



INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK FOCUS

International social work encourages a cross-cultural perspective with an emphasis on human rights and social justice. Students pursuing this interest area should seek opportunities to study and directly experience engagement with cultures other than their own. Attention to both universal and culturally relative values and ethics encourages an appreciation of cross-cutting experiences of vulnerability and oppression. In this sense, international social work is more a frame of reference than a job description, grounded in humility and the recognition that diverse governmental and non-governmental services are shaped by the social, cultural, economic, political and environmental conditions where social problems arise.

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

SOW4784/5785 International Social Work and Social Welfare

SOW5943/4940 International Community Engagement and related participation in the CSW Alternative Spring Break (Note: 2 Credit hours)

SOW 4510 (BSW Generalist Internship), and/or SOW 5535 (MSW Advanced Internship; Clinical or LEAD)

Courses offered as components of FSU study abroad programs (emphasis on London and Prague)

Courses offered as components of international exchange programs in Sweden or Australia

Other courses approved for completion of the FSU Global Citizenship Certificate, combining academic courses, sustained experiences, and intercultural events.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Complete SOW 4784/5785, and consider participating in Alternative Spring Break, study abroad in Prague or London, an international exchange in Australia or Sweden, and/or a BSW or Advanced MSW internship abroad

Get involved with the FSU Center for Global Engagement

Attend an intercultural training through the FSU Center for Global Engagement

Consider the FSU Global Citizenship Certificate and Garnet and Gold Scholars