 731 3 units (crs.) Advanced Research Applications in Social Work Practice**

Advanced research course that prepares students to evaluate their own practice and to carry out independent research projects. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 732 1 unit (cr.) Field Research Project**

Students learn how to conduct evaluation research by carrying out a project in their field unit, Field IV. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in Social Work 733.

**Social Work 733 4 units (crs.) Field IV: Advanced Social Work Field Practicum plus Integrative Seminar**

Supervised social work practicum experience in a human service agency setting. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 735 3 units (crs.) Emerging Issues in Child Welfare**

Advanced standing elective course considering major new issues in child welfare practice, administration, funding and research. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 795 3 units (crs.) Special Topics**

This course provides students opportunity to strengthen practice skills while working with clients or in agencies, focusing on mental health concerns, addictions or violence issues. Prerequisites: Completion of foundation requirements or advanced standing.

**Social Work 798 1-3 units (crs.) Independent Study**

Reading and research under the supervision of a member of the graduate faculty. Independent study credits may only be earned when this activity is included as part of an approved program plan. Prerequisites: Approved program plan and consent of instructor.