HWC 340 Social Issues in Popular Culture
Movies have been a useful medium that can illustrate current social issues and family dynamics, as well as policy and research dilemmas. Each week, a film with a central practice/research/policy issue provides the basis for a lecture and class discussion. Topics focus on a variety of social issues such as family dynamics, bereavement, adoption, domestic violence, abuse, residential placement, policy, and research. Co-scheduled with HWC 540.
2 credits

HWC 344 Overview of Substance Abuse
An examination of the history and development of alcohol and substance abuse problems in the United States. Focuses on the etiology, psychopharmacology, and legal ramifications of the use of licit and illicit substances in our culture. Provides information on a variety of services available to drug abusers, addicted individuals and their families in the fields of prevention, education, and treatment. Co-scheduled with HWC 544.
Prerequisite: Admission to Undergraduate Health Sciences Center program
2 credits

HWC 347 Managing Conflict
A major concern for health and human service managers is conflict in organization, community, and group settings. The various types of conflicts and the concepts of negotiation and mediation as interventive strategies will be considered. Didactic and experiential learning experiences are utilized. Focus is on analyzing conflict situations and selecting interventive strategies to reduce, contain, or heighten the conflict situation. Oppressive conditions, structures, and processes are considered major determinants of human suffering and individual and social problems; students examine how these oppressive conditions are present in conflict situations and consider ways of dealing with them. Co-scheduled with HWC 547.
Prerequisite: Admission to Undergraduate Health Sciences Center program
2 credits

HWC 349 Overview of Social Work with Special Populations
Examines the issues that social workers must consider when working with traditionally disenfranchised populations. Emphasis will include micro and macro issues when intervening with gay and lesbian individuals, members of diverse racial and ethnic groups, and women, as well as others. The historic as well as contemporary experiences of these individuals’ interactions with the health and human service delivery system will be explored. Co-scheduled with HWC 549.
2 credits

HWC 351 Law and Social Change
Introduces students to the interrelationship of the legal process in the United States and the profession of social work. Focuses on the legal process in general, social welfare law, in particular, and the implications for effective social work practice. Co-scheduled with HWC 551.
2 credits

HWC 361 Implications of Racism for Social Welfare
Examines personal and institutional racism in the United States and the effect racism has on the delivery of services to individuals who do not fit the traditional “American model.” Examines the historical relationship between racism and social welfare policies, programs and practice, as well as contemporary strategies for change. Co-scheduled with HWC 561.
2 credits

HWC 363 Homelessness, Politics and Public Health
Analyzes homelessness as an issue of social policy, including its history, recent causes, and current demographics. Emphasizes the political and economic context that has made homelessness a major social problem. Co-scheduled with HWC 563.
2 credits

HWC 379 Special Topics in Social Welfare
Examines significant timely issues confronting the profession. Topics include violence as a public health problem, issues of aging, racism, gender, AIDS, the media, spirituality, forensic social work, international social work, and others. Topics vary each term as faculty develop specific modules that address one or more of these issues. Co-scheduled with HWC 579.
1-3 credits