

**SOWK-2110 INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN SERVICES AND SOCIAL WORK****3 CREDITS****SYLLABUS**

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**CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

This course is for students who are interested in social welfare issues and/or are considering entering a social service profession. The course presents an overview of social problems, issues and trends, and the network of social agencies developed to address these concerns. The course examines the influence of personal and professional values and ethics on the helping relationship. The concept of social welfare will be discussed from a social work perspective (with an emphasis on social justice), and students will gain a basic understanding of social work in U.S. society, social work career opportunities, and contemporary issues facing social workers. Approaches relevant to work with individuals, families, groups and communities are presented, with special emphasis on Hispanic and Indigenous populations of New Mexico and the Southwest.

Formerly HMSV-111

Prerequisites: ENGL-095 and RDNG-096 or appropriate Accuplacer English and Reading scores.

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

***COMMON STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES***

*Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...*

**BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING**

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

**CRITICAL THINKING**

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

**CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

**INFORMATION LITERACY**

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

**INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES**

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

## COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

*Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...*

Identify and define the major components of the field of Human Services and critically evaluate those components. Demonstrate increased awareness and understanding of the various professions in the field of Human Services. Understand the interrelationships of the various professions in the field of Human Services and how they work together to benefit clients.