

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

Prefix & Course Number: SWK4250 Crosslisted With*: _____

Course Title: Exploring Current Social Work Issues (Variable Topics)

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

for Concentration: Elective: Service Course:

Credit Hours: 3 (3+0)

Contact Hours: Lecture 45 Lab 0 Internship 0 Practicum 0

Schedule Type(s): J and L 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): None

Prerequisite(s): SWK3050, SWK3060, SWK3410, SWK3780, SWK3790 or permission of the instructor

Corequisite(s): None

Prerequisite(s) or Corequisite(s): _____

Banner Enforced:

Prerequisite(s): _____

Corequisite(s): _____

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Catalog Course Description:

This course explores concepts and methods useful in assessing and addressing the impact of current social work issues on individuals, families, groups, organizations and communities. Populations-at-risk in urban settings will be discussed.

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

APPROVED:

Department Chair/Institute Director

Date

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Date

Associate VP, Academic Affairs

Date

*If crosslisted, attach completed Course Crosslisting Agreement Form

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Text will be assigned by the instructor in each section.

The social work text will be assigned according to the current social issues under consideration.

Additional reading will be assigned as appropriate.

Specific (Measurable) Student Behavioral Learning Objectives:

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

1. Examine how historic policies and practices have contributed to the current social work issues and how urban populations-at-risk are affected.
2. Describe the current social work issue- the nature, scope and significance at the micro (individuals), mezzo (groups) and macro (organizations and communities) levels.
3. Relate knowledge gained from other social work courses concerning social welfare values and ethnics, social and economic injustice, and social welfare services, policies, programs and practices.
4. Utilize an empowerment perspective with careful attention to ethnic and gender sensitive issues.
5. Apply current social work strategies (policy, research, or practice) to address the current social issue.

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

I. Historical Perspective- Impact upon Populations at Risk

- A. Direct Practice
- B. Indirect Practice

II. Current Social Work Issue

- A. Micro Level Practice
 1. Nature of the Problem
 2. Scope of the problem
 3. Significance of the Problem
- B. Mezzo Level Practice- Groups
 1. Nature of the problem
 2. Scope of the problem
 3. Significance of the Problem
- C. Macro Level Practice- Groups, Organizations, Communities
 1. Nature of the Problem
 2. Scope of the Problem
 3. Significance of the Problem

III. Empowerment Perspective

- A. Ethnic and Gender Sensitive Issues
- B. Client(s) Strengths and Problem Focus
- C. Client-Worker Partnership
- D. Application of Policy, Research or Practice Strategy
- E. Outcome Methods

Evaluation of Student Performance:

Four Volunteer Hours

Video Reaction Papers

Quizzes/Exercises

Student Presentation

Term Paper/Project (8-10 pages)

Participation in Discussions and Activities