

SCWK 2641 - American Social Welfare

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 40832,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

2641. American Social Welfare. Overview of the history and evolution of social welfare programs and services in America. Emphasis on the identification and interrelationships of social values and structures, political factors, and economic conditions on resource allocation, including meeting the needs of special populations. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Social Welfare: A History of the American Response to Need Mark J Stern/ June Axinn		

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
Tue	8/25	2026 Introduction to the Course: Review of Syllabus Central Themes or Perspectives of the Course Study: Stern, Chapter One (Introduction) Power Points and Videos		learning paragraph due 8/26/26
Tue	9/1	2026 The Colonial Period 1647-1776 Study: Stern, Chapter Two Power Points and Videos		learning paragraph due 9/2/26
Tue	9/8	The Colonial Period 1647-1776, cont'd. The Pre-Civil War Period 1777-1860 Study: Stern, Chapter Three Power Points and Video		learning paragraph due 9/9/26
Tue	9/15	EXAMINATION ONE DUE: Chapters 1-3		learning paragraph due 9/16/26
Tue	9/22	The Civil War and After 1860-1900 (Reconstruction) Study: Stern, Chapter Four Power Points and Video		learning Paragraph due 9/23/26
Tue	9/29	Progress and Reform: 1900-1930 Study: Stern, Chapter Five Power Points and Videos		learning paragraph 9/30/26
Tue	10/6	Progress and Reform: 1900-1930, cont'd. The Great Depression and the New Deal 1930-1940 Study: Stern, Chapter Six Power Points and Videos		learning paragraph due 10/7/26



Tue	10/13	EXAMINATION TWO DUE: Chapters 4-6	learning paragraph due 10/14/26
Tue	10/20	The Great Depression and the New Deal, cont'd. War and Prosperity: 1940-1968 Study: Stern, Chapter 7 Power Points and Video	learning paragraph due 10/21/26
Tue	10/27	War and Prosperity: 1940-1968, cont'd	learning paragraph due 10/28
Tue	11/3	Conservative Resurgence and Social Change: 1968-1992 Study: Stern, Chapter 8 Power Points and Video	learning paragraph 11/4/26
Tue	11/10	Social Welfare and the Information Society Chapter 9	learning paragraph 11/11/26
Tue	11/17	.Essay presentations, Lesson review	Learning paragraph 11/18/26
Tue	11/24	EXAMINATION #3 chap 7-9	learning paragraph due 11/25/26
Tue	12/1	Essay presentation Evaluation of Social Work Professional Behavior.	learning paragraph due 12/2/26
Tue	12/8	Complete student survey	

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