

Social Welfare (SOC WEL)

SOC WEL 10 An Introduction to American Social Welfare in World Context 2 Units

Department: Social Welfare

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 5 hours of lecture/discussion per week for 6 weeks. 2 hours of lecture/discussion per week.

This course will consider the U.S. social welfare system in comparison with systems in other parts of the world, including Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom. It will examine the history and role of "welfare," "the welfare state," and the social work profession in the U.S. and in other countries and will consider key issues in contemporary social work practice. Topics such as discrimination, economic deprivation, and oppression and their effects on people of color, women, and gay and lesbian people will be highlighted.

SOC WEL 20 Confronting America's Social Problems 2 Units

Department: Social Welfare

Course level: Undergraduate

Term course may be offered: Summer

Grading: Letter grade.

Hours and format: 5 hours of Session per week for 6 weeks.

America's recognition of and response to major social problems usually involves a mix of hyperbole and denial, inaction and innovation, volunteerism and professionalization, feasts and famines of resources, media applause and attack, and unsustained successes and long-term failures. What is usually lacking is a consistent, thoughtful effort. Yet help is given and lives are changed, for better and sometimes worse. Social Welfare 20 considers the American approach to social problems through an examination of issues such as substance abuse, mental illness, poverty and inequality, homelessness, family violence, and child maltreatment. Each area will be explored in terms of history, causes and dimensions, and human service and social policy responses.

Instructor: Grossman

SOC WEL 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Department: Social Welfare

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall and spring

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Hours and format: 1 hour of Seminar per week for 15 weeks.

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment is limited to 15 freshmen.

Course may be repeated for credit as topic varies. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

SOC WEL 97 Field Studies in Social Welfare 1 - 3 Units

Department: Social Welfare

Course level: Undergraduate

Terms course may be offered: Fall, spring and summer

Grading: Offered for pass/not pass grade only.

Hours and format: Field work in community agencies and individual conferences with faculty.

Supervised experience relevant to specific aspects of social welfare in off-campus non-profit and governmental organizations.

Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.