



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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BACKGROUND:

Since the last revision of the Master of Social Work (MSW) and the Diploma in Social Work (Dip SW) curricula in 1984, there have been various developments which necessitate a review of these graduate programs. The focus on globalization, the widening gap between the rich and the poor sectors of society, and the increase in the number of disadvantaged groups pose challenges to social work practice. At the same time, the devolution of basic social services to local government units stresses the importance of practitioners to be able to influence changes in social policy and develop appropriate interventions with various target groups.

In a series of faculty workshops and consultations with practitioners, the Department of Social Work saw the need to redefine the thrust of the current MSW and DSW curricula. While affirming the goal of preparing graduates for leadership on social development work, it sees the need to develop a critical, proactive stance among practitioners who can work towards meaningful changes at various levels. Consistent with proposed global standards for social work education, the Department seeks to develop among practitioners the commitment towards “human rights, social justice, and caring for, and the empowerment of individuals, groups and communities.”

The goal of the proposed MSW curriculum is to prepare students for leadership in social transformation and human development through policy advocacy and development of innovative practice models. Rather than focusing on areas of specialization, the Department sees the importance of developing among its students the necessary competencies for advocating policy changes and building innovative practice strategies at whatever level or area of practice they may be in, whether micro or macro. This redefined thrust will enable them to hone their knowledge and skills in integrative social work practice which is responsive to changing global and national realities.

Thus, the proposed MSW program will have these basic curricular areas to enable students to have a wholistic perspective of social work practice:

- Core courses in social work;
- Social policy advocacy; and,
- Integrative social work models.

The Diploma in Social Work program, which seeks to respond to the demand for higher level competence in direct practice and supervision among practitioners, will essentially follow the thrust of the MSW program.

Applicants may apply for graduate programs at least one month before the regular registration period of the first semester/second semester of any school year, the applicant must submit the following:

- ✓ A duly accomplished application form for admission
- ✓ An official transcript of academic records of the highest degree obtained by the applicant (one original and a photocopy)
- ✓ At least two letters of reference from persons who are in the best position by the applicant's potential for graduate work, and
- ✓ For non-English speaking students, a certificate of English proficiency (TOEFL) with a grade of 500 or above.

BASIC CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

MODULE	DIPLOMA (SW)	MSW (PLAN A)	MSW (PLAN B)
Core Courses	12	12	12
Social Policy Advocacy	3	6	6
Integrative SW Modules	9	12	12
Seminar Courses	3	-	6
Cognates	-	-	3
Thesis	-	6	-
Compre Exam	✓	-	✓
TOTAL	27	36	39

DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL WORK

FIRST YEAR

CORE COURSES

		UNITS
SW 201	Social Work Perspectives	3
SW 210	Social Work Administration	3
SW 225	Social Work Practice Models	3
SW 290	Social Work Research	3... 12

SOCIAL POLICY ADVOCACY

SW 211	Social Welfare Policy Analysis & Development	3... 3
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SECOND YEAR

INTEGRATIVE SOCIAL WORK MODELS

SW 226	Social Work Interventions	3
SW 235	Social Work Education and Training	3
SW 286	Field Instruction 2: Integrative SW Practice	3... 9

Seminar Course

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION		3... 3
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Grand Total: 27 Units

Prerequisite for non-BSSW graduates (not credited for the DSW/MSW Program Requirements):

SW 202	Human Behavior and Social Change	3
SW 220	Social Work Theory & Practice in the Phils.	3
SW 285	Field Instruction 1: Generalist SW Practice	3... 9

COURSE DESCRIPTION

SW 201	SOCIAL WORK PERSPECTIVES. Mainstream and emerging frameworks in social work practice, with emphasis on Philippines practice realities. 3 units.
SW 210	SOCIAL WORK ADMINISTRATION. Perspectives and approaches in the management and operation of groups, people's organizations, social welfare and development agencies. 3 units.
SW 211	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT. Approaches and techniques for policy analysis and formulation in social welfare and social development settings. 3 units. Prerequisites: SW 201, SW 210, SW 225, SW 290
SW 215	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY ADVOCACY. Approaches to and processes in social welfare policy advocacy. 3 units. Prerequisites: SW 211
SW 225	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE MODELS. Integrative, culturally sensitive and transformative social work practice models. 3 units.
SW 226	SOCIAL WORK INTERVENTIONS. Methods and processes of selected social work interventions. 3 units. Prerequisites: SW 201, SW 210, SW 225, SW 290.
SW 235	SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING. Perspectives on and skills in popular, participatory, and gender-responsive education for social transformation. 3 units. Prerequisites: SW 201, SW 210, SW 225, SW 290.
SW 285	FIELD INSTRUCTION 1. GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. Supervised field placement in a social welfare setting. 3 units. Prerequisites: SW 202, SW 220.
SW 286	FIELD INSTRUCTION 2. INTEGRATIVE SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. Application of differential interventive models in a social and development field setting. 3 units. Prerequisite: SW 215, SW 226, SW 235
SW 287	FIELD INSTRUCTION 3. INNOVATIVE INTERVENTIONS IN SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. Critique of existing models and development of innovative and integrative models in Philippine social work practice. 3 units. Prerequisite: SW 286
SW 290	SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH. Research methods and participatory action research for social work practitioners. 3 units.
SW 300	THESIS. 6 Units.

SEMINAR COURSES

SW 251	SOCIAL WORK AND THE LAW. Legislations, legal programs; and processes related to social work practice. 3 units. Prerequisite: COI
SW 253	SUPERVISION IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES. Supervisory principles, approaches, and techniques in the supervision of professional staff, paraprofessionals and volunteers. 3 units. Prerequisite: COI
SW 254	SEMINAR ON CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. 3 Units.
SW 255	SOCIAL WORK AND MIGRATION. Labor migration and its social implications, appropriate social welfare responses at the individual, community and policy levels. 3 units.
SW 256	WOMEN, GENDER AND SOCIAL WORK. Gender-sensitive perspectives, approaches, and methodologies in Philippine social work practice with particular emphasis on issues related to women. 3 units.

PREREQUISITES FOR NON-BSSW GRADUATES

SW 202	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND SOCIAL CHANGE. Theories of human behavior and their implications to social work interventions for social change. 3 units.
SW 220	GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. Basic processes and methods for generalist social work practice in the Philippines. 3 units.
SW 285	FIELD INSTRUCTION 1. GENERALIST SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE. Supervised field placement in a social welfare setting. 3 units. Prerequisites: SW 202, SW 220.