

SOCIAL WORK UNDERGRADUATE (SWU)

SWU 311 | HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT | 4 quarter hours

(Undergraduate)

This is the first course of a two-part sequence designed to develop an understanding about human behavior and the social environment; the course offers an ecosystems framework and method for understanding human behavior within the context of personal, family, group and community systems. Using a bio-psycho-social theoretical framework, fundamental concepts and theories are introduced with the life cycle serving as the organizational focus. The course covers the first half of the life span: conception, infancy, childhood, adolescence and young adulthood.

Junior Standing or above is a prerequisite for this class.

SWU 312 | HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II | 4 quarter hours

(Undergraduate)

This is the second course of a two-part sequence designed to develop an understanding about human behavior and the social environment; the course offers an ecosystems framework and method for understanding human behavior within the context of personal, family, group and community systems, organizations, and institutions. Using a bio-psycho-social theoretical framework, fundamental concepts and theories are introduced with the life cycle serving as the organizational focus. The course covers the second half of the life span: young adulthood, middle adulthood, later adulthood and end of life.

MSW 311 and department consent are prerequisites for this course.

SWU 331 | SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY | 4 quarter hours

(Undergraduate)

This foundation-level course is designed to provide students with the entry-level knowledge of social work ethics and values, policy formation and analysis, and practice skills necessary to impact and interpret the rules and regulations surrounding social welfare. Emphasis is placed on understanding political processes at the agency, local, regional and federal level and attention is given to economic considerations as well as the unique role of social welfare policy in regulating the lives of clients, particularly those from historically oppressed groups.

Junior Standing or above is a prerequisite for this class.