#### **SOC/SW 377**

# Human Behavior and the Social Environment II: Dimensions of the Environment

Spring 2024 Wednesdays, 1pm – 2:50pm Science Building (SCI) SCI D320

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## **Course Description**

This course provides a framework for investigating knowledge of human behavior and the environment with a focus on macro-level factors; these factors include the physical environment, stress and adaptation, belief systems, social exchange and cooperation, structures and movements, and systems of power and privilege. Students will learn how to integrate multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to examine the interplay between human behavior and environmental factors. Related to these factors, students will investigate human rights across social, racial, economic, and environmental structures, and develop skills to advance human rights

projects. Students apply knowledge of the multidimensional person-in-environment framework for social work engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation at the community level related to local issues and human rights.

## **Course Materials**

The following text is required for this class:

Vaughn, M.G., DeLisi, M., and Matto, H.C. (2014) Human behavior: A cell to society approach. Wiley: Hoboken, NJ.

Link to the library's ebook:

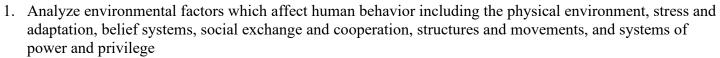
https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/uwsp/detail.action?docID=7103633

You may need to sign into your library account to access this text.

Additional readings and multi-media are posted to Canvas.

## **Course Objectives**

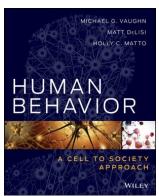
The following course objectives connect with one or more of the nine core competencies on which the social work curriculum is based. Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:



Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice. Competency 4: Engage in Research-Informed Practice and Practice-Informed Research

2. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment, person-in-environment, and other multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to critically evaluate the distribution of power and privilege in society.

Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice.



### Competency 4: Engage in Research-Informed Practice and Practice-Informed Research

- 3. Examine human rights movements as a tool to advance and advocate for social, racial, economic, and environmental justice at the individual, family, group, organizational, and community level.
  - Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice
- 4. Understand processes to advocate for human rights at the group, organizational, and community system levels.
  - Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in carrying out the phases of generalist social work practice including engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation at the community level.
  - Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
  - Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
  - Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations and Communities
  - Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

## **Council on Social Work Education Core Competencies**

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) identifies core competencies that students must demonstrate and apply throughout their education and that social work programs must infuse into their curricula. This course is designed to provide exposure to these competencies and serve as a foundation for the further development that will take place should a student be admitted into the social work program.

- 1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
- 2. Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice
- 3. Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice
- 4. Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice
- 5. Engage in Policy Practice
- 6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- 7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- 8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- 9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

Course Requirements		Gradin	g Scale	
1. Human Rights Documentary Reflection Essays (2)	50 points			Percent
2. Human Rights Project	150 points	A A-	=	94-100 91-93
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a. Project (120)		В	=.	84-87
b. Small group presentation (30)		B-	=	81-83
3. Community Analysis Project	100 points	C+	=	78-80
a. Participant observation (25)	1	C C-	=	74-77 71-73
b. Community interview (25)		D+	=	68-70
•		D	=	60-67
c. Participation in project (50)		F	=	59 and below
	300 POINTS			

The following assignments connect with		ne nine core compe	tencies and one or more
of the 4 dimensions within each competer	ncy.		
Assignment	% of Final	Competency	Dimensions
_	Grade		(Knowledge, Values,
			Skills, Cognitive-
			Affective)

Human Rights Documentary Reflection	16.66%	1 and 2	Knowledge
Essays			Skills
			Values
			Cog/Affect
Human Rights Project		1 and 2	Knowledge
	50%		Values
			Skills
			Cog/Affect
Community Analysis Project		6, 7, 8, and 9	Knowledge
	33.33%		Skills
TOTAL	100%		

As part of the evaluation plan for the social work curriculum, this course has been designated to measure the following competencies through an embedded assessment assignment. See Assignments Section for information on all course assignments.

Competency	Dimensions	Course Objective	Assignment
#2	Knowledge,	#1, 2, 3, and 4	Human Rights Project
	Values, Skills,		
	Cognitive/Affective		
	Processes		

### **Course Format**

The course format will include small and large group discussion, lecture, multi-media, and activities. There will be in class "lab time" where you will have the opportunity to gather information and work collaboratively on the community analysis project. For the asynchronous portion of the course (30%), you will watch documentaries related to content and write a brief reflection linking the documentary with content from the course.

Structure of this Class 1pm-2:50

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1:00-1:30	Lecture & multi-media
1:30-1:45	Free write
1:45-2:15	Small and large group discussions
2:15-2:50	Community analysis project "lab time" or human rights content

#### PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

#### **Social Work Program Academic and Professional Expectations**

The Social Work Program at UWSP takes seriously the responsibility to prepare and graduate generalist social work practitioners who demonstrate a strong commitment to the six core values of the social work profession. Students will be held accountable to demonstrate positive academic and professional behaviors in all aspects of our program. Failure to meet expectations may result in further action, such as a developing a plan for improvement or delaying participation in social work field.

SOCIAL WORK CORE VALUE	Students Demonstrate Values when they:
DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE PERSON	<ul> <li>Use basic courtesy in interactions with others</li> <li>Refrain from behaviors that interfere with the learning</li> </ul>
	process

	Speak and behave in ways that show respect for persons with individual differences or members of diverse
	communities
IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS	Develop and maintain positive working relationships with
	others
	Demonstrate respect for others
	Engage in effective communication
	Accept responsibility for own behavior
	• Use appropriate problem-solving and conflict resolution
	skills
INTEGRITY	Complete their own work
	Maintain academic and professional honesty in all
	interactions
COMPETENCE	Attend classes and meetings on time
	Remain attentive in class and meetings
	Participate in academic and professional learning activities
	Read all assigned materials
	Produce quality work
	Submit work on time
	Prepare for meetings, presentations, and exams
	Respectfully give and receive feedback
SERVICE	• Engage in learning opportunities to strengthen professional
	development
	Actively participate in service opportunities on campus and
	in the community
SOCIAL JUSTICE	Recognize that discrimination and oppression exist
	Acknowledge their own bias and privilege
	Advocate for social, economic, and environmental change
	• Listen to and honor the voices of others

## **COMMITMENT TO STUDENT WELLNESS**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is committed to the safety and success of all students. The Office of the Dean of Students supports the campus community by reaching out and providing resources in areas where a student may be struggling or experiencing barriers to their success.

You may be experiencing a range of issues that can create barriers to learning, such as tense relationships, anxiety, alcohol/drug issues, feeling down, difficulty concentrating, or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to weakened academic performance or a decreased ability to participate in daily life. UWSP is committed to advancing the mental health and well-being of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, please be aware that services are available.

You can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus here: <a href="https://www3.uwsp.edu/counseling/Pages/default.aspx?gclid=Cj0KCQjw3JanBhCPARIsAJpXTx5C5xE0P51z-IDP9ezUMZjVU8P-tEvUdbYTLDjrMJB4Ho2O1L3Wt6MaAptmEALw\_wcB">https://www3.uwsp.edu/counseling/Pages/default.aspx?gclid=Cj0KCQjw3JanBhCPARIsAJpXTx5C5xE0P51z-IDP9ezUMZjVU8P-tEvUdbYTLDjrMJB4Ho2O1L3Wt6MaAptmEALw\_wcB</a>

For physical health concerns, please see information here: https://www3.uwsp.edu/stuhealth/Pages/default.aspx

As your instructor, I may contact the Office of the Dean of Students if I sense you are in need of additional support which individually I may not be able to provide. You may also share a concern if you or another member of our campus community needs support, is distressed, or exhibits concerning behavior that is interfering with the academic or personal success or the safety of others, by reporting here.

## **Best Practices for Course Learning**

Learning how to learn effectively is a skill unto itself! To get the most out of our course learning experience, I recommend the following:

- Attend class; this is truly the best way to increase your knowledge and learning.
- Take notes on what you read, either directly in the book or somewhere else, and jot down all of the questions you have.
- Test yourself on what you have read by trying to summarize key points without looking back at the text.
- Ask questions! During class, in office hours, and asynchronously over email or Canvas. I welcome all
  questions and will address them individually with you, or collectively during class or via a Canvas
  announcement.

Review these Online Learning Resources from UWSP's Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC).

# What is Student Time?

This is an opportunity for us to meet one-on-one or in small groups to discuss assignments, attendance, concepts covered in the textbook or mini-lectures, future career goals, etc. I enjoy meeting with students one-on-one so please take advantage of this time. My office hours are Wednesdays: 12-12:45 and 3-4pm, or by appointment.

## **Attendance and Class Participation**

You are expected to attend class sessions, read all assignments, and watch multi-media, if assigned, before the class for which they are assigned. It is important that you attend every class session due to the way the course is structured.

Our classes will be highly interactive. I may lecture for about 30 minutes throughout class, but it will be predominantly discussion based. This will be a space for us to dig into community analysis, human rights, and macro-level social work issues.

Different students have different learning styles; as such, I take an inclusive view of participation which includes verbal and non-verbal participation, active engagement with all required texts and materials, and participation in small and large group discussions. Participation is more than asking a question or making a comment in the large group discussion. Participation is actively completing in-class assignments, engaging with your peers in group work, and cooperating in creating a supportive, respectful environment.

### Late assignments

You are expected to complete course work by the date that it is due. You are responsible for contacting me to negotiate for an alternate due date; you must do this **BEFORE THE DUE DATE**. Please be aware that I do not check email consistently on the weekends; as such, if you want to request an extension you will want to send that request prior to Friday at 4pm. Requesting an extension does not automatically mean that you will receive one. **No assignments will be accepted if they are turned in more than two weeks past the due date.** 

With all of this in mind, please note that I am flexible and understanding of people's situations that might prevent an assignment from being turned in on time. Please keep the lines of communication with me open!

#### **Workload Expectation**

This class is mostly in-person learning (70%) but does contain an asynchronous learning component. Our inperson learning will occur every week on Wednesday; for the asynchronous portion of the course, you will watch documentaries related to readings and course content and write your reflection essays. Be sure to watch all assigned documentaries on schedule as we will discuss them in class.

Expect to spend approximately 7+ hours per week on this course:

- 2 hours = class time
- 1 hour = time to watch assigned documentaries and complete your reflection essays (30% asynchronous work)
- 4+ hours = reading, major assignments

## **Professional Communication**

Please use professional writing when communicating with me by email. Professional communication via email includes: an email with a greeting and closing, spell check, and grammar review. Students who send emails that are received between 8 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, can expect a response by the close of the following business day; *if you do not receive a response from me after 48 hours, please resend the email.* Please keep in mind that I rarely check emails after 4:00 PM on weekdays or over the weekend.

If you would like to chat in Zoom or in person, you may send me an email to set that up. However, if your question is related to a more general matter, consider posting it to the pinned discussion in Canvas so that all may benefit. I welcome the opportunity to meet with students via Zoom, cell, or email to discuss assignments and/or course content.

#### **Civility and Respect for Diversity**

To have meaningful, rich, and substantive dialogue in the social work profession, please keep the following in mind:

- Keep an open mind with respect to others' opinions. We want strive for a robust dialogue in our practice, which can only be fostered and achieved if a minority viewpoint can be expressed without hesitancy.
- Effective social work practice often involves some risk taking. I strive to make this course a safe place to practice this kind of risk taking; you are expected to assist in attaining this goal.
- Demonstration of ethical behavior is expected in all aspects of academic performance. Professional/ ethical behavior is expected during class and in the completion of assignments. Social workers and human service professionals work with vulnerable populations who must be able to depend on the ethical standards of behavior from the professionals from whom they seek assistance.

There is an expectation that everyone will do their best to use non-sexist, non-racist, gender-neutral, and non-stigmatizing language during discussions and in written work. Some useful guidelines for accomplishing this include:

- When referring to ethnic and racial groups, use the language that is presently acceptable to that group. (you may have to do some research, or connect with me, to achieve this.)
- When referring to people who have intellectual / cognitive and / or emotional challenges, individuals who are homeless, individuals experiencing poverty, etc., present this in a way that does not stigmatize them. Avoid using terms like "the mentally ill", "the disabled", "illegal aliens" or "the homeless". Instead use person-centered language, such as "individuals experiencing mental illness", "people with disabilities", undocumented immigrant or worker, etc. The use of person-centered language is a hallmark of the social work profession.

#### **Inclusivity Statement**

It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well-served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that the students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit. It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender identity, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, nationality, religion, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally or for other students or student groups. If you have experienced a bias incident (an act of conduct, speech, or expression to which a bias motive is evident as a contributing factor regardless of whether the act is criminal) at UWSP, you have the right to report it using this link. You may also contact the Dean of Students office directly at dos@uwsp.edu.

I commit to doing my part as well by keeping myself informed on the most recent research and practices that best support inclusive learning. I last completed UWSP's Safe Zone training in Spring, 2020.

## **Confidentiality**

The asynchronous classroom is a safe place for learning, inquiring, and expression; as such, there is a professional standard of confidentiality maintained in the online classroom. An awareness of maintaining confidentiality is of utmost importance in the social work profession.

### **Technical Assistance**

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or to report a problem with Canvas you can:

- Connect with the Tech Essentials Program
- Seek assistance from the IT Service Desk (Formerly HELP Desk)
  - o IT Service Desk Phone: 715-346-4357 (HELP)
  - o IT Service Desk Email: techhelp@uwsp.edu

### **Plagiarism**

It is a requirement that all work not original will be properly referenced. Students MUST CITE ANY AND ALL work which is not of a student's creation. Plagiarism will result in disciplinary action and will not be tolerated. Academic honesty is a foundation principle for personal and academic development. All University policies regarding academic honesty apply to this course. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating or copying, plagiarism (claiming credit for the words or works of another from any type of source such as print, Internet or electronic database, or failing to cite the source), fabricating information or citations, facilitating acts of academic dishonesty by others, having unauthorized possession of examinations, submitting work of another person or work previously used without informing the instructor, or tampering with the academic work of other students.

Unless specifically mentioned in a course assignment, AI generated submissions, such as ChatGPT, are not permitted and will be treated as plagiarism.

## **UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**



### First Nation Land Acknowledgement

We must recognize that the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point occupies the lands of the Ho Chunk and Menomonee people. Please take a moment to acknowledge and honor this ancestral Ho Chunk and Menomonee land, and the sacred lands of all indigenous peoples.



This course will offer resources and learning experiences to enhance our understanding of the First Nation peoples' experiences in this country. Simply reciting this acknowledgement statement is not enough. To truly live the statement, I encourage you to explore this topic more deeply to examine your biases and increase your knowledge of the Native American community.

#### **University Supports**

The Dean of Students Office provides resources and referrals for students experiencing any personal issues or challenges: https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/stu-personal.aspx.

### Rights and Responsibilities

For information on policies and resources associated with being a student at UWSP, please see the Student Handbook at: <a href="https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/handbook.aspx">https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/handbook.aspx</a>

### **Severe Weather**

In the case of inclement weather, please check your email and Canvas announcements to determine if class will be held in-person or virtually. If the class is cancelled, you may receive instructions to complete a short alternate assignment to keep the content for that week fresh. Please view UWSP's information about severe weather here: <a href="https://www.uwsp.edu/emergency/Pages/severe-weather.aspx">https://www.uwsp.edu/emergency/Pages/severe-weather.aspx</a>

# Policy Related to Sexual Violence on the UWSP Campus

Please see the information on the Dean of Students webpage for information on making confidential reports of misconduct or interpersonal violence, as well as campus and community resources available to students. <a href="https://www.uwsp.edu/titleix/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.uwsp.edu/titleix/Pages/default.aspx</a>

## **Equal Access for Students with Disabilities**

UW-Stevens Point will modify academic program requirements as necessary to ensure that they do not discriminate against qualified applicants or students with disabilities. The modifications should not affect the substance of educational programs or compromise academic standards; nor should they intrude upon academic freedom. Examinations or other procedures used for evaluating students' academic achievements may be adapted. The results of such evaluation must demonstrate the student's achievement in the academic activity, rather than describe his/her disability.

If modifications are required due to a disability, please inform the instructor and contact the <u>Disability</u> <u>Resource Center (DRC)</u> to complete an Accommodations Request form.

Email: drc@uwsp.edu; Phone: 715-346-3365

108 Collins Classroom Center (CCC)

1801 4th Ave.

Stevens Point, WI 54481

## **Academic Integrity**

Academic Integrity is an expectation of each UW-Stevens Point student; work integrity is also an expectation within the social work practice community. Campus community members are responsible for fostering and upholding an environment in which student learning is fair, just, and honest. Through your studies as a UW-Stevens Point student, it is essential to exhibit the highest level of personal honesty and respect for the intellectual property of others. Academic misconduct is unacceptable. It compromises and disrespects the integrity of our university and those who study here. To maintain academic integrity, a student must only claim work which is the authentic work solely of their own, providing correct citations and credit to others as needed. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and/or helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. Failure to understand what constitutes academic misconduct does not exempt responsibility from engaging in it. Please see this document for guidance: <a href="https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Documents/AcademicIntegrityBrochure.pdf">https://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Documents/AcademicIntegrityBrochure.pdf</a>

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## **Recording and Sharing Recorded Class Content / Intellectual Property Policy**

Lecture materials and recordings for UWSP classes are protected intellectual property at UW-Stevens Point. Students in this course may use the materials and recordings for their personal use related to participation in this class. Students may also take notes solely for their personal use. If a lecture is not already recorded, you are not authorized to record my lectures without my permission unless you are considered by the university to be a qualified student with a disability requiring accommodation. [Regent Policy Document 4-1] Students may not copy or share lecture materials and recordings outside of class, including posting on internet sites or selling to commercial entities. Students are also prohibited from providing or selling their personal notes to anyone else or being paid for taking notes by any person or commercial firm without the instructor's express written

permission. Unauthorized use of these copyrighted lecture materials and recordings constitutes copyright infringement and may be addressed under the university's policies, UWS Chapters 14 and 17, governing student academic and non-academic misconduct.

### READING, ASSIGNMENTS, AND CLASS TOPICS

Readings and multi-media are posted to Canvas. Please be aware that due dates and assignments may need to be changed; you will be made aware of any changes to the course schedule as soon as possible.

#### **READING TIPS**

To help you prepare for reading the text and watching the documentaries, it is useful to consider each of these questions as you complete assigned readings:

- What are the main points of the reading/documentary?
- What points, if any, do you like, agree with, or find helpful in terms of understanding issues related to community, macro-level, and societal issues? Why?
- What points, if any, do you dislike, disagree with, or find unhelpful? Why?
- Based on your personal experiences and other readings (academic and non-academic), what other perspectives on the issue might be out there?

I recommend taking handwritten notes while you are doing the readings. This article in Scientific American (06-03-14) suggests that handwritten notes help with learning and deepen understanding of a topic: <u>A Learning Secret: Don't Take Notes with a Laptop</u>

#### **COURSE SCHEDULE**

Week	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Textbook</u> <u>Chapter(s)</u>	Activities & Assignments	Due Date
1 01/21 to 01/28	Syllabus and course overview Subtopic: What are human rights? (Content Focus: Competency 1 and 2)	Syllabus & Read/Listen to the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights	<b>Due:</b> Information Sheet; you'll fill this out during class.	
2 01/29 to 02/04	Introducing the Cell to Society Framework; Introduction to Human Rights Movements Subtopic: Human rights related to gender. Watch: 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights (Content Focus: Competency 2 and 4)	AND see Canvas for an introductory reading about human rights/social movements	Due: Doc Reflection Essay  We will form small groups during class time for the community analysis project.  Choose the human rights movement you want to investigate.	02/04
3 02/05 to 02/11	Stress and Adaptation Subtopic: What is the connection between poverty, race, oppression, stress, and adaptation? (Content Focus: Competency 2 and 4)	3	Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.	

4 02/12 to 02/18	Physical Environment; Introduction to Community Assessment Subtopic: How does the physical environment contribute to human rights issues, poverty, racism, and oppression? Human rights related to environmental factors. Watch: Awake the Film (1 hour, 29 min) (Content Focus: Competency 2 and 4)	AND see Canvas for community analysis reading	Due: Doc Reflection Essay if you've chosen this as your 2 <sup>nd</sup> essay.  In your small groups, choose the community for your Community Assessment Project. Determine schedule to conduct your participant observation; brainstorm ideas of potential interviewees/  Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.	02/18
5 02/19 to 02/25	Community Analysis: Qualitative Data Subtopic: Participant Observation & Conducting Interviews (Content Focus: Competency 6 and 7)	see Canvas for community analysis reading	Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.	
6 02/26 to 03/03	Use this time to conduct your participant observation, set up your community interview, write up your qualitative data assignments, etc.	None	Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.  Conduct your participant observation soon!  Conduct your community interview soon!	
7 03/04 to 03/10	Institutions Subtopic: How do institutions contribute to human rights issues, poverty, racism, and oppression? Human rights related to economic factors. Watch: The Democratic Promise: Saul Alinsky and his Legacy (56 min) (Content Focus: Competency 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9)	13	Due: Doc Reflection Essay if you've chosen this as your 2 <sup>nd</sup> essay.  Due: Participant Observation Notes and Write-up  Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.	03/10
8 03/11 to 03/16	Community Analysis: Quantitative Data (Content Focus: Competency 6 and 7)	see Canvas for community analysis reading	Community analysis: Gather quant data; interpret and organize data  Due: materials from your quantitative data research  Conduct your community interview soon!	03/16

03/16 to 03/24		SPRING BREAK	<u>.</u> !	
9 03/25 to 03/31	Social Exchange and Cooperation Subtopic: How does social exchange and cooperation contribute to human rights issues, exclusion/inclusion, and resilience? Human rights related to racial factors.  Watch: La Raz   Artbound (57 min) Human rights related to racial discrimination. (Content Focus: Competency 2 and 4)	9	Due: Doc Reflection Essay if you've chosen this as your 2 <sup>nd</sup> essay.  Due: Interview Write up  Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.	03/31
10 04/01 to 04/07	Community Analysis: Mapping Tools and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (Content Focus: Competency 6 and 7)	see Canvas for community analysis reading	Community analysis: Gather mapping data; interpret and organize data  Due: materials from your mapping data research  Due: Doc Reflection Essay if you've chosen this as your 2 <sup>nd</sup> essay.  Conduct research for your Human Rights Project.	04/07 04/07
11 04/08 to 04/14	Social Networks and Psychosocial Relations Subtopic: How does social networks and psychosocial relations contribute to human rights issues, exclusion/inclusion, and resilience? Human rights related to racial factors. Watch: Stonewall Uprising (1 hour, 21 min) (Content Focus: Competency 2 and 4)	10	Due: Doc Reflection Essay if you've chosen this as your 2 <sup>nd</sup> essay.  Develop and prepare your Human Rights Project.	04/14
12 04/15 to 04/21	Community Analysis: Interventions; Introduction to Community Analysis: Evaluation and Sustainability (Content Focus: Competency 8 and 9)	see Canvas for community analysis reading	Community analysis: Based on collected data thus far, brainstorm community-level intervention; think about funding for program and sustainability.  Due: Human Rights Movement Project	04/21
13 04/22 to 04/28	Community Analysis Project Workshop		We will spend class time organizing your project and finishing up any research.	

14 04/29 to 05/05	Belief System and Ideology Subtopic: How do belief systems and ideology contribute to human rights issues, poverty, racism, and oppression? (Content Focus: Competency 2 and 4)	14	<b>Due:</b> Community Analysis Project	05/05
15 05/06 to 05/12	Human Rights Movement Presentations in Canvas		You will share what you learned about your Human Rights Movement during class.	

**HAPPY SUMMER!** 

# **COURSE ASSIGNMENTS**

### Human Rights Documentary Reflection Essays 2 @ 25 points = 50 points

CSWE Content Focus: Competency 1 and 2

The purpose of this assignment is to connect content from the readings and documentaries to social work practice that engages in the advancement of human rights to promote social, racial, economic, environmental and gender-based justice. For each activity you will be expected to read the assigned chapter, watch the documentary, and practice skills related to advocating and advancing human rights.

You will write a reflection essay for 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights. You will choose from the following list of documentaries for your second essay. Next to each doc, note which specific issue the doc is addressing:

- Stonewall Uprising Social justice
- La Raz | Artbound Racial justice
- Saul Alinsky & The Democratic Promise Economic justice
- Awake Environmental justice
- 100 Years of Women's Voting Rights Gender-based justice

You will be guided to explore the following:

- Knowledge: you will learn about human rights across social, racial, economic, environmental, and gender-based issues.
- Values: your personal values related to the content.
- Skills: you will identify historical and current social policies that may have contributed to the issue and which may continue to contribute to the issue; you will propose policy change related to the issue.
- Cognitive/Affective Processes: your feelings about the content and how they may affect your cognition, critical thinking, and formation of opinions about the issue. Furthermore, how these cognitive/affective processes might influence your practice as a social worker.

#### **Human Rights Project 150 points**

CSWE Content Focus: Competency 1 and 2

This project will give you the opportunity to examine a contemporary human rights movement of interest to you. You will connect your movement to established human rights laws and policies; and make recommendations to advocate for and advance the rights of the community at the individual, family, group, organizational, and community levels. You will investigate power and privilege factors which contribute to the human rights violation and propose structural changes to eliminate barriers to equitable access to rights, resources, safety, and overall well-being.

You will be guided to explore the following:

- Knowledge: you will learn about a specific human rights issue (choose an issue from one of these issues: social, racial, economic, environmental).
- Values: your personal values related to the content.
- Skills: you will identify historical and current social policies that may have contributed to the issue and which may continue to contribute to the issue; you will propose policy change related to the human rights violations.
- Cognitive/Affective Processes: your feelings about the content and how they may affect your cognition, critical thinking, and formation of opinions about the issue. Furthermore, how these cognitive/affective processes might influence your practice as a social worker.

You will share an overview of your human rights project during class. (30 points)

#### **Community Analysis Project 100 points**

CSWE Content Focus: Competency 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9

- Participant observation (25 points)
- Community interview (25 points)
- Participation in project (50)

The purpose of this assignment will expose you to community engagement, assessment, intervention, and evaluation social work methods. This project will prepare you to conduct various types of analysis at the community level. You will learn how to:

- Use online data sources to gather quantitative information about your community
- Conduct participant observation of a community to gather qualitative data
- Conduct an interview of a community member
- Use mapping tools and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Develop an intervention based on your engagement and assessment
- Propose evaluation methods to ensure the effectiveness of your proposed intervention

## You will be guided to explore the following:

- Knowledge: you will learn about the community assessment process using social work methods.
- Values: once you conduct your interview for the community analysis project, you will explore your personal values related to findings from the interview.
- Skills: you will learn how to gather quantitative, qualitative, and mapping data; how to conduct participant observation; how to conduct a community interview; develop an intervention for your community; and propose an evaluation method.
- Cognitive/Affective Processes: once you have conducted your participant observation you will explore your feelings about your findings and how they may affect your cognition, critical thinking, and formation of opinions about the issue. Furthermore, how these cognitive/affective processes might influence your practice as a social worker.

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- ◆ Please write all assignments in APA format; this includes providing a reference list, if required. Information about APA paper format can be found here:
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- ons\_the\_basics.html#:~:text=When%20using%20APA%20format%2C%20follow,the%20end%20of%20the %20paper.
- ◆ Papers will be graded on accuracy, breadth of content, consideration of social work principles, development of ideas, spelling, and grammar.
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- ♦ Spelling and grammar should be checked prior to submitting assignments and discussion posts. Please do not rely on spell and grammar check as your only editorial tools.
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