



WACO, TEXAS

**COURSE SYLLABUS
AND
INSTRUCTOR PLAN**

Introduction to Social Work

SOCW 2361.87

Ted Robles

NOTE: This is a 16-online week course

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

Course Description:

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. (SOCW 2361 is included in the Social Work Field of Study.)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Notes and Instructor Recommendations:

SOCW 2361 is offered each semester.

Instructor Information:

Instructor Name:	Professor Ted Robles
MCC E-mail:	trobles@mclennan.edu
Office Phone Number:	By Zoom Conference Call
Office Location:	CSC B7
Office Hours:	Monday 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. by Zoom Tuesday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. by Zoom Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. by Zoom

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<https://mclennan.zoom.us/j/97855436171>

Or, go to <https://mclennan.zoom.us/join>
and enter meeting ID: 978 5543 6171

Other Instruction Information: *All communication will be conducted via email. If you call my telephone number, please leave a message, and follow up with an email. If you need to speak with me verbally, we can set up a zoom meeting during my posted office hours.

Required Text & Materials:

Title: *Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare: Empowering People*
Author: Zastrow
Edition: Twelfth
Publisher: Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning
ISBN: 978-1-305-38833-8

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

The instructor will use chapter readings, discussion boards, videos, and quizzes to present the material.

Core Objectives for Social & Behavioral Sciences:

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.

- **Critical Thinking (CT)** -- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communications Skill (COM)** -- to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- **Empirical & Quantitative Skills (EQS)** -- to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social Responsibility (SR)** -- to include intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

1. To develop knowledge and understanding of the social work profession including its history, mission, and its relationship to the social welfare institution. (Critical Thinking Skills)
2. To develop knowledge and understanding of the institution of social welfare, including its history and current pattern of providing service. (Social Responsibility)
3. To explain diverse practice settings for the professional social worker.

4. To explore social problems within which the social work profession works in this society, including poverty, alcohol and drug addiction, crime, child abuse, etc. (Critical Thinking Skills)
5. To explore societal, social work, and personal value systems in order to gain an understanding of their compatibility/incompatibility within each student.
6. To engage the student in an experiential community service assignment within a social agency to add reality to classroom study.

Course Outline or Schedule:

Unit 1: Orientation

Unit 2: Social Welfare: It's Business, History and Future

Unit 3: Social Work as a Profession and a Career

Unit 4: Generalist Social Work Practice

Unit 5: Poverty and Public Welfare

Unit 6: Emotional/Behavioral Problems and Counseling

Unit 7: Family Problems and Services to Families

Unit 8: Sexual Orientation and Services to LGBT Individuals

Unit 9: Drug Abuse and Drug Treatment Programs

Unit 10: Crime, Juvenile Delinquency, and Correctional Services

Unit 11: Problems in Education and School Social Work

Unit 12: Racism, Ethnocentrism, and Strategies for Advancing Social and Economic Justice

Unit 13: Aging and Gerontological Services

Unit 14: Health Problems and Medical Social Services

Unit 15: Physical and Mental Disabilities and Rehabilitation

**** Please note that there will be a separate module in Brightspace that will have a calendar with dates for assignments, quizzes, and discussion boards***

Course Grading Information and description of major assignments.

Discussion Boards (Db) (15 x 50 pts)

Every unit, there will be discussion board question for you to consider. **YOU MUST WRITE ONE (1) WELL THOUGHT-OUT, ORIGINAL PARAGRAPHS (NO LESS THAN 10 SENTENCES) FOR YOUR INITIAL/FIRST Db POST. YOU MUST INCLUDE BOTH IN-TEXT AND REFERENCE APA CITATIONS IN YOUR POSTS. NEXT, YOU MUST RESPOND TO TWO (2) OF YOUR PEERS' POSTS. YOU MUST WRITE ONE (1) WELL-THOUGHT-OUT ORIGINAL PARAGRAPH (NO LESS THAN 10 SENTENCES). AS IN YOUR ORIGINAL POST, YOU MUST INCLUDE IN-TEXT AND REFERENCE APA CITATIONS. All posts must be completed by 11:55 p.m. on the date specified on the course outline/schedule or calendar.** Every Db post must have appropriate content and be constructive in nature. Please submit thoughtful and meaningful posts. A simple statement such as, "I agree" or "You're right" is not enough. In addition, please do not use "text-speak", such as LOL, BFF, etc. **Students who do an EXCELLENT job of contributing and following all instructions will receive the full 50 possible points for the discussion board post. Students who contribute less will receive less points. Students who do not provide all 3 postings each week will receive zero (0) points regardless of their content.** I grade for grammar and spelling.

Quizzes (15 x 25 pts.)

There will be 15 quizzes during the semester, but the instructor reserves the right to vary this number as needed. Each unit will have a quiz that will be composed of 25 randomly selected multiple-choice or True/False questions. **You must complete and submit each unit's quiz no later than 11:55 p.m. on the date specified on the calendar.** After this time the quiz shuts off and you will not be able to access it and your grade will be a zero (0). There will be 15 quizzes during the semester, but the instructor reserves the right to vary this number as needed. Each unit will have a quiz that will be composed of 25 randomly selected multiple-choice or True/False questions. **You must complete and submit each unit's quiz no later than 11:55 p.m. on the date specified on the course outline/schedule or calendar.** After this time the quiz shuts off and you will not be able to access it. Your grade will be a zero (0) for that quiz. This is a timed test, and you will have 50 minutes to complete all of the questions. **After 50 minutes, the test will shut off.** You will have one chance to take this quiz. Make sure that you are ready to take the quiz before you hit the begin button.

Values Analysis Paper (250 pts.)

Information and instructions for the Values Analysis Paper will be given in detail on the "Assignment" sheet.

Social Work Specialization Paper (250 pts.)

Information and instructions for the Social Work Specialization Paper will be given in detail on the “Assignment” sheet.

Course Grading Information

Discussion Board	15 @ 50 Points Each	750	Points
Quizzes	15 @ 25 Points Each	375	Points
Value Analysis	1 @ 250 Points Each	250	Points
Social Work Specialization Paper	1 @ 250 Points Each	250	Points
Total Points Possible		1625	Points

Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Total Points	1625-1462.5	1462.4-1300	1299-1137.5	1137.4-975	974 & Below

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

I DO NOT ACCEPT LATE WORK!!!
NO EXCEPTIONS. ALL WORK TURNED IN
AFTER A DUE DATE WILL RECEIVE A
GRADE OF “0”.

Withdrawal

[*Click Here for Information Regard Student Withdrawal](http://www.mclennan.edu/records/withdraw.html)

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The link above will give you information about student withdrawing from classes.

Incomplete

I-Incomplete-this grade is given when a course is incomplete because a student's absence is caused by illness, or other reasons acceptable to the instructor, prevents the student from completing the required projects of the course. To be eligible, the student must have essentially completed the course. The work remaining should be of such nature as not to require class

attendance. If the work is not made up within the following long semester, the "I" will be changed to an "F" and the course must be repeated if credit is to be given.

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

In general, students are expected to maintain classroom decorum that includes respect for other students and the instructor and an attitude that seeks to take full advantage of the education opportunity. The Highlander Guides describes the rights, privileges and obligations of students affiliated with MCC.

Ethics

Cheating will not be tolerated. Any student found to be cheating will be subject to grade reduction, re-doing of assignments, and/or dismissed from the course. Examples of cheating include but are not limited to:

- Copying the work of another student
- Seeking excused absences/tardies under false pretenses
- Plagiarism (claiming as your own work the work of another)

Courtesy and Respect

Students should demonstrate courtesy and respect to all instructors, guests, and fellow students. While honest discussion and debate of topics is expected and encouraged, such interactions should not involve aggressive, derogatory, or hostile behaviors (verbal or otherwise). The instructor reserves the right to act to protect the decorum of the learning environment and the image of MCC.

[Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy](https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html)

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Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Your instructor may have additional guidelines specific to this course.

Statement of Workplace and Foundation Competencies

McLennan Community College is determined to prepare you with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in today's dynamic work environment. Towards this end, the following workplace competencies and foundation skills have been designed into the curriculum for:

Mental Health Program:

COMMON WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES

Manage Resources:	Time / Money / Materials / Space / Staff
Exhibit Interpersonal Skills:	Work on teams/ Teach others / Serve customers / Lead work teams/ Negotiate with others
Work with Information:	Acquire & evaluate data / Interpret & communicate data
Apply Systems Knowledge:	Work within social systems / Work within technological systems / Work within organizational systems / Monitor & correct system performance /Design & improve systems
Use Technology:	Select equipment and tools

FOUNDATION SKILLS

Demonstrate Basic Skills:	Arithmetic & Mathematics / Speaking / Listening
Demonstrate Thinking Skills:	Creative thinking / Decision making / Problem solving / Thinking logically
Exhibit Personal Qualities:	Self-esteem / Self-management / Integrity

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SCANS COMPETENCIES.	
1. Managing Resources: a. Manage time b. Manage money c. Manage materials d. Manage space e. Manage staff	a. 2,4,5,6 b. 2,4,5 c. 2,4,5 d. 2,4,5. e. 2,4,5
2. Exhibiting Interpersonal Skills: a. Work on teams b. Teach others c. Serve customers d. Lead work teams e. Negotiate with others f. Work with different cultures	a. 3,5,6 b. 3,4,5,6 c. 3,4,5,6 d. 3,4,5,6 e. 3,4,5,6 f. 3,4,5,6
3. Working with Information: a. Acquire/evaluate data b. Organize/maintain information c. Interpret/communicate data d. Process information with computers	a. 1,2,4,5,6 b. 1,2,4,5,6 c. 1,2,4,5,6 d. 5,6
4. Applying systems knowledge: a. Work within social systems b. Work within technological systems c. Work within organizational systems d. Monitor/correct system performance e. Design/improve systems	a. 2,3,4,5,6 b. 2,3,4,5,6 c. 2,3,4,5,6 d. 2,3,4,5,6, e. 5,6
5. Using Technology: a. Select equipment and tools b. Apply technology to specific tasks c. Maintain/trouble shoot technologies	a. 5,6 b. 5,6 c. 5,6
SCANS FOUNDATIONS.	
6. Demonstrating Basic Skills: a. Reading b. Writing c. Arithmetic/Mathematics d. Speaking e. Listening	a. 1,2,3,4,5,6 b. 4,5,6, c. 5,6 d. 3,4,5,6 e. 3,4,5,6
7. Demonstrating Thinking Skills: a. Creative thinking b. Decision making c. Problem solving d. Thinking logically e. Seeing with the mind's eye	a. 2,4,5,6 b. 2,4,5,6 c. 2,4,5,6 d. 2,4,5,6 e. 2,4,5,6
8. Exhibiting Personal Qualities: a. Individual responsibility b. Self-esteem c. Sociability d. Self-management e. Integrity	a. 1,2,3,4,5,6 b. 4,5,6 c. 4,5,6 d. 4,5,6 e. 4,5,6

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ACADEMIC RESOURCES/POLICIES

Accommodations/ADA Statement:

Any student who is a qualified individual with a disability may request reasonable accommodations to assist with providing equal access to educational opportunities. Students should contact the Accommodations Coordinator as soon as possible to provide documentation and make necessary arrangements. Once that process is completed, appropriate verification will be provided to the student and instructor. Please note that instructors are not required to provide classroom accommodations to students until appropriate verification has been provided by the Accommodations Coordinator. For additional information, please visit www.mclennan.edu/disability.

Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

Title IX:

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Chief of Staff for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion/Title IX) at (254) 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC at (254) 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

Go to McLennan's Title IX webpage at www.mclennan.edu/titleix/. It contains more information about definitions, reporting, confidentiality, resources, and what to do if you or someone you know is a victim of sexual misconduct, gender-based violence or the crimes of rape, acquaintance rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment, stalking, dating violence, or domestic violence.

Student Support/Resources:

MCC provides a variety of services to support student success in the classroom and in your academic pursuits to include counseling, tutors, technology help desk, advising, financial aid, etc. A listing of these and the many other services available to our students is available at <http://www.mclennan.edu/campus-resource-guide/>

College personnel recognize that food, housing, and transportation are essential for student success. If you are having trouble securing these resources or want to explore strategies for balancing life and school, we encourage you to contact a Success Coach by calling (254) 299-8226 or emailing SuccessCoach@mclennan.edu. Students may visit the Completion Center Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. to schedule a meeting with a Success Coach and receive additional resources and support to help reach academic and personal goals. Paulanne's Pantry (MCC's food pantry) provides free food by appointment to students, faculty and staff based on household size. Text (254) 870-7573 to schedule a pantry appointment. The Completion Center and pantry are located on the Second Floor of the Student Services Center (SSC).

MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

Unanticipated expenses, such as car repairs, medical bills, housing, or job loss can affect us all. Should an unexpected expense arise, the MCC Foundation has an emergency grant fund that may be able to assist you. Please go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/scholarships-and-resources/emergencygrant.html> to find out more about the emergency grant. The application can be found at https://www.mclennan.edu/foundation/docs/Emergency_Grant_Application.pdf.

MCC Academic Integrity Statement:

Go to www.mclennan.edu/academic-integrity for information about academic integrity, dishonesty, and cheating.

Minimum System Requirements to Utilize MCC's D2L|Brightspace:

Go to <https://www.mclennan.edu/center-for-teaching-and-learning/Faculty-and-Staff-Commons/requirements.html> for information on the minimum system requirements needed to reliably access your courses in MCC's D2L|Brightspace learning management system.

Minimum Technical Skills:

Students should have basic computer skills, knowledge of word processing software, and a basic understanding of how to use search engines and common web browsers.

Backup Plan for Technology:

In the event MCC's technology systems are down, you will be notified via your MCC student email address. Please note that all assignments and activities will be due on the date specified in the Instructor Plan, unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

Email Policy:

McLennan Community College would like to remind you of the policy (<http://www.mclennan.edu/employees/policy-manual/docs/E-XXXI-B.pdf>) regarding college email. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to use their McLennan email addresses when conducting college business.

A student's McLennan email address is the preferred email address that college employees should use for official college information or business. Students are expected to read and, if needed, respond in a timely manner to college emails.

Instructional Uses of Email:

Faculty members can determine classroom use of email or electronic communications. Faculty should expect and encourage students to check the college email on a regular basis. Faculty should inform students in the course syllabus if another communication method is to be used and of any special or unusual expectations for electronic communications.

If a faculty member prefers not to communicate by email with their students, it should be reflected in the course syllabus and information should be provided for the preferred form of communication.

Email on Mobile Devices:

The College recommends that you set up your mobile device to receive McLennan emails. If you need assistance with set-up, you may email Helpdesk@mclennan.edu for help.

Forwarding Emails:

You may forward emails that come to your McLennan address to alternate email addresses; however, the College will not be held responsible for emails forwarded to an alternate address that may be lost or placed in junk or spam filters.

Disclaimer:

The resources and policies listed above are merely for informational purposes and are subject to change without notice or obligation. The College reserves the right to change policies and other requirements in compliance with State and Federal laws. The provisions of this document do not constitute a contract.