**Multidisciplinary Studies Curriculum and Course Outline**

**Degree:** BA **Major:** MultidisciplinaryStudies  **Concentration:** Human Resources in the Criminal Justice System (Psychology & Social Work) **Major Requirements:** 39 credit hours (plus 9 credit hours of related coursework)

Core 2 (18 credit hours)

Social Work

Core 1 (18 credit hours)

Psychology

SOWK 201 Social Welfare Policy & Economics

SOWK 303 Social Welfare and the Law

SOWK 314 Global Well-Being

SOWK 323 Human Behavior & Social Environment

SOWK 350 Encounters in Human Diversity

SOWK 430 Social Work Research

PSYC 227 Development of the Child and Adolescent

PSYC 256 Human Adjustment

PSYC 317 Social Psychology

PSYC 335 Personality Theory

PSYC 337 Abnormal Psychology

PSYC 356 Health Psychology

Relative Elective Courses (# of credits)

Capstone (# of credits)

PHIL 381 Ethical Theories

SOCY 230 Criminology

SOCY 331 Sociology of Policing and the Courts

PSYC 495 Internship

**Course Descriptions**

**Core One Descriptions:**

**PSYC 227: 3 s.h. Development of the Child and Adolescent (G3)**

A study of the theory and research pertaining to the growth, development, and behavior of children through adolescence. **Prereq:** PSYC 100. No credit given if credit earned for PSYC 228

**PSYC 256: 3 s.h. Psychology of Human Adjustment (G3)**

An examination of factors that shape personal and social behavior, with a focus on basic issues, problems, and therapies as they relate to personal adjustment. Offered Fall, Spring. **Prereq:** PYSC 100.

**PSYC 317: 3 s.h. Social Psychology**

A review of the principles of social psychology derived form experimental study. Offered annually. **Prereq:** PSYC 100, PSYC 211 recommended.

**PSYC 335: 3 s.h. Personality Theory (G3)**

An introduction to historic and contemporary theories of the human personality. Offered Fall, Spring. **Prereq:** PSYC 100.

**PSYC 337: 3 s.h. Abnormal Psychology (G3, W)**

A comprehensive study of the etiology, characteristics, and treatment in the categories of abnormal behavior manifestation. Offered Fall, Spring. **Prereq:** ENGL 110, PSYC 100.

**PSYC 356: 3 s.h. Health Psychology**

A review of research and theory linking psychological factors to health. Discussion of psychosocial aspects of health behavior, pain, stress, and the impact on biological systems. Evaluations of psychological and behavior interventions for health behavior change and chronic illness. Offered Fall. **Prereq:** PSYC 100, PSYC 227 or 228 or 229 or 234 or 256.

**Core Two Descriptions:**

**SOWK 201: 3 s.h. Social Welfare Policy and Economics**

This course offers a general understanding of economic theory as it applies to both microeconomic and macroeconomic decision making. The course comprises two major foci: 1) practical implications of decision-making paradigms for practice with individuals and families in the social work context; and 2) understanding the effects of economic conditions on social welfare policy, those who make policy, and those who advocate for changes in the policy arena. **Prereq:** SOWK 102 or approval of instructor, social justice minor.

**SOWK 303: 3 s.h. Social Welfare and the Law**

Significant legislation, court decisions, and regulatory language shape public social policy and affect the legal base for social work practice. Among substantive areas discussed are family law and policy, mental health, and substance abuse law and policy, constitutional and civil rights, poverty law and policy, social welfare law and policy, and professional licensing. **Prereq:** C or better in SOWK 102 or permission of instructor, GOVT 111 or 112; SOWK majors and social justice minors only.

**SOWK 314: 3 s.h. Global Well-Being (D, P)**

This course is interdisciplinary and intercultural in nature. It is designed to prepare all students whose anticipated careers are primarily oriented to direct work with the global community, both domestically, and internationally. There will be an emphasis on developing interpersonal communication skills for interacting with people whose way of life differs from one’s own; developing insights into the multifaceted issues impacting our world; and understanding global interconnection with oppression to foster social justice. The cornerstone of this course is service-learning opportunities on a local and global level. Course content is presented in the traditional (face-to-face) classroom, with portions of the class held online. **Prereq:** COMM 100, ENGL 110, 24 s.h. general education, Junior standing.

**SOWK 323: 3 s.h. Human Behavior and the Social Environment II**

The second of two courses in human behavior and the social environment, emphasizing 1) the interaction of social and economic forces with individuals and social systems; 2) traditional and alternative theories about systems as they interact with people, promoting and impeding health, welfare, and well-being in the context of human culture and diversity; and 3) knowledge about opportunity structures and how they promote and deter human development and meeting needs. **Prereq:** C or higher in SOWK 203. SOWK majors and social justice minors only.

**SOWK 350: 3 s.h. Encounters in Human Diversity (D, P)**

An upper-level, multicultural, interdisciplinary, interactive course designed to enhance students’ knowledge, skills, and values relative to working with people in professional situations within a diversity-embracing atmosphere. Focuses on the various differences in communication styles brought about by gender and culture. Designed for students whose anticipated careers are primarily oriented to direct work with people. **Prereq:** COMM 100, ENGL 110, and Junior standing.

**SOWK 430: 3 s.h. Social Work Research (W)**

Emphasis on the specific method in development of beginning evaluating skills that contribute to practice competence. Knowledge to evaluate critically the research findings of others; use of research methods to improve practice. Students are required to participate in a research study. **Prereq:** ENGL 110, SOWK 102, 322. SOWK majors only.

**Related Elective Courses:**

**SOCY 230: 3 s.h. Criminology (G3, W)**

The nature and cause of criminal behavior and the types of social response to law violation. Offered Fall, Spring. **Prereq:** SOCY 101, ENGL 110.

**SOCY 331: 3 s.h. Sociology of Policing and the Courts (G3)**

Overview of the American system for the administration of justice focused on the apprehension, prosecution, and adjudication of criminal defendants. **Prereq:** SOCY 101, 230.

**PHIL 381: 3 s.h. Ethical Theories (G1, W)**

A study of selected moral issues and a critical analysis of the principle ethical theories. Offered periodically. **Prereq:** ENGL 110.

**Capstone Course:**

**PSYC 495: 1-6 s.h. Directed Projects**

Directed projects in psychology supervised field experience involving the application of psychological principles. Junior or Senior standing. **Prereq:** permission of instructor. Insurance and recent clearances (Act 34/Act 151/ FBI clearances and TB test results) may be required, depending on the setting.