

SCWK 4821 - BSW Independent Study

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 44266,

Credit hours: 6

Instructor

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Course Description

4821. BSW Independent Study. This course involves study under the personal supervision of a faculty member with the approval of the BSW Coordinator. The course demands that student and faculty member choose a topic related to the Social Work field. For successful completion students will tie the topic to at least three different CSWE. Prereq.: BSW Student. 1-6 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Optional	Foundations of research methods for social workers: A critical thinking Approach	Grinnell, R.M., Jr	9780981510095

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	None	Introductions Course overview, course requirements	Introductions THINK ABOUT RESEARCH QUESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESEARCH AND BRING YOUR IDEAS
8/31	Chapter 1 and Chapter 2	Research Questions/ Accountability	
9/7	Chapter 3 and 4	Research Ethics/Evidenced Based Practice	



9/14	Chapter 4 and 5	Ethics	
9/21	Chapter 7 and 8	The scientific method of inquiry - Chapter 7 How to write a research proposal - Discussion	
9/28	Chapter 9 and 11	The qualitative research approach - Chapter 9 How to write a research proposal - Discussion Measurement – Chapter 11	Complete Literature Review
10/5	Chapter 11 and 12	Measurement	DECIDE MEASUREMENT & RESEARCH DESIGN, METHOD OF ANALYSIS
10/12	Chapter 13	Sampling	
10/19	Chapter 14 and 15	Single Subject Designs Group Designs	RESEARCH PROPOSAL DUE Start Collecting Data for your Research Design
10/26	Chapter 16 and 17	Collecting Data	
11/2	Chapter 18	Analyzing quantitative data	
11/9	Chapter 19	Analyzing qualitative data	
11/16	Chapter 6	Cultural competence research	RESEARCH REPORT (200 POINTS)
11/23	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break	
11/30	Chapter 20 and 21	Quantitative proposals and reports – Chapter 20 Qualitative proposals and reports – Chapter 21	

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