SCWK 3739 - Social Work Methods with Communities and Organizations

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 02, CRN 41614,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

3739. Social Work Methods with Communities and Organizations. This course presents an in-depth analysis of problem-solving strategies and skills in working with organizations and communities. Theory and research relating to practice will be examined. Social Work purpose, functions, and values are addressed from the systems perspective. Prereq.: Social Work Majors Only. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required			

Kirst-Ashman and Hull, L. (2018). Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities. (7th Ed.) Cengage Learning.

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	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Tue	8/25	Introduction and Review of the Syllabus Purpose of Course	
Thu	8/27	Introduction and Review of the Syllabus Purpose of Course	
Tue	9/1	Procrastination & Assertiveness	
Thu	9/3	Procrastination & Assertiveness	
Tue	9/8	Intersectionality	
Thu	9/10	Intersectionality	
Tue	9/15	Help Network Visit	Tuesday Sept 15th we will meet at Help Network for class. 1344 5th Ave
Thu	9/17	Help Network Visit Discussion	
Tue	9/22	Help Network Visit	
Thu	9/24	Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI)	

Tue	9/29	Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI)	
Thu	10/1	Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI)	
Tue	10/6	Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (ADEI)	
Thu	10/8	Values, Ethics, and the Resolution of Ethical Dilemmas	Assignment Due on Wednesday, Oct 7 at midnight: GIM Assignment 1
Tue	10/13	Values, Ethics, and the Resolution of Ethical Dilemmas	
Thu	10/15	Book Club Thursdays	
Tue	10/20	Values, Ethics, and the Resolution of Ethical Dilemmas	
Thu	10/22	Book Club Thursdays	
Tue	10/27	Macro Practice	
Thu	10/29	Book Club Thursdays	
Tue	11/3	Macro Practice	
Thu	11/5	Book Club Thursdays	
Tue	11/10	Macro Practice	
Thu	11/12	Book Club Thursdays	
Tue	11/17	Macro Practice	Assignment Due on Wednesday, Nov 18 at midnight: GIM Assignment 2
Thu	11/19	Book Club Thursdays	
Tue	11/24	Macro Practice	
Tue	12/1	Macro Practice	Book Club Presentations
Thu	12/3		Book Club Presentations Assignment Due on Sunday, Dec 6 at midnight: Book Club Evaluations
Tue	12/8	Macro Practice	
Thu	12/10	Macro Practice	

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