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Soci 461: Social Welfare and Social Work

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Prerequisites: Sociology major/minor; Recommended for anyone considering social work, counseling, or human service administration.

General Education: No

Course Description: Sociology 461 is an introduction to the profession of social work and the field of social welfare. This course will provide students with an overview of the history, philosophy, values and knowledge base of the social work profession, emphasizing human diversity, generalist interventions and fields of practice. The person-in-environment perspective will be discussed as the framework for social work knowledge, values and skills.

The course will examine multiple dimensions of major social issues (such as poverty, child welfare, access to education, mental health and welfare reform) and the ways that government, social service agencies, volunteer associations and social workers have responded both historically and currently to these issues.

Please note: This course includes a service-learning component. Throughout the semester, students will be expected to participate in relevant and meaningful off campus, hands-on learning activities with a community partner that will enhance their academic learning and allow them to gain an understanding of social work practice.

Assignments: TBA

Required Readings: TBA

Above is subject to change.