

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: School of Social Work

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Specifics (see instructions):

We are requesting changes to our current Social Welfare Minor. The table below shows the changes requested.

Current Requirements for the Social Welfare Minor	Requested changes to the Social Welfare Minor
<p>Required courses (9 credits):</p> <p>SOWK 260: Social Welfare, Social Policy and Social Work I (3) SOWK 360: Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work II (3) SOWK 388: Human Behavior I (3)</p>	<p>Required courses (9 credits):</p> <p><i>SOWK 250: Introduction to Social Work (3)</i> SOWK 260: Social Welfare, Social Policy and Social Work I (3) SOWK 388: Human Behavior I (3)</p>
<p>Elective courses (9 credits): Students select from the following courses:</p> <p>SOWK 240: Information Technology in Social Work (3)</p> <p>SOWK 311: Introduction to Field Experience in Social Work (3) SOWK 386: Strengthening Family Structure (3) SOWK 387: Policies, Program, and Services to Children (3) SOWK 389: Human Behavior II (3) SOWK 372: Social Work and Health Care (3) SOWK 373: Demystifying the DSM: A Social Work Perspective (3) SOWK 374 Social Work Practice with Immigrants & Refugees (3) SOWK 377: Women and Social Policy (3) SOWK 390: Special Topics (3) SOWK 395: Addictive Behavior and Social Functioning (3) SOWK 470: Social Work Research (3) SOWK 499: Independent Study (1-3)</p>	<p>Elective courses (9 credits): Students select from the following courses:</p> <p><i>SOWK 360: Social Welfare, Social Policy, and Social Work II (3)</i> <i>SOWK 369: Contemporary Issues, Cultures and Social Work Practice in Aging (3)</i> <i>SOWK 370: Social Work and the Criminal Justice System (3)</i></p> <p>SOWK 311: Introduction to Field Experience in Social Work (3) SOWK 386: Strengthening Family Structure (3) SOWK 387: Policies, Program, and Services to Children (3) SOWK 389: Human Behavior II (3) SOWK 372: Social Work and Health Care (3) SOWK 373: Demystifying the DSM: A Social Work Perspective (3) SOWK 374 Social Work Practice with Immigrants & Refugees (3) SOWK 377: Women and Social Policy (3) SOWK 390: Special Topics (3) SOWK 395: Addictive Behavior and Social Functioning (3) SOWK 470: Social Work Research (3) SOWK 499: Independent Study (1-3)</p>

Rationale (see instructions):

A new introduction to the profession course (SOWK 250: Introduction to Social Work) was approved by the UGC as a requirement for social work majors. Because this course provides an overview of the profession, we believe it should also be a requirement for those completing a Social Welfare Minor. This course provides a foundation for the other courses students take. We are asking that this course (SOWK 250) be added as a requirement and that SOWK 360 (Social Welfare, Social

Policy, and Social Work II) is added as one of the elective courses. This change would require students to take the two introduction courses we offer (one to the profession and one to social welfare policy) plus the first human behavior course.

Additionally, we are asking that two more courses, also approved by the UGC, be added as electives to the minor. These courses are SOWK 369: Contemporary Issues, Cultures and Social Work Practice in Aging and SOWK 370: Social Work and the Criminal Justice System. SOWK 369 has been approved as a "Culture" course. Adding these courses as electives for the minor, would give students more options when selecting their courses.

SOWK 240: Information Technology in Social Work is no longer offered, however, students who have taken this course as one of their electives, will be able to count it as part of their minor requirement.

These requests do not make any changes to the number of credits students need to complete. Students still need to take 9 credits of required courses plus 9 credits of electives.