

Social Work Education

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The profession of social work is dedicated to meeting the diverse social service needs of special populations of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. As a practice oriented profession, social work deals with social concerns that range from societal oppression to people's emotional/behavioral problems. The social work practitioner helps at risk populations which typically include the poor and homeless, abused/neglected children and adults, people of color, women, recent refugees, chronically mentally ill, developmentally disabled, physically ill or disabled, substance abusers, criminal offenders, and the aged.

In focusing on disadvantaged groups, social workers use a range of traditional and non-traditional methods to promote well-being, personal growth, and social justice, e.g., client and systems policy advocating, brokering, consulting individual, family, and group counseling/psychotherapy, mediating, researching, supervising, and teaching.

While the discipline of social work is deeply rooted in a rich, 100-year history of service, what social workers "do" is no longer traditionally defined. The role of the social worker is constantly expanding into innovative service fields wherever a compassionate response to human need is indicated.

The Department of Social Work Education offers two degree programs to educate beginning and advanced social work practitioners who can meet complex client needs within a diversity of public and private human service settings and who can perform in a variety of roles using multiple social work practice methodologies. The Bachelor of Arts degree program prepares students for beginning generalist social work practice as well as for graduate study in the human service field, including social work. The Master of Social Work prepares the learner for autonomous social work practice at multiple levels of intervention as well as for doctoral study in social work and related human service arenas. Both the B.A. and the M.S.W. programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.



Faculty and Facilities

The faculty of the department represent a wide spectrum of theoretical orientations and approaches to professional social work practice. All have substantive practice experience and many have extensive research and social policy interests. In addition to the on-campus facilities of the university, the department uses the San Joaquin Valley's unique urban-rural configuration of people, agribusiness and social-political institutions, and the accompanying host of social service needs as the setting for in-the-field learning. Numerous public and private social service agencies in our region make their facilities and professional social work staff available for the internship/practicum element of the department's program. A representative sample of these settings include: Atascadero State Hospital; California State Department of Corrections, Human Resources Development, Social Services, Youth Authority; Fresno Community Hospital; St. Agnes Hospital; Valley Children's Hospital; Veterans Administration Hospital; Vietnam Outreach Center; and Area Agency on Aging. Internship/practicum experiences are also available in the schools, as well as the mental health, probation, and social services departments in the counties of Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare.

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B.A. in Social Work

M.S.W., Master of Social Work

Certificate in Alcohol/Drug Studies

Certificate in Cross-Cultural Competency

Career Opportunities

Graduates from the B.A. program typically find employment as social workers in county or state departments of social services; private agencies offering individual, group, or community services; poverty and mental health programs; social rehabilitation programs; human resources development programs for services to the handicapped, aged, and special population groups, medical and hospital programs, correctional programs, primary, secondary and higher education settings, and employee assistance programs in businesses and governmental agencies.

M.S.W. graduates can expect to hold additionally responsible but more advanced clinical, case management, training, administrative, program development or policy making/administrative positions in a broad spectrum of human service organizations.

The U.S. Department of Labor *Occupational Outlook Handbook 1994-95* projects the employment of social workers to increase faster than the average for all occupations through the year 2005 in response to the needs of a growing and aging population, especially in the Central California region. Special mention must be made regarding increased job opportunities in child welfare, mental health, substance abuse programs, school systems, and services for the elderly, as well as increased opportunities in rural areas.

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Faculty

G. "Vishu" Visweswaran, *Chair*

Undergraduate Advisers:

James E. Aldredge, David L. Ellis,
Sudarshan Kapoor, Serge C. Lee,
Richard O. Salsgiver, Jane Yamaguchi

Graduate Advisers: All full-time faculty

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| Andrew J. Alvarado | Donna L. Hardina |
| Frederick W. Childers | Debra Harris |
| Benjamin Cuellar | M. Lynn |
| John B. Franz | Jacobsson |
| Betty Garcia | Mitzi Lowe |
| Mark G. Hanna | |

Bachelor of Arts

Degree Requirements

Social Work Major Units

Major requirements..... 42

S WRK 20, 123, 130, 135,
136, 140, 141, 175, 176,
181 (12 units), 185

Additional major requirements..... 18

May also count toward
General Education
ECON 25, 40, or 50 (3)
H S 90, 129, or 135 (3)

Approved upper-division
electives (see list in de-
partment office) (9)

Cultural Diversity — Eth-
nic Studies including Afri-
can American Studies and
American Indian Studies;
Chicano and Latin Ameri-
can Studies, Asian Ameri-
can Studies, or Women's
Studies (3)

Six units from two of the
following areas: Anthro-
pology, Criminology, Psy-
chology, or Sociology (6)

Select three units from the
following: S WRK 122T,
125, 128, 129 (3)

General Education 51

Electives and remaining degree requirements* 13-25

(See *Degree Requirements*); may include a dual major or minor.

Total..... 124

*This figure takes into consideration that, with proper selection, 15 units of additional requirements for the social work major also may be applied toward fulfilling General Education requirements (see *General Education*). Consult the social work department chair or your faculty adviser for details.

Advising Notes

1. Approved course listings are available in the department office. Consult your faculty adviser for assistance in selecting a pattern of courses to fit your particular interests and goals.
2. *CR/NC* grading is not permitted in the social work major with the exception of S WRK 181.
3. General Education, additional requirements, and elective units may be used toward a dual major or minor (see *Dual Major* or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty adviser for further information.
4. Senior year internships are arranged by the field coordinator. Applications must be filed, interviews with the field coordinator, and agency selection interviews completed the semester *prior* to entering the field.
5. Students who have prior knowledge of Spanish but lack fluency are encouraged to take additional coursework in Spanish.
6. A booklet describing the program more fully is available in the department of-
fice.

Certificate in Alcohol/Drug Studies

The Department of Social Work Education is participating in a certificate of special study awarded to those students who successfully complete a minimum of 12 units of interdisciplinary academic coursework in the area of alcohol and drug abuse. (For complete details, see *Health and Human Services Interdisciplinary Courses* in this catalog.)

Certificate in Cross-Cultural Competency

A certificate of special study is awarded to those students who successfully complete a selective course of study of 12 units: two core courses and two related interdisciplinary electives. The certificate is designed to prepare students for professional practice in culturally diverse settings in the fields of business, education, health care, and human service. All coursework must be taken for a letter grade and completed with a grade of *C* or better in each of the six required units and six units of electives.

Units

Required courses 6
S WRK 136, 137

Elective courses 6
Take two 3-unit courses, each from different categories.

Language and Culture. ANTH 118, 123, 124; CLS 116; CSD 122, 139; ERF 140ECE; SPAN 125; GERON 111, 161; INTD 130; LING 110, 120, 130; PHIL 135, 138; PSYCH 178; COMM 120, 164

Health/Mental Health. AF AM 141; ANTH 117; CLS 158; H S 90, 100; PSYCH 169; WS 134; RLS 125

Ethnicity. AF AM 56, 135, 136, 142, 144, 148; A I S 100, 101, 103; ANTH 115, 116W, ASAM 110, 138, 140; CLS 126, 128, 141, 152, 154, 156; CRIM 174; ETH S 104W; SOC 111

Women. AF AM 137; CLS 162; GERON 18; H S 126, 130; HIST 101; SOC 132; WS 105, 120, 125, 135

Total..... 12

For more information, call the Department of Social Work Education at (559) 278-3992.

Credential Programs

As part of the M.S.W. degree, the Department of Social Work Education offers a program which satisfies the requirements for the Pupil Personnel Services Credential with Specializations in School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance Services. Advising and admissions information are available through the P.P.S. coordinator in the Department of Social Work Education.

Master of Social Work

This program is designed to prepare students for advanced, autonomous social work practice — capable of intervening at the individual, family, small group, organization, and community levels. Students will achieve competence in problem identification, assessment, development of intervention plans, and evaluation of practices. They will build cross-cultural awareness. Students will learn to use empowerment and social justice perspectives in intervention with client systems various sizes.

Students will complete a total of 60 units of graduate work, including 10 units of supervised internship with participating agencies in the community. They will prepare an acceptable master's project/thesis which investigates social problems and appropriate intervention strategies.

The program will prepare students for practice and advancement in the social work profession. Students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to provide direct services, consultation, training, program development, practice evaluation, and social service research on behalf of clients and community for the advancement of the profession.

Students accepted to the program must maintain an average GPA of 3.0 in all coursework. They must also complete a project/thesis under faculty supervision. In addition, all students are expected to complete an internship experience in participating community agencies. The department will maintain on-going assessment and evaluation of internship through written evaluation procedures.

Master of Social Work Degree Requirements

In the 60-unit program, all students are required to take the following courses: S WRK 200, 203, 214, 215, 216, 220, 224, 227, 246, 247, 291, 250 and 251, in addition to completing a project (298) or an individual thesis (299), for a total of 47 to 49 units. In consultation with their faculty advisers, students also enroll in either S WRK 226 or 244 (3 units). The remaining 8 to 10 units may be selected from topics electives (S WRK 271T, 272T), S WRK 290 (Independent Study), or from other departments, subject to approval.

COURSES

Social Work (S WRK)

20. Introduction to Social Work (3)

Social, economic, political, historical, and philosophic components in development of social welfare and social work in western society.

122T. Topics in Social Work (1-3; max total 15)

Topics in fields of social work practice, basic social work theories, and social work methods.

123. Seminar in Social Welfare Policies and Programs (3)

Basic policies and major programs in contemporary social welfare; consumption, income supports, job provision, housing, health, civil rights, consumer advocacy, population control, environmental standards; principles of social security, administration of social services, roles of government and citizen participation.

125. Social Services for the Aging (3)

(Same as GERON 125.) Students will be acquainted with the common bio-psychosocial needs of the aging in the United States and the social services available to meet those needs. Within the context of social work values and problem-solving methods, attention will be given to issues of ethnicity, gender, and gaps in services.

128. Child Welfare (3)

History, development, and provision of child welfare services in the United States.

129. Treatment of Chemical Dependency (3)

Intervention and treatment of the chemically dependent and of family members; community resources; laboratory skills development.

130. Seminar in Social Work Processes (3)

Introduction to social work intervention.

135. Human Behavior and the Social Environment (3)

A general systems approach focused on the interaction of biological, psychological, and cultural phenomena with individuals, small groups, complex organizations, and communities.

136. Cultural Diversity and Oppression (3)

Cultural, economic, ethnic, social, and psychological considerations for helping members of groups who suffer oppressed status in our heterogeneous society. G.E. Multicultural/International MI.

137. Principles in Cross-Cultural Competence (3)

Prerequisite: S WRK 136. Theory of practice framework for skill-based cross-cultural competency in human services delivery; formulation of problems and interaction with diverse populations. Skills in practice and interaction with diverse clients in educational and business settings as well as in public and private human services agencies.

140. Seminar in Micro Practice (3)

Cannot be taken concurrently with S WRK 141. Must be taken concurrently with S WRK 181. Seminar emphasizing integration of human behavior and social environment theories with principles of beginning social work counseling techniques with individuals, families, and small groups.

141. Seminar in Macro Practice (3)

Cannot be taken concurrently with S WRK 140. Must be taken concurrently with S WRK 181. Analysis of and interventive strategies in large groups, organizations, and the community.

175. Seminar in Human Services Research (3)

Introduction to social work research and evaluation of social work practice. Focuses on the scientific method, research design, sampling strategies, cultural, gender, and ethical considerations as these relate to social work and social work practice.

176. Seminar in Data Analysis and Presentation (3)

Prerequisite: S WRK 175. Introduction to statistical methods with a focus on analysis and interpretation of data. Application of data analysis and statistical methods for the evaluation of social work practice.

180. Training in Public Services (1-2; max total 5)

Planned and supervised experience or study in a field of occupational specialization.

181. Field Instruction (6; max total 12)

Prerequisites: senior standing; minimum 2.0 GPA; completion of G.E. writing, core and breadth; and S WRK 20, 123, 130, 135, and 136. Six units taken with S WRK 140; 6 units taken with S WRK 141. Guided social work practice experience with individuals, groups, families, and organizations. Liability insurance required during internships. *CR/NC* grading only.

185. Senior Capstone Seminar (3)

Open only to social work majors. Prerequisites: senior standing or permission of instructor, 5 units of S WRK 181. Culminating senior seminar integrating theory and practice of social work, current trends in the profession. Satisfies the senior major requirement for the B.A. in Social Work.

190. Independent Study (1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *SP* grading.

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GRADUATE COURSES

Social Work (S WRK)

Note: Admission to the M.S.W. program is prerequisite to all graduate courses. Exceptions may be authorized by the department chair.

200. Social Welfare Policy I (3)

Philosophical and historical foundations of the profession of social work and the domain of social welfare. Includes review of major federally sponsored social policies and programs in the United States and the relationship between social problems, and programmatic professional responses.

203. Social Welfare Policy II (3)

Prerequisite: S WRK 200. Analysis of social welfare policies and program operations, including the linkage of social, economic, cultural, political, legislative, administrative and legal dimensions. Comparison of various policy analysis frameworks; the legislative process and involvement of social workers therein.

214. Human Behavior and Social Environment: Individuals and Families (3)

A bio-psycho-social system's perspective of the transactional context for the adaptive-maladaptive continuum of human behavior throughout the life span.

215. Human Behavior and Social Environment: Small Group, Organizational, and Community Behavior (3)

Theories of small groups, organizational, and community behavior from a social system's perspective.

216. Human Behavior and Social Environment: Cultural Diversity and Oppression (3)

Theoretical knowledge base and implications for advanced social work practice with culturally diverse and oppressed populations.

220. Seminar in Foundations for Social Work Practice (3)

Seminar about the development of social work practice, introducing the generalist approach to intervention with individuals, families, small groups, organizations and communities.

224. Seminar in Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with Individuals (3)

Prerequisites: S WRK 200, 220 and concurrent enrollment in S WRK 250. Analysis and application of the theories, principles and techniques of clinical social work practice with individuals.

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226. Seminar in Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with Groups (3)

Prerequisites: S WRK 200, 220 and 224 and concurrent enrollment in S WRK 250 or 251. Analysis and application of the theories, principles and techniques of clinical social work practice with small groups.

227. Seminar in Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice with Couples and Families (3)

Prerequisites: S WRK 200, 220 and 224 and concurrent enrollment in S WRK 250 or 251. Analysis and application of theories, principles and techniques of clinical social work practice with couples and families.

244. Seminar in Social Work Practice with Small Groups (3)

Prerequisites: S WRK 200 and 220 and concurrent enrollment in S WRK 250 or 251. The theory and practice of social work with small groups, including task, natural support, and self-help groups.

246. Seminar in Social Work Practice with Formal Organizations (3)

Prerequisite: S WRK 200 and 220 and concurrent enrollment in S WRK 250 or 251. Theory and practice of the administration of formal social service organizations.

247. Seminar in Social Work Practice with Communities (3)

Prerequisite: S WRK 200 and 220 and concurrent enrollment in S WRK 250 or 251. Theory and practice of social work intervention with communities.

250. Field Instructed Practice (2-8; max total 8)

Prerequisite: permission of field coordinator. Advanced, field-instructed practice experiences in work with individuals, groups, families, formal organizations, and communities; applying the theories and concepts of social work practice. Students are required to carry liability insurance during internships. Approved for *SP* grading. *CR/NC* grading only.

251. Field Instructed Practice (2-8; max total 8)

Prerequisite: S WRK 250. Continued advanced, field-instructed practice experiences in work with individuals, groups and families, formal organizations, and communities; applying the theories and concepts of social work practice. Students are required to carry liability insurance during internships. Approved for *SP* grading. *CR/NC* grading only.

271T. Seminar in Social Work Specializations (1-3; max total 8)

In-depth study of specific treatment modalities or methods, e.g., community organization, community development, crisis intervention, personality adjustment.

272T. Seminar in Areas of Social Work (1-3; max total 8)

Theories and developments in the areas of mental health, public health, administration of justice, child welfare, family welfare, income maintenance, schools, international social work, social gerontology, social rehabilitation.

273. Sex Therapy (3)

Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Emphasizes the recent developments in the understanding and identification of sexual disorders and, therefore, the appropriate means for therapeutic intervention. The focus is on commonly experienced sexual problems or disorders, treatment procedures, and evaluation of sexual therapy.

290. Independent Study (1-3; max total 6)

See *Academic Placement — Independent Study*. Approved for *SP* grading.

291. Advanced Social Work Research (3)

Prerequisite: prior statistics course. Strategies for advanced social work research methodology and analysis.

298. Project (2-4; max total 4)

Prerequisite: S WRK 291. See *Criteria for Thesis and Project*. A project must evidence originality and independent thinking, appropriate form and organization, and a rationale. It must be described and summarized in a written abstract that includes the project's significance, objectives, methodology, and a conclusion or recommendation. Approved for *SP* grading.

299. Thesis (3-6; max total 6)

Prerequisite: S WRK 291. See *Criteria for Thesis and Project*. Preparation, completion, and submission of an acceptable thesis for the master's degree. Approved for *SP* grading.

IN-SERVICE COURSE

(See *Course Numbering System*.)

Social Work (S WRK)

301. Seminar in Social Work Topics (1-3; max total 15)