Social Welfare, Minor

Description

The social welfare minor prepares students for work in human service settings where a fundamental knowledge of human relations is required. It complements careers in journalism, communications, public administration, nursing and related fields, and provides a foundation for students who seek to pursue an MSW. The minor enhances and broadens the ability of students to analyze complex family, individual and societal problems in the context of societal values, cultural diversity and other social and economic variables. The minor also contributes to students' understanding of society and social behavior, encourages critical thinking and helps develop communication skills.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Public Service and Community Solutions
- Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

Program Requirements

Students should:

1. be at sophomore standing to take 300- or 400-level courses
2. complete 18 credit hours of graded course work (internship or independent study not applicable)
3. complete a minimum of 12 credit hours of resident credit at ASU
4. complete SWU 171 as the prerequisite for all upper-division SWU courses
5. earn a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher for all classes in the minor
6. maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (4.00 scale) or higher
7. meet with a social welfare advisor prior to registration
8. take a minimum of 12 credit hours of upper-division course work from the approved list
Required Courses

SWU 171: Introduction to Social Work (SB & H)(3)
SWU 291: Social Service Delivery Systems(3)
SWU 432: Social Policy and Services(3)

Select three credit hours from the following list:

SWU 374: Diversity and Oppression in a Social Work Context (C)(3)
SWU 456: Immigrants and Refugees (C)(3)
SWU 457: Southwest Borderland Immigration Issues (C)(3)
SWU 459: Spirituality and the Helping Professions(3)
SWU 461: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (C)(3)

Select six credit hours from the following list:*

SWU 303: Micro Human Behavior and the Social Environment (L or SB)(3)
SWU 340: Macro Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SB)(3)
SWU 454: Overview of Addictions(3)
SWU 456: Immigrants and Refugees (C)(3)
SWU 457: Southwest Borderland Immigration Issues (C)(3)
SWU 458: Behavioral Health Services(3)
SWU 459: Spirituality and the Helping Professions(3)
SWU 460: Legal Issues in Social Work(3)
SWU 461: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (C)(3)
SWU 462: Global Social Welfare(3)
SWU 498: Pro-Seminar (L)(1-7)

*Note: Student may select one additional course from the cultural diversity in the U.S. options above.
*Note: SWU 456, SWU 457, SWU 459, and SWU 461 cannot be used as both as an elective and in #2 above.

Lower-division credit hours required: 6
Upper-division credit hours required: 12
Total credit hours required: 18

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00
Majors Ineligible to Add This Minor: Social Work, BSW; Public Service and Public Policy (Social Services Delivery), BA; Community Advocacy and Social Policy, BA

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Students should meet with a social welfare advisor prior to registration.

Students in most majors may pursue at least one minor and, upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework, have that accomplishment officially recognized on the ASU transcript at graduation if the college or department of the minor officially certifies, through established verification procedures, that all requirements for the minor have been met and the college (and in certain colleges, the department) of the student's major allows the official recognition of the minor.

A student wishing to pursue a specific minor should consult an academic advisor in the unit offering that minor to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. The student should also consult an academic advisor in the college or department of the major to make sure the college or department of the major allows the recognition of the minor.

Note: Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate either by the college or department of the major or minor. Courses taken as part of a minor may not count toward both the major degree and the minor. Students should contact the department for more information.

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