Social Welfare, Minor

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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 a MSW. The minor enhances and broadens students' abilities 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:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

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 -- 9 credit hours**

- 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 -- 3 credit hours**

- 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* -- 6 credit hours**

- 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:** BSW in social work; BA in public service and public policy (social services delivery); BA in community advocacy and social policy

**Other Enrollment Requirements:** None

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

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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