

Prefix and Course Number: 3000

METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE OF DENVER
Office of Academic Affairs

REGULAR COURSE SYLLABUS

School of : Letters, Arts and Sciences

Department: Social Work

CIP Code: 44.0701

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer

Prefix & Course Number: SWK3000

Crosslisted With*: None

Course Title: Applied Legal Issues in Social Work

Check All That Apply: Required for Major: Required for Minor: Specified Elective: Required

for Concentration: Elective: Service Course:

Credit Hours: 1 (1+0)

Contact Hours: Lecture 15 Lab _____ Internship _____ Practicum _____

Schedule Type(s): L&J Grading Mode(s): L

Repeat* (Variable topics): _____

*(Pertinent only if the course can be repeated; enter maximum number of hours that can be earned by taking this course.)

Restrictions (Variable Topics Course): _____

Prerequisite(s): None

Corequisite(s): None

Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s):

Banner Enforced:

Prerequisite(s):

Corequisite(s):

Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s):

Catalog Course Description:

This course will examine the legal basis for social work practice. It will apply specific laws that govern social work practice in a variety of service delivery areas.

APPROVED:

Department Chair/Institute Director

Date

Dean

Date

Associate VP, Academic Affairs

Date

*If crosslisted, attach completed Course Crosslisting Agreement Form

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Required Reading and Other Materials will be equivalent to (Title, Author, Publisher, Copyright Date):

Law in Social Work Practice by Saltzman,A., Furman, D., Wadsworth Publishing, (1999 or current edition).

Specific (Measurable) Student Behavioral Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Discuss the relationship between the values and the ethics of the social profession and the laws that govern social work practice in a variety of service delivery areas.
2. Interpret the laws as related to major areas for beginning generalist social work practices.
3. Apply the laws that effect social work practice in specific areas; including mental health and public health, early intervention and school social work, marital and family, child welfare and child protection, developmental disabilities, gerontology, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender issues and justice systems.
4. Demonstrates the legal and ethical basis for beginning generalist social work practices, policy- making, and program organization with diverse, populations-at-risk.

Detailed Outline of Course Content (Major Topics and Subtopics) or Outline of Field Experience/Internship (experience, responsibilities and supervision):

- I. The Nature of Law
 - A. Lawmaking
 - B. Legal Environments
 - C. Relationship to the NASW Code of Ethics
 - D. Relationship to Social Work Practice, Policy and Program Development
 - E. Impact upon Diverse, Populations-At-Risk
- II. Laws That Apply to Beginning and Generalist Social Work Practice
 - A. Confidentiality
 - B. Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
 - C. Release of Information and Rights to Treat
 - D. Dangerousness to self and others
 - E. Duty to Warn
 - F. Guardianship and Conservator ships
- III. Legal Issues as Applied to Social Work Practice in Various Service Delivery Areas
 - A. Mental Health
 - B. Health and Public Health
 - C. Early Intervention and Education
 - D. Marital and Family Social Work
 - E. Child Welfare and Child Protection
 - F. Developmental Disabilities
 - G. Gerontology
 - H. Justice System
 - I. Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Issues
 - J. Special Populations

Evaluation of Student Performance: Term Paper, Final Examination, and participation in discussions and activities. If students have a social work major area of concentration, minor or certificate area of emphasis, the term paper must reflect that area of practice.