An introduction to the field of social work and social welfare. The course is designed to acquaint the student with the purposes and functions of social work as a profession and social welfare as an institution.

Course Objectives

Upon completing this course you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the profession of social work, including historical development, knowledge base, skills and values needed for social work practice.

2. Recognize the variety of roles which social workers perform.

3. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of human diversity in social work practice, including issues of racism, sexism and ageism.

4. Recognize various practice settings and populations with which social workers are involved.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this course you should be able to:

1. Identify the various practice settings and populations with which social workers are involved.

2. Identify the differences between the social worker and the caseworker in service delivery.

3. Demonstrate an understanding of generalist practice in social work and the generalist practitioner.

Notice to Students with Disabilities

Texas A&M University- Corpus Christi complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you suspect that you may have a disability (physical impairment, learning disability, psychiatric disability, etc.), please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, located in Driftwood 101, at 825-5816. If you need disability accommodations in this class, please see me as soon as possible.

Policies

1. ACADEMIC ADVISING: The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor,
and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203 E, and can be reached at 825-3466.

2. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY is representing another person’s ideas as your own. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. It is expected that ideas and information used in your paper, which are not part of your personal experiences, will be appropriately referenced. Violations of academic integrity will result in automatic failure of this course, and referral to the proper university officials. Academic dishonesty includes: handing in another’s work or part of another’s work as your own, turning in the same or similar papers for two different classes, presenting a group project as your work solely, purchasing or otherwise obtaining research or papers written by another and turning that work in as your own. Using unauthorized notes, tests, or other study aids or copying another’s answers for an examination also constitutes academic dishonesty.

3. Grade Appeal Process: As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes he/she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outline in the syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. To access documents through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university rules/index.html. For assistance, and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

4. ATTENDANCE: All students are expected to attend and participate in class. Roll will be taken.

Required Texts


Grades

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<td>Four exams</td>
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<td>Written report on social problem and field of practice</td>
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<td>Extra credit for perfect attendance</td>
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Exams will cover both readings and class material.

Written Assignment

Each student will report on a social problem or field of practice, such as youth violence, homelessness, immigration, mental health, child welfare, poverty, etc. The research paper should be typewritten and be between 6-8 pages in length. Papers turned in late will receive a maximum grade of 80. Your paper should follow APA writing style and have references from journals, monograms, and other scholarly publications.
Assignments:

Aug 23  -   Introduction to Course
Aug 28  -   Social Work and the Other Helping Professions, Ch. 2, Heffernan
Aug 30 -   Social Welfare, Past and Present, Ch. 1, Heffernan
Sept 4 -   The Systems/Ecological Perspective, Ch 3
Sept 6 -   The Systems/Ecological Perspective, Ch. 3
Sept 11 -   Social work with Individuals & Families, Ch. 5
Sept. 13 -  Social Work and the community, Ch. 6 Heffernan
Sept. 18 -  Globalization of Social Work, Ch. 13, Heffernan
Sept. 20 -  EXAM I
Sept. 25 -  Needs of Children and Families, Ch. 10, Heffernan
Sept. 27 -  Needs of Children and Families, Ch. 10
Oct. 2 -    Services to Children and Families, Ch. 11
Oct. 4 -    GUEST SPEAKER
Oct. 9 -    Diversity and social Justice, Ch4, Heffernan
Oct. 11 -   Immigration, Ch. 15, Glicken
Oct 16 -   Poverty and Income Assistance, Ch. 7, Heffernan
Oct. 18 -   EXAM II
Oct. 23 -   Mental Health, Ch. 8, Heffernan
Oct. 25 -   Mental Health, Ch. 8
Oct. 30 -   Medical Problems and Medical Social Services, Ch. 14, Zastrow
Nov. 1 -   Health Care, Ch.9, Heffernan
Nov.6 -   GUEST SPEAKER
Nov. 8 -   EXAM III
Nov. 13 -  Criminal Justice, Ch. 13, Heffernan
Nov. 15 -  Criminal Justice, Ch. 13
Nov. 20 -  Older Adults, Ch. 12
Nov. 27 -  Older Adults, Ch. 12, PAPERS DUE
Nov. 29 -  Social Work in the Workplace, Ch. 15, Heffernan
Dec. 4 -   Social Work in Rural Settings, Ch. 14, Heffernan
Dec. 6 -   FINAL EXAM