

Governors State University

2006-2007 Catalog Addendum

The following courses must be taken at the upper-division level:

ADDS 550 Substance Abuse Issues in Health Care.....	3
SOCW325 Social Welfare Policy I	3
SOCW330 Interviewing Skills	3
SOCW335 Diversity and Social Justice	3
SOCW340 Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3
SOCW341 Generalist Social Work Practice I	3
SOCW342 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II.....	3
SOCW343 Generalist Social Work Practice II	3
SOCW425 Social Welfare Policy II	3
SOCW465 Social Work Research	3
SOCW496 Field Practicum I	3
SOCW497 Field Integrative Seminar I	3
SOCW498 Field Practicum II	3
SOCW499 Field Integrative Seminar II	3

**III. Upper-Division and Social Work Selectives
(15 Hours)**

Select fifteen hours from among the following courses or other courses that support student interests, with approval of advisor:

- SOCW459 Social Work and the Law (3)
- SOCW500 Topics in Social Work: . . . (Taken 3 times) (3)
- SOCW530 Urban Dynamics (3)
- SOCW565 Interprofessional Teamwork in Health and Human Services (3)
- SOCW570 Social Work in Health Care (3)
- SOCW575 Children and Families: Problems, Issues, and Services (3)
- SOCW576 Child Welfare Practice: Knowledge, Skills and Values (3)
- SOCW578 Aging: Policies, Problems, and Services (3)
- SOCW595 Management and Supervision in the Human Services (3)

Child Welfare Electives

Students interested in generalist practice in the field of child welfare have an opportunity to select a particular cluster of courses. To complete the cluster of child welfare courses B.S.W. majors must include these courses in their study plan, which is developed in consultation with the faculty advisor.

For students interested in child welfare based generalist practice the following courses must be completed:

- SOCW 575 Children and Families: Problems, Issues, and Services (3)
- SOCW 576 Child Welfare Practice: Knowledge, Skills, and Values (3)

In addition to the above courses, the required Field Practicum I & II must be completed in a child welfare agency.

IV. Electives (17 Hours)

V. Total - 120 Hours

* May be used to meet the general education requirements and will increase the number of electives required.

Changes to the Bachelor of Social Work

This is the addendum to the Governors State University 2006-2007 catalog that impacts all students who have not completed SOCW496 and SOCW498 by August 2007.

The following are the changes to the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) program.

On pages 111 and 112 in the paper catalog and in the online catalog at www.govst.edu/catalog/bsw_cat.htm

Bachelor of Social Work

* The introductory paragraph has been deleted and the following has been inserted:

The undergraduate major in Social Work prepares students for entry-level professional social work practice as generalists. Generalist practice differs from advanced practice in its particular focus on concrete direct services and case management, and generalist practitioners typically practice under closer supervision than advanced practitioners. The bachelor of social work program is grounded in a social justice ethic scrupulously attentive to social and economic disparities encompassing planned interventions with people at multiple levels (individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities) through engaged inclusive culturally appropriate practice methods at all levels to affect systemic social and economic change and “just” outcomes for people at greatest risk. Requirements include the acquisition of an ecological perspective on human behavior for understanding the ways people influence and are affected by the social, political, and economic environmental contexts. A belief in the capacity of people to grow and change, to make positive, decisions on their own and others behalf, and an appreciation of the value of human capacities and diversity is emphasized. Students are provided learning opportunities for the development of cultural, social and political competence, critical thinking skills, research knowledge and skills, especially those which facilitate the evaluation of one’s own practice. Professional values and ethics, systems theories and principles, practice theories and methods, social policy issues and processes, and knowledge and skills for effective social work generalist practice are important aspects of the social work curriculum. Agency experiences, including field practicum, provide the student with opportunities for integration and synthesis of learning, as well as exploration of fields of social work practice. Graduates have the background to pursue graduate studies in social work, psychology, addictions, law, and other related fields.

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On page 112 in the paper catalog and in the online catalog at www.govst.edu/catalog/bsw_cat.htm

1. II. Required Courses has been changed from 57 to 51 hours;
2. SOCW496 Field Practicum I has changed from 6 hours to 3 hours;
3. SOCW 498 Field Practicum II has changed from 6 hours to 3 hours;
4. III. Upper-Division and Social Work Selectives has changed from 9 to 15 Hours;
5. SOCW578 Aging: Policies, Problems, and Services (3) has been added to the Upper-Division and Social Work Selectives;

On page 113 in the paper catalog and in the online catalog at www.govst.edu/catalog/bsw_cat.htm

* The Child Welfare Concentration has been changed to Child Welfare Electives and place under the selectives.

On pages 112-113
The following is the display of the revised B.S.W. curriculum:

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Accreditation

The Bachelor of Social Work major is nationally accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Illinois Articulation Initiative

“IAI” course designations refer to the statewide Illinois Articulation Initiative discussed on page 16 of the catalog and found at website www.itransfer.org.

Special Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admission criteria, applicants must:

1. have obtained a minimum of 2.25 GPA for the last 60 hours;
2. submit two completed recommendation forms, at least one of which must be from a current or former college instructor. Recommendation forms are available in the Admission Office and on the website at www.govst.edu/apply/files/bsw_lrecform.pdf; and
3. participate in an interview to develop a study plan that will review academic preparation and appropriateness of a social work career choice.

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor’s degree.

In addition, students must:

1. take at least two courses a term, unless a variance of their requirements is expressly approved by the program;
2. maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher; and
3. earn a grade of “C” or better in all social work courses.

All undergraduate social work courses for which a student receives a grade lower than a “C” may be repeated a maximum of two times.

I. General Education Requirement (37 Hours)

The following courses must be taken to meet major and general education requirements:

American Literature (IAI H3 914 or 915)	3
Logic (IAI H4 906)	3
U.S. National Government (IAI S5 900)	3
Cultural Anthropology (IAI S1 901N)	3
Introduction or General Psychology (IAI S6 900)	3
Human Biology (IAI L1 904 or 904L)	3
Statistics (IAI M1 902)	3

II. Required Courses (51 Hours)

The following courses must be taken at the lower-division level

Sociology*	3
Macroeconomics	3

The following course can be taken at either the lower- or upper-division level:

SOCW 320 Introduction to Social Work	3
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