



# SOCIAL WORK & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Social Work in Criminal Justice interest area affords students the opportunity to explore the issues faced by and learn strategies for working with individuals and their families who are involved with the justice system. This interest area prepares students for the many opportunities to work with adults and adolescents who are incarcerated as well as those who are re-entering society after incarceration.

## SAMPLE COURSES

*Please note that these are course suggestions, not requirements for students interested in this area. Course availability varies based on semester, program, and location. Course offerings are subject to change. Students should consult with their advisors for additional guidance about their program of study. MSW students who receive approval from the MSW Program Director may take one elective for degree credit outside the College of Social Work. These suggested courses do not necessarily contain content related to the area of interest, however the content within the course may help to prepare students interested in pursuing a career within the interest area.*

### ***COURSE NAME & NUMBER***

SOW4665/5666: THEORY AND PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTINGS

SOW 4658/5659: CHILD MALTREATMENT & CHILD WELFARE

SOW 4702/5712: SUBSTANCE USE & MISUSE

SOW 4615/5614: FAMILY VIOLENCE

SOW 4247/5248: HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA

GRADUATE ONLY:

SOW 5611: FAMILY COUNSELING

SOW 5745: SEMINAR ON LOSS & BEREAVEMENT

SOW 5938: TRAUMA-INFORMED SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

## ***RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES***

Volunteer with justice-related organizations or reentry organizations

Partner with local criminal justice entities or non-profit agencies to complete class assignments

Become members of Big Bend A.F.T.E.R. Reentry Coalition (membership dues can be waived)

Sign up for the Big Bend A.F.T.E.R. Reentry Coalition listserv

Get involved with Institute for Justice Research and Development (IJRD)

BSW can become involved through FSU supported research opportunities such as UROP, and InternFSU

MSW students may be hired by IJRD as Research Technicians, with a possible promotion to a Research Assistantship. IJRD is an approved practicum site for MSW student

Become involved with a justice-related organization identified by the Bureau of Justice Assistance: <https://www.ncirc.gov/Organizations.aspx>