

Bachelor of Social Work

1ST YEAR

SOCH101: Introduction to SW: context and history
SOCT111: Introduction to SW: Theories and fields of service
SOCs101: Social Development in SA
SOWP102: Introduction to SW: Practice and Skills

2ND YEAR

SOCW201: Introduction to SW: Theory, models and approaches
SOCP201: The Professional Helping Process
SOWE201: Ethic Social Work Practice
SOCs202: Social Issues in SA
SOCJ202: Social Justice and Equality
SOWS201: Social Work Practice
SOWS202: Social Work Practice

3RD YEAR

SOCW301: Intermediate Social Work Theories, Models & approaches
SOCC301: Casework Theory and Skills
SOCG: Groupwork Theory and Skills
SOWP301: Community Development Theory and Skills
SOCR302: Introduction to Social Work Research
SOCW302: Statutory Intervention and Child Protection
SOWP302/312: Social Work Practice

4TH YEAR

SOCW401: Advanced Social Work Theories, Models and Approaches
SWAS401: Advanced Social Work Skills
SWH401: Health & Wellness
SWML402: Social Work Management & Leadership
SWAP401: Anti-Oppressive Practice
SWAPL402: Social Work Policy & Legislation
SWRP400: Social Work Research
SOWP400: Advanced Social Work Practice

Core modules for 1st year Bachelor of Social Work

Semester 1 SOCH101

(SOCH101) Introduction to Social Work: History and Context

Purpose: Just like SOCT111, this module provides an introduction to the field of social work. A key difference between the two modules are the focus of the introduction. SOCH101 focuses on the broader social welfare system within which social work as a profession operates. It capacitates students with foundational knowledge of social welfare as the broad context and structure in which social services are delivered as well as the historical landscape that shaped and developed the current social welfare context.

Semester 1 SOCT111

(SOCT111) Introduction to Social Work: Theories and Fields of Service

Purpose: This module is designed to capacitate students with foundational knowledge of the scope of social work as a profession; its relationship to other social service professions; the fields of service in which social workers practice and the role of theories, models and approaches in guiding social work practice. You will notice that your two 1st semester core modules are designed to provide you with the basic knowledge around the profession.

Semester 2 SOCS102

(SOCS102) Social Development in South Africa

Purpose: Social work is a practice-based profession, and a significant part of the training involves a practical training component. This module is your first introduction to practical training, and it equips students with basic communication and relationship building skills related to the beginning phase of the helping process and beginning steps of interviewing within the ethical boundaries of the professional relationship with clients at a micro level.

Semester 2 SOWP102

(SOWP102) Introduction to Social Work Practice and Skills

Purpose: Social work in South Africa is underpinned by the developmental paradigm. This module builds on the two 1st semester modules and provide students with foundational knowledge of social work and social welfare in SA from a social development perspective, as well as an understanding of related policies guiding developmental social welfare within the SA context using micro, mezzo and macro level intervention strategies.

Core modules for 2nd year Bachelor of Social Work

Semester 1 SOWE201

(SOWE201) Ethical Social Work Practice

Purpose: To capacitate students with foundational knowledge of the ethical theories, principles and values governing social work practice and the use of social work supervision as well as ethical decision making in practice.

Semester 1 SOCW201

(SOCW201) Introduction to Social Work Theories, Modules and Approaches

Purpose: To capacitate students with detailed knowledge of selected theories, models and approaches that guide social work practice.

Semester 1 SOCP201

(SOCP201) The Professional Helping Process

Purpose: To capacitate students with a detailed knowledge of the process and skills of professional helping as a generic process within a developmental framework, in order to gain understanding of the implementation of the process on a micro-, meso- and macro level with regard to a diverse set of client systems and at various levels of intervention.

Semester 1 SOWS201

(SOWS201) Social Work Skills

Purpose: To equip students with the ability to identify, select, and apply the basic skills required to establish a professional helping relationship, to implement the phases of the helping process within a diverse context; applying social work values within the professional relationship with clients on a micro, meso and macro level.

Semester 2 SOCS202

(SOCS202) Social Issues in South Africa

Purpose: To equip students with detailed knowledge and understanding about four specific social issues [Poverty, Crime; Domestic violence and Addictive behaviours]; that affect individuals, groups or communities; as well as the relevant legislation that guide social work services to people affected by these social issues.

Semester 2 SOWP 202

(SOWP 202) Social Work Practice

Purpose: To equip students with skills that demonstrate their ability to select and apply methods and techniques within the helping process and to plan as well as facilitate intervention at micro, meso and macro level within a supported practice environment guided by supervision.

Semester 2 SOCJ202

(SOCJ202) Social Justice and Equality

Purpose: To capacitate students with detailed knowledge and understanding of the values of social justice theories and a human rights approach that will facilitate their awareness of structural inequality, human rights and diversity.



Core modules for 3rd year Bachelor of Social Work

Semester 1 SOCC301

(SOCC301) Case Work Theory and Skills

Purpose: To capacitate students with an integrated knowledge and understanding of the process and skills needed in casework as a method in Social work and the implementation thereof within a developmental theoretical framework for generalist practice.

Semester 1 SOWP301

(SOWP301) Community Development Theory and Skills

Purpose: To equip students with integrated knowledge and skills on the theory and process of community development as a macro level method in social work.

Semester 1 SOCG301

(SOCG301) Group Work Theory and Skills

Purpose: To capacitate students with integrated knowledge and understanding of group work as a method of professional intervention for bringing about change in the lives and circumstances of various client systems and to demonstrate competence in the application of group work skills and techniques within the context of Social Work process.

Semester 1 SOCW302

(SOCW302) Statutory Intervention and Child Protection

Purpose: To capacitate students with an integrated knowledge and understanding of child abuse and neglect as social issue and the implementation of relevant legislation and the statutory process to protect the rights of children.

Semester 1 SOCR302

(SOCR302) Introduction to (Social Work) Research

Purpose: To capacitate students with the detailed knowledge and understanding of the theory that underpins research in social work.

Semester 2 SOCW301

(SOCW301) Intermediate Social Work Theories, Models and Approaches

Purpose: To capacitate students with detailed and integrated knowledge and understanding of four key theories that inform social work generalist practice embedded in a social development approach.

Semester 2 SOWP302

(SOWP302) Social Work Practice A: Micro and Meso Level

Purpose: To equip students with advanced skills to implement micro and meso intervention theory and in practice.

Semester 2 SOWP312

(SOWP312) Social work Practice

Purpose: To equip students with advanced skills to apply community development theory and in practice.



Core modules for 4th year Bachelor of Social Work

Semester 1 & 2 SOWP400

(SOWP400) Advanced Social Work Practice

Purpose: To capacitate students with competencies to demonstrate an ability to use a range of specialised skills, theories, models and approaches to identify, analyse and address complex problems within micro, meso and macro practice in social work.

Semester 1 & 2 SWRP400

(SWRP400) Social Work Research: Process and Application

Purpose: This module will prepare students to have detailed knowledge of various research approaches, designs and methodologies and be able to them in practice.

Semester 1 SWAS401

(SWAS401) Advanced Social Work Skills

Purpose: To capacitate students with competencies to demonstrate an ability to use advanced and specialised skills to identify, analyse and address complex problems that require change in the person, family or group or community level.

Semester 1 SWAP401

(SWAP401) Anti-oppressive Practice

Purpose: To capacitate students with a critical consciousness of structural determinants of oppression and privilege, and with in-depth knowledge and understanding of strategies to engage people, groups and communities in efforts to challenge anti-oppressive practices.

Semester 1 SWHW401

(SWHW401) Health and Wellness

Purpose: To capacitate students to critically reflect on knowledge related to health and wellness in the context of social work, with special emphasis on:

- The socio-economic and environmental determinants of health and the impact on the wellbeing of individuals, communities and society
- Integrated health and wellness models and the role of the social worker in health and wellness promotion

Semester 2 SOCW401

(SOCW401) Advanced Theories, Models and Approaches

Purpose: To capacitate students with in-depth knowledge and understanding of a framework for evaluating and selecting culturally sensitive theories, as well as the competencies to comprehensively analyse contemporary critical theories to serve as a guide to social work practice.

Semester 2 SWPL402

(SWPL402) Social Welfare Policy and Legislation

Purpose: To capacitate students with integrated knowledge and understanding to critically reflect on legislation development and analysis from a social development perspective, as well as to develop an in-depth understanding of the Judicial system in South Africa from a social work perspective.

Semester 2 SWML402

(SWML402) Social Work Management and Leadership

Purpose: To capacitate students with integrated competencies to interrogate, evaluate and process multiple sources of knowledge on management and leadership.