

SCWK 1510 - Introduction to Social Work

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 43829,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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- Master of Social Work, West Virginia University, 2010
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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	Dubois, B.; Krogsrud Miley, K.	9780134747514

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

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24		Introductions, Review of Syllabus, Requirements and Expectations, Learning and Interests	
Mon	8/31	Chapter 1	Social Work: A Helping Profession	
Mon	9/7	No Class		
Mon	9/14	Chapter 2 & 3	An Evolving Profession	Due 9/14 before 11:40:12am:
			The Social Worker and the Social System	In-Class Discussion 1 - Reply
Mon	9/21	Chapter 4	The Social Service Delivery System	Due 9/21 before 11:40:12am:
		NASW Code of Ethics		In-Class Discussion 2 - Reply
Mon	9/28	Chapter 5	Values & Ethics in Social Work	
		NASW Code of Ethics	*Exam Review (Chapter 1-5)	
Mon	10/5	Chapter 6	EXAM 1- Blackboard-Chapters 1-5	Due 10/5 at 9:15am:
			Human Rights and Social Justice	Exam 1

Mon	10/12	Chapter 7	Diversity and Social Work	Due 10/12 before 11:40:12am: In-Class Discussion 3 - Reply
Mon	10/19	Chapter 8	Empowerment Social Work Practice	Due 10/19 before 11:40:12am: In-Class Discussion 4 - Reply
Mon	10/26	Chapter 9	Social Work Functions and Roles *Exam Review (Chapters 6-9)	
Mon	11/2	Chapter 10	EXAM 2 in Blackboard (Chapters 6-9) Social Work & Social Policy	Due 11/2 at 9:15am: Exam 2
Mon	11/9	Chapter 11	Social Work and Poverty, Homelessness, Unemployment and Criminal Justice	Due 11/9 at 2pm: Social Service Agency Review Paper
Mon	11/16	Chapter 12	Social Work in Health, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health	Due 11/16 before 11:40:12am: In-Class Discussion 5 - Reply
Mon	11/23	Chapter 13 Chapter 14	Social Work with Families and Youth Adults and Aging Services	Due 11/23 before 11:40:12am: In-Class Discussion 6 - Reply
Mon	11/30		"Happy" Documentary *Exam Review Summary of Services and Review of Course	
Mon	12/7		Final Exam in Blackboard	Due 12/7 at 9:15am: Final Exam Due 12/7 at 11:59pm: Attendance Participation

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