SCWK 1510 - Introduction to Social Work

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Course Description

1510. Introduction to Social Work. An overview of the values, systems, policy, theories and concepts central to the profession of social work. This course will also review roles, licensure requirements and history of the social work profession. This is the first course orienting students to the social work profession. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Social Work: An empowering profession (9th ed.)	Dubois, B. and Miley, K.	9780136943228

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Syllabus	Syllabus review	Readings
8/31	Social Work: A Helping Profession Chapter 1	Overview of social work	Readings
9/7	An Evolving Profession Chapter 2 & The Social Worker and the Social System Chapter 3	Social systems	Readings
9/14	The Social Service Delivery System Profession Chapter 4 & NASW Code of Ethics	Delivery of social services	Readings
9/21	Values and Ethics in Social Work Chapter 5 & NASW Code of Ethics	Values and Ethics	Readings
9/28	Human rights and Social Justice Chapter 6	Human rights and social justice	Readings
10/5	Diversity and Social Work Chapter 7	Diversity	Readings
10/12	Empowerment Social Work Practice Chapter 8	Empowerment	Readings
10/19	Social Work Functions and Roles Chapter 9	Functions	Readings
10/26	Social Work and Social Policy Chapter 10	Policy	Readings
11/2	Social Work and Poverty, Homelessness, Unemployment and Criminal Justice Chapter 11	Poverty	Readings

11/9	Social Work in Health, Rehabilitation and Mental Health Chapter 12	Health of clients	Readings
11/16	Social Work with Families and Youth Chapter 13	Families and Youth	Readings
11/23	Adults and Aging Services Chapter 14	Adults	Readings
11/30	Adults and Aging Services Chapter 14	Aging	
12/7	Final Exam		

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