

Sociology 110

Introduction to Social Work

3 units; 3 hours lecture

Recommended Preparation: Sociology 101

Degree applicable Transfer CSU

This course introduces students to the field and profession of social work. Following a generalist model of practice within an ecological framework, students will learn about the historical influences that shaped the development of the social work profession as well as its core ethics and values, paying close attention to the missions of social justice and cultural competency. Course content will explore central theoretical influences, the functions and roles of social work practitioners, the various social service delivery systems and fields of practice social workers typically work in as well as populations that social workers typically serve.

Course Objectives:

1. Identify and discuss the characteristics of the social work profession.
Multiple Choice
2. Explain the historical development of the social work profession.
Essay exams
3. Define and assess various theoretical frameworks currently used by social work practitioners.
Term or other papers
4. Identify populations served by social work practitioners as describe common characteristics and needs.
Essay exams.
5. Discuss the roles and functions of social workers.
Multiple Choice
6. Describe the variety of social service settings and fields of practice social work practitioners work in.
Multiple Choice
7. Understand and analyze social welfare policies and the accompanying effects on social service delivery.
Multiple Choice
8. Examine the values and ethical considerations of professional social workers according to the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.
Multiple Choice
9. Evaluate how race, ethnicity, lifestyle, sexuality, gender, and class shape the social work profession.
Term or other papers
10. Explain what generalist social work practice involves.
Multiple Choice
11. Assess the future of the social work profession in American society.
Term or other papers

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

1. Theoretical Perspectives
Students will demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of theoretical perspectives and apply sociological perspectives such as the social systems and ecological perspectives to the study of social work practice.
2. Sociological Concepts
Students will demonstrate an understanding of sociological concepts, such as micro, macro, mezzo levels of interventions, social justice, cultural competency, along with the central roles and functions of

social work practitioners, the communities they serve, and the social service systems they work within by applying them to social scenarios.

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