

**Northern Marianas College**  
**CURRICULUM ACTION REQUEST**

**Effective Semester / Session: Fall 2014**

**Type of Action:**


- New
- Modification
- Move to Inactive (Stop Out)
- Cancellation

**Course Alpha and Number: SW 203**

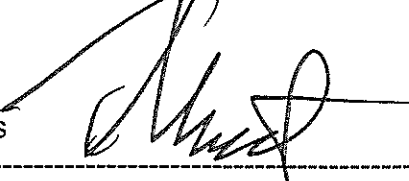
**Course Title: Introduction to Social Work**

**Reason for initiating, revising, or canceling:**

This course is being initiated to afford students the opportunity to understand the basic outline of the definition, history, issues and opportunities that are related to the social work profession. It will serve as part of a concentration in social work for the A.A. in Liberal Arts and/or for academic transfer to a 4 year BSW program offered in social work.

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Proposer Date

  
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Department Chair Date

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Barbara K. Merfalen

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Dean of Academic Programs and Services Date



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## Course Guide

Course: SW 203: Introduction to Social Work

### 1. Department

Social Sciences and Fine Arts

### 2. Purpose

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### 3. Description

#### A. Required/Recommended Textbook(s) and Related Materials

Introduction to Social Work: William Farly, Larry Lorenzo Smith and Scott Boyle. McGraw Hill. 12<sup>th</sup> edition. ISBN# 978-025001972

Building a nonprofit entity, organization or agency. Thomas D. Sharts Xlibris Inc. 2014.

1. **Lecture:** 3 hours per week / 45 hours per semester
2. **Lab:** N/A
3. **Other:**

#### B. Credits

1. **Number:** 3
2. **Type:** Regular degree credits

#### C. Catalogue Course Description

This course introduces students to the definition of social work and its history. It also introduces students to those theories that are applied for understanding human behavior and social problems and offers students a view to understand the issues and opportunities available in the social work field. Lastly, this course reviews the types of organizations and institutions that employ social workers and reviews the future of the social welfare state in America and the global community. The course also offers the opportunity for students to complete 20 hours of volunteer service in the community. Prerequisite: None. English Placement Level: EN 093/094. Offered in both fall and spring semesters. Math Placement Level: none.

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### **D. Degree or Certificate Requirements Met by Course**

This course is a recommended elective for an A.A. Liberal Arts degree with a concentration in social work or as requisite course required for transfer into a four year BSW program.

### **E. Course Activities and Design**

Course activities include lectures, group discussions and team activities, homework assignments, viewing, discussing relevant videotapes, guest speakers, community volunteer experience and conducting research or written assignments.

### **4. Course Prerequisite(s); Concurrent Course Enrollment; Required English/Mathematics Placement Level(s)**

Prerequisites: None

English Placement Level: EN 093/094

Math Placement Level: none

### **5. Estimated Cost of Course; Instructional Resources Needed**

Cost to the Student: Tuition for a 3-credit hour course and cost of textbook.

Cost to the College: Instructor's salary.

Instructional resources needed for this course include overhead projector, TV/VCR, videotaped programs, library books, photocopy machine, photocopy paper, dry-erase board.

### **6. Method of Evaluation**

Student grades will be based on the regular letter grade system as described below:

A: Excellent – grade points: 4.0;

B: Above average – grade points: 3.0;

C: Average – grade points: 2.0;

D: Below average – grade points: 1.0;

F: Failure – grade points: 0.0.

NMC's grading and attendance policies will be followed.

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### 7. Course Outline

- 1.0 Defining social work.
  - 1.1 The difference between social work versus human services.
- 2.0 The history of social work as a profession.
  - 2.1 19<sup>th</sup> century, 20<sup>th</sup> century, 21<sup>st</sup> century.
  - 2.2 Development of NASW.
  - 2.3 BSW.
  - 2.4 MSW status.
- 3.0 Social Science theories for analyzing human behavior and social problems.
  - 3.1 Structure functionalism, Social Conflict theory, Symbolic Interactionism.
- 4.0 Psychological theories for analyzing human behavior.
  - 4.1 Cognitive, Jungian, Existential, Freudian.
- 5.0 Types of social work employment opportunities.
  - 5.1 Small nonprofit, institutional.
  - 5.2 Case work, counseling, administrative.
- 6.0 Types of social work organizations and institutions
  - 6.1 The United Way, small nonprofit, healthcare, criminal justice, DSS, etc.
- 7.0 Issues in the social work field.
  - 7.1 Client self-determination, client confidentiality, intervention methods, etc.
- 8.0 Social problems and the need for social work intervention.
- 9.0 Operating a non-profit social services organization.
- 10.0 The future of the social welfare state in American and global societies.
- 11.0 Volunteer experiences in social work.

### 8. Instructional Goals

This course will introduce students to:

- 1.0 Defining social work;

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- 2.0 Understanding the history of social work as a profession;
- 3.0 Comprehending social science theories for analyzing human behavior and social problems;
- 4.0 Comprehending the psychological theories for analyzing human behavior;
- 5.0 Identifying types of social work employment opportunities;
- 6.0 Identifying types of social work organizations and institutions;
- 7.0 Comprehend issues related to the social work field;
- 8.0 Understanding social problems and the need for social work intervention;
- 9.0 Learning how to operate a nonprofit social services organization;
- 10.0 Understanding the future of the social welfare state in America and the global community; and,
- 11.0 Identifying volunteer experiences in social work.

## 9. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1.0 Define social work;
- 2.0 Understand the history of social work as a profession;
- 3.0 Comprehend social science theories for analyzing human behavior and social problems;
- 4.0 Comprehend the psychological theories for analyzing human behavior;
- 5.0 Identify types of social work employment opportunities;
- 6.0 Identify types of social work organizations and institutions;
- 7.0 Comprehend issues related to the social work field;

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8.0 Understand social problems and the need for social work intervention;

9.0 Learn how to operate a nonprofit social services organization;

10.0 Understand the future of the social welfare state in America and the global community, and,

11.0 Identify volunteer experiences in social work.

## 10. **Assessment Measures**

Assessment of student learning may include, but not be limited to, the following:

1.0 Exams;

2.0 Research assignments;

3.0 Oral presentations; and,

4.0 Volunteer experience