

Degree Description

A certificate composed of the five unique courses (fifteen credit hours) identified by Texas in the Social Work Field of Study.

Intended for individuals who have completed associate degrees in other areas but need these courses to enter a Bachelors of Social Work program.

Semester I	Hours
SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work	3 hours
SOCI 1306 Social Problems	3 hours
MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods	3 hours
SOCW 2362 Social Welfare: Legislation, Programs, and Services	3 hours
SOCW 2389 Academic Cooperative ²	3 hours
Psychology/Sociology Elective elective ¹	3 hours
	18 hours

Total hours: 18 hours

¹ Prefer SOCI or PSYC. See your advisor for more information.

² Proposed ACGM description requires "...a minimum of 80 contact hours (48 hours in a social service setting)." Listed here is the only exact match option.

Electives/General Education Courses

Psychology/Sociology Elective

PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development	3 hours
PSYC 2315 Psychology of Adjustment	3 hours
PSYC 2316 Psychology of Personality	3 hours
PSYC 2317 Statistical Methods in Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 2319 Social Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 2320 Abnormal Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 2330 Biological Psychology	3 hours
PSYC 2389 Academic Cooperative	3 hours
SOCL 1301 Introduction to Sociology	3 hours
SOCL 2301 Marriage & the Family	3 hours
SOCL 2319 Minorities Studies	3 hours
SOCL 2326 Social Psychology	3 hours
SOCL 2336 Criminology	3 hours
SOCL 2389 Academic Cooperative	3 hours

Course Descriptions

SOCW 2361 Introduction to Social Work

An overview of the history and development of social work as a profession. The course is designed to foster a philosophical, historical, and critical understanding of the social work profession, including social work values, ethics, and areas of practice utilized under a Generalist Intervention Model. Prerequisite: TSI complete in Writing or have credit for INRW 0402 Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 1306 Social Problems

Application of sociological principles and theoretical perspectives to major social problems in contemporary society such as inequality, crime and violence, substance abuse, environmental issues, deviance, or family problems. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods

Collection, analysis, presentation and interpretation of data, and probability. Analysis includes descriptive statistics, correlation and regression, confidence intervals and hypothesis testing. Use of appropriate technology is recommended. Graphing calculator required. Prerequisite: TSI math complete or MATH 0308 or completion of college-level math course or consent of division chair. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCW 2362 Social Welfare: Legislation, Programs, and Services

This course offers a historical and contemporary examination of legislation and resulting programs, policies, and services in the context of the social welfare system in the United States. Special attention is given to the political, economic, environmental, and social conditions that prompted the development of legislation to meet the needs of vulnerable populations. Societal responses to legislation are also considered. Prerequisite: TSI complete in Writing or have credit for INRW 0402 Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCW 2389 Academic Cooperative

A supervised experiential learning course designed to integrate program study with introductory exposure to the field of Social Work. In conjunction with individual study and/or seminars, the student will set specific goals and objectives in the study of Social Work and/or social institutions. The Academic Cooperative is not a Social Work skills-based practice experience, but instead an observational volunteer experience. The course must include a minimum of 80 contact hours (48 hours in a social service setting). Prerequisite: Completion of SOCW 2361 with minimum grade of C or better. Prerequisite or Corequisite: Previous or concurrent enrollment in SOCW 2362. Semester Hours: 3 (2 lec/3 int)

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

General Psychology is a survey of the major psychological topics, theories and approaches to the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. NOTE: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development

Life-Span Growth and Development is a study of social, emotional, cognitive and physical factors and influences of a developing human from conception to death. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 or consent of instructor. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2315 Psychology of Adjustment

Study of the processes involved in adjustment of individuals to their personal and social environments. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2316 Psychology of Personality

Study of the various approaches to determinants, development, and assessment of personality. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2317 Statistical Methods in Psychology

This course covers descriptive and inferential statistics used in psychological research and assessment. It includes measurement, characteristics of distributions; measures of central tendency and variability; transformed scores; correlation and regression; probability theory; and hypotheses testing and inference. (PSYC 2317 is included in the Psychology Field of Study.) Prerequisites: PSYC 2301 and MATH 1314 both with a grade of C or better. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2319 Social Psychology

Study of individual behavior within the social environment. May include topics such as the socio-psychological process, attitude formation and change, interpersonal relations, and group processes. Cross-listed as SOCI 2326. NOTE: Credit will not be given for both PSYC 2319 and SOCI 2326. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2320 Abnormal Psychology

This course provides an introduction to the psychological, biological, and socio-cultural factors involved in the development, diagnosis, and treatment of psychological disorders. It includes a review of the historical understanding of abnormal behavior and the development of modern diagnostic systems. It includes discussion of psychological research and practice as it relates to mental health and psychological functioning, as well as legal and ethical issues. (PSYC 2320 is included in the Psychology Field of Study.) Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 with a grade of C or better. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2330 Biological Psychology

An introduction to the biological bases of behavior. Topics include evolution, genetics, research methods in behavioral neuroscience, motivation and emotion, sensation and perception, learning and memory, lifespan development, cognition, psychological disorders, and other complex behaviors. (PSYC 2330 is included in the Psychology Field of Study.) Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

PSYC 2389 Academic Cooperative

An instructional program designed to integrate on-campus study with practical hands-on experience in psychology. In conjunction with class seminars, the individual student will set specific individual goals and objectives in the study of human social behavior and/or social institutions. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology

The scientific study of human society, including ways in which groups, social institutions, and individuals affect each other. Causes of social stability and social change are explored through the application of various theoretical perspectives, key concepts, and related research methods of sociology. Analysis of social issues in their institutional context may include topics such as social stratification, gender, race/ethnicity, and deviance. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 2301 Marriage & the Family

Sociological and theoretical analysis of the structures and functions of the family, the varied cultural patterns of the American family, and the relationships that exist among the individuals within the family, as well as the relationships that exist between the family and other institutions in society. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 2319 Minorities Studies

This course studies minority-majority group relations, addressing their historical, cultural, social, economic, and institutional development in the United States. Both sociological and social psychological levels of analysis will be employed to discuss issues including experiences of minority groups within the context of their cultural heritage and tradition, as well as that of the dominant culture. Core concepts to be examined include (but are not limited to) social inequality, dominance/subordination, prejudice, and discrimination. Particular minority groups discussed may include those based on poverty, race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or religion. Prerequisite: Must have passed the reading portion of the TSI Assessment or have credit for INRW 0402. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 2326 Social Psychology

Study of individual behavior within the social environment. May include topics such as the socio-psychological process, attitude formation and change, interpersonal relations, and group processes. Cross-listed as PSYC 2319. NOTE: Credit will not be given for both PSYC 2319 and SOCI 2326. Prerequisite: PSYC 2301 or SOCI 1301. Semester Hours 3 (3 lec)

SOCI 2336 Criminology

The course syurveys various theories of crime, with an emphasis on understanding the social causes of criminal behavior. The techniques for measuring crime as a social phenomenon and the characteristics of criminal are examined. This course addresses crime types (such as consensual or white-collar crimes), the criminal justice system, and other social responses to crime. Semester hours 3 (3 lec)

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