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## General Syllabus

### SOWK 4903 Field Instruction I (Seminar)

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory: 0

Prerequisite: BSW major with senior standing and consent of department head

Corequisite: SOWK 4914 Social Work Practicum I.

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

#### I. Course Information

##### A. Catalog Description

Discussion and integration of experiences from SOWK 4914

#### II. Student Learning Outcomes

##### A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly.  
Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.
2. Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments.
3. Engage in analysis of quantitative and qualitative research methods and research findings.
4. Respond to contexts that shape practice. Select and use appropriate methods for evaluation of outcomes.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics. <http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/CODE/Default.asp>.

##### B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

###### Analytical Skills

###### Critical Thinking

Students will apply essential self-evaluation skills and use of supervision pertinent to generalist social work practice. Students will participate in class discussion regarding

generalist social work practice and weekly supervision meetings that address the nine competencies as set forth by the Council on Social Work Education.

**Communication Skills (written and oral)**

Students will prepare papers and oral presentations concerning their practice competencies.

**Ethical Decision Making**

Students will identify and process ethical dilemmas related to their own practice experiences in their field practicum settings, guided by the NASW Code of Ethics.

**Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will appraise their own cultural diversity and differences, in contrast with those served in their unique agencies.

**III. Major Course Topics**

- A. Case Management
- B. Clinical Social Work
- C. National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics
- D. Diversity in Social Work Practice
- E. Families and Communities
- F. Unique populations
- G. Topics relevant to Americans with disabilities