

# Social Work (SOWK)

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### School of Social Work

#### Faculty of Public Affairs

#### SOWK 1000 [1.0 credit]

##### Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare

Social work practice, principles and knowledge base, current social problems and related fields of practice. Analysis of the relationship between social welfare and Canadian society, and the interrelationship among social work practice, societal change, social problems and social programs.  
Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2000 [1.0 credit]

##### Structural Analysis and Social Work

Establishes framework for the utilization of social science theory in social work practice. Contributions from psychology, social, political and economic theory in contexts of race, gender and class.  
Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW program and SOWK 1000, or permission of the School.  
Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2003 [0.5 credit]

##### Drugs in Society: Theory, Policy and Practice

An examination of the extent and nature of alcohol and other drug use, theoretical explanations of drug dependence, history of drug policy development and current federal and provincial drug strategies. Strategies for social work practice are outlined.  
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2004 [0.5 credit]

##### Human Sexuality

Psychosocial and political issues surrounding human sexuality. The influence of culture; the range of individual differences in sexual and reproductive attitudes, values and behaviour; concerns of various sexually oppressed groups; sexual values and norms and social policy affecting sexual behaviour; implications for social work practice.  
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2100 [0.5 credit]

##### The Political Economy of Social Welfare

History and theories of welfare. Contemporary issues such as the nature of the labour market, the family, the voluntary sector, and the state as the institutions through which welfare is provided in contemporary society.  
Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW program and SOWK 1000, or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2201 [0.5 credit]

##### Working with Children and Youth

Preventative and protective social work intervention with children and youth. Problems of child neglect, abuse and violence in the context of family, organizational mandate and social political contexts. Programs and services for children and youth.  
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

#### SOWK 2501 [0.5 credit]

##### Introduction to Research Methods in Social Work

Research methods used in social work. Topics include research paradigms, introduction to quantitative and qualitative analysis and how they relate to social work research; how to conduct a research project.  
Precludes additional credit for SOWK 2500, which is no longer offered.  
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

#### SOWK 2502 [0.5 credit]

##### Introduction to Statistical Analysis for Social Workers

Fundamentals of statistical analysis. Topics include descriptive and inferential statistics and their use in social work research. Statistical tests, including Chi-Square, t-tests, correlations and simple linear regressions.  
Precludes additional credit for SOWK 2500, which is no longer offered.  
Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

#### SOWK 3000 [1.0 credit]

##### Foundations of Structural Analysis, Social Welfare and Social Work

Social work, social welfare policy and social services in Canada. Interactions between personal and social problems, political and state organization, households, and the economy.  
Precludes additional credit for SOWK 1000, and SOWK 2000.  
Prerequisite(s): Third-year Honours standing upon admission to the BSW and permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3009 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced well in advance.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3100 [0.5 credit]****Social Administration and Policy**

Administration, management, social research and planning. Theory and practice of the welfare state and social policy; structure and management of major social programs; social administration as a form of social work practice.

Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW Program; SOWK 1000, SOWK 2000 or SOWK 3000 and SOWK 2100 or permission of the School of Social Work. SOWK 3000 and SOWK 2100 may be taken concurrently.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3103 [0.5 credit]****Group Processes in Social Psychology**

In-depth coverage of one or more sub-areas of social psychology introduced in PSYC 2100. Topics may include interaction in the dyad, coalition formation in larger groups, history and theory of small group research, North America, West-European and East-European models of groups behaviour, and training groups in industry.

Also listed as PSYC 3103.

Prerequisite(s): PSYC 2100 or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3109 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced in advance of registration.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3200 [0.5 credit]****Social Work Practice in Communities and Organizations**

Major theories and practices pertaining to work in communities and human service organizations. Society's contribution to client problems and the impact of agency structures on services. Social change theories and methods for social work practitioners.

Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW program; SOWK 1000, SOWK 2000, or SOWK 3000 and SOWK 2100; or permission of the School of Social Work. SOWK 3000 can be taken concurrently with SOWK 3600 or SOWK 3601.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3201 [0.5 credit]****Social Work Practice: Individuals, Families and Groups**

Development of practice competency in work with individuals, families and groups. Integration of interpersonal and analytic skills in learning effective strategies within a structural framework. Influence of class, race and gender in shaping personal and social well-being.

Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW program, SOWK 1000, SOWK 2000, or SOWK 3000 and SOWK 2100; or permission of the School of Social Work. SOWK 3000 can be taken concurrently with SOWK 3600 or SOWK 3601.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3202 [0.5 credit]****Practice Skills in Social Work**

Practice of specific analytical and intervention skills needed for structural Social Work.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 2202.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3206 [0.5 credit]****Community Development and Social Change in an International Context**

Introduction to theories, models and methods of community organizing as a strategy for social change in an international context.

Prerequisite(s): PAPM 2000 or SOWK 1000 or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3207 [0.5 credit]****Human Rights Practice in Civil Society**

Examines the advocacy role and capacity of organizations in civil society to increase popular participation in promoting and protecting human rights; includes transnational and national non-governmental organizations, grassroots movements, community organizations, and virtual or Internet-based organizations.

Prerequisite(s): PAPM 1000 or SOWK 1000 or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or ISSC 1001 or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3502 [0.5 credit]****Qualitative Research Methods in Social Work**

Introduction to qualitative research. How to gather data that exists in terms of lived experience thickly embedded in the historical, interactional, emotional and relational worlds of everyday life. Draws on strategies from feminist research, participatory and social action research, phenomenological research and makes application to social work practice.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000, and SOWK 2500 or equivalent; or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 3600 [2.0 credits]****Practicum I (Fall and Winter)**

Focus on integrating theory and practice in a community setting supervised by a field supervisor. Monthly seminar included. Graded as Sat/Uns.

Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in BSW, SOWK 2000, SOWK 2100 and concurrent enrolment in SOWK 3100. Also concurrent enrolment in SOWK 3201 in the fall term and SOWK 3200 in the winter term, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must also be in good academic standing.

364 hours of field work over two terms.

**SOWK 3601 [2.0 credits]****Practicum I (Winter Term)**

Focus on integrating theory and practice in a community setting supervised by a field supervisor, regular seminars included. Graded as Sat/Unsat.

Prerequisite(s): new third year-entry students only, Honours standing in BSW, SOWK 2100, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3200, SOWK 3201 and concurrent enrolment in SOWK 2000 or SOWK 3000, and permission of the School of Social Work.

364 hours of field work over one term.

**SOWK 3804 [0.5 credit]****Law of the Family**

Legal framework surrounding the family and family relationships in Canadian society. Topics include marriage and cohabitation, matrimonial support, custody and access, and dissolution of marriage. State interventions through law; law and change in family structures; equality issues; dispute resolution processes.

Also listed as LAWS 3804.

Prerequisite(s): LAWS 2003.

Lectures three hours a week.

**SOWK 4101 [0.5 credit]****Poverty and Social Welfare Policy**

An examination of poverty and the distribution of income and wealth in Canada and in comparison with other countries; theories of poverty; Canadian social policies and their impact on poverty.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 1000 and SOWK 2100; or SOWK 3000 and SOWK 2100; or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4102 [0.5 credit]****Aboriginal Peoples and Social Policy**

Social welfare issues from an Aboriginal perspective (Canadian, international), including child welfare, racism, justice, violence against women and children, substance abuse. Policy issues within a historical and contemporary social, political and economic context. Implications of self-determination for Aboriginal social policy and programs.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing, SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4103 [0.5 credit]****Practice and Policy in Immigration**

Canadian immigration policies and practices. The historical context of immigration policies; direct practice with immigrants and refugees; settlement and integration issues; immigrants and refugee women; intergenerational family relations; resources and community organizing.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing, SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4105 [0.5 credit]****Management of Non-Profit Organizations**

Introduction to theories, models and methods of managing non-profit organizations; role, nature and values of the non-profit sector in a market society; practical knowledge of management in different types of non-profit organizations (e.g. cooperatives, voluntary associations, public advocacy and community service organizations).

Prerequisite(s): PAPM 3000; or SOWK 2100 and SOWK 3100 (which may be taken concurrently).

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4200 [0.5 credit]****Honours Integrative Seminar**

Designed to help students to arrive at a synthesis of theory and practice, and to develop skills of critical self-evaluation.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing in the BSW program; SOWK 2100, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3200, SOWK 3201, SOWK 3600 or SOWK 3601; and SOWK 4600 or SOWK 4601 and SOWK 4602.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4203 [0.5 credit]****Social Work Practice from an Aboriginal Perspective**

Cultural identity of the original peoples of Canada, their traditional values, cultural-based behaviour and the effects on them of changing times and relations. Emphasis on culture-specific skills and approaches. Role of the political, legal, and constitutional status of Canadian aboriginal peoples.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing, SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.

Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4204 [0.5 credit]****Social Work and Aging**

Social perspectives on aging with focus on models of practice that contribute to the independence of elderly people. Social programs and policies, such as social insurance, social services, housing, public health and health care. Social, psychological and political issues related to independence in later life.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing, SOWK 1000, or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4206 [0.5 credit]****Feminist Counseling**

Examines theory, practice and literature. Commonalities arising from sexism, racism, class oppression, heterosexism, disability, ageism, etc.

Prerequisite(s): SOWK 3201; or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4209 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced in advance of registration.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4210 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced in advance of registration.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000 or SOWK 3000 (may be taken concurrently), or permission of the School of Social Work. .  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4211 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced in advance of registration.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000 or SOWK 3000 (may be taken concurrently), or permission of the School of Social Work. .  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4213 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced in advance of registration.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000 or SOWK 3000 (may be taken concurrently), or permission of the School of Social Work. .  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4214 [0.5 credit]****Special Topics in Social Work**

Theory, policy or direct practice that is not ordinarily treated in the regular course program. Choice of topics varies from year to year and is announced in advance of registration.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing; SOWK 1000 or SOWK 3000 (may be taken concurrently), or permission of the School of Social Work. .  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4300 [0.5 credit]****Social Work: Persons with Disabilities**

Social work roles in regards to persons with disabilities. Structural analysis of policies and practices pertaining to such persons: cultural, historical, medical, social, political and economic. The disability rights perspective as it opposes the medical model and "ableist" ideals.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 3009 (when listed as Social Work with People with Disabilities).  
Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing, SOWK 1000; or SOWK 3000 (which may be taken concurrently); or permission of the School of Social Work.  
Lecture three hours a week.

**SOWK 4600 [2.0 credits]****Practicum II**

Development, application, testing and integration of knowledge, theory and skills in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities, in research or in social administration and policy. Graded Sat/Uns.  
Precludes additional credit for SOWK 4601 and SOWK 4602.

Prerequisite(s): third-year Honours standing in the BSW program; SOWK 2100, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3200, SOWK 3201, SOWK 3600 or SOWK 3601, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must also be in good academic standing.  
364 hours of fieldwork and bi-weekly seminars.

**SOWK 4601 [1.0 credit]****Practicum IIA**

Development, application, testing and integration of knowledge, theory and skills in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities, in research or social administration and policy. Graded Sat/Uns.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 4600.

Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW program, SOWK 2100, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3200, SOWK 3201, SOWK 3600 or SOWK 3601, and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must also be in good academic standing.

182 hours of fieldwork and bi-weekly seminars.

**SOWK 4602 [1.0 credit]****Practicum IIB**

Development, application, testing and integration of knowledge, theory and skills in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities, in research or social administration and policy. Graded Sat/Uns.

Precludes additional credit for SOWK 4600.

Prerequisite(s): Honours standing in the BSW program, SOWK 2100, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3200, SOWK 3201; SOWK 3600 or SOWK 3601; SOWK 4601; and permission of the School of Social Work. Student must also be in good academic standing.

182 hours of fieldwork and bi-weekly seminars.

**SOWK 4701 [0.5 credit]****Special topic in Criminal Justice and Social Policy**

Selected topic in criminal justice and social policy. Topics announced in advance. Part of the Summer School in Criminal Justice and Social Policy and offered by the Department of Law.

Also listed as LAWS 4701 and SOCI 4701.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

**SOWK 4702 [0.5 credit]****Special topic in Criminal Justice and Social Policy**

Selected topic in criminal justice and social policy. Topics announced in advance. Part of the Summer School in Criminal Justice and Social Policy and offered by the Department of Sociology.

Also listed as LAWS 4702 and SOCI 4702.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

**SOWK 4703 [0.5 credit]****Special topic in Criminal Justice and Social Policy**

Selected topic in criminal justice and social policy. Topics announced in advance. Part of the Summer School in Criminal Justice and Social Policy and offered by the School of Social Work.

Also listed as LAWS 4703 and SOCI 4703.

Prerequisite(s): fourth-year Honours standing or permission of the School of Social Work.

**SOWK 4900 [0.5 credit]****Independent Study**

A reading or research course for students who wish to investigate a particular topic of interest. Students may take a maximum of 1.0 credit of independent study in their total program.

Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year standing in the BSW and permission of the School of Social Work.

**SOWK 4902 [0.5 credit]****Independent Study**

A reading or research course for students who wish to investigate a particular topic of interest. Students may take a maximum of 1.0 credit of independent study in their total program.

Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year standing in the BSW and permission of the School of Social Work.

**SOWK 4908 [1.0 credit]****Honours Essay**

Research essay undertaken under the supervision of a faculty adviser. The project may take the form of an experiment, a case study, historical research, or such other work as meets with the adviser's approval. Faculty regulations apply.

Prerequisite(s): third- or fourth-year Honours standing in the BSW and permission of the School of Social Work.

**Summer session:** some of the courses listed in this Calendar are offered during the summer. Hours and scheduling for summer session courses will differ significantly from those reported in the fall/winter Calendar. To determine the scheduling and hours for summer session classes, consult the class schedule at [central.carleton.ca](http://central.carleton.ca)

Not all courses listed are offered in a given year. For an up-to-date statement of course offerings for the current session and to determine the term of offering, consult the class schedule at [central.carleton.ca](http://central.carleton.ca)