



ADVOCACY & SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK FOCUS

The Advocacy and Social Justice interest area seeks to enhance student understanding of human diversity and prepares students to engage in a lifetime pursuit of advocacy and social justice. These courses promote student reflection of their own particular dominant and/or minority social statuses and their relations to other individuals and communities. Students will be exposed to theoretical frameworks and policies associated with diversity, inequality, and oppression. Emphasis is placed on enhancing respectful and empathic communication, and on the advancement of social and economic justice and human rights in national and global contexts.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Apply to be a College of Social Work Interprofessional Fellow or College of Social Work Student Ambassador

Join the Social Leadership Student Organization

Get involved with The Center for Leadership and Social Change at FSU

Become a member of the Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA)

Become involved with the National Association of Social Workers Florida Chapter and Big Bend Unit

Attend NASW LEAD

Become active in NASW Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE)

Subscribe to the NASW Action Center email list for updates and advocacy opportunities

Volunteer for a political candidate or voter registration efforts

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

SOW 4665/5666 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTINGS

SOW 4658/5659 CHILD MALTREATMENT AND CHILD WELFARE

SOW 4615/5614 FAMILY VIOLENCE ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN

SOW 5334 ORGANIZATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SYSTEMS CHANGE

SOW 4620 DIVERSITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

SOW 4646/5645 GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK

SOW 5282 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

SELECT AN ELECTIVE FROM ANOTHER PROGRAM ON CAMPUS THAT MEETS THIS AREA OF INTEREST.