SOCIAL WORK

The Social Work program is designed to prepare and qualify the student academically, professionally and spiritually for quality educational and professional Christian service by providing knowledge and training in generalist social work and related disciplines, accompanied by appropriate elective studies. Students learn basic foundations, knowledge, research skills, policies, issues, practice methods, and social service delivery systems coupled with an understanding of a Christian perspective and ministry-related community outreach faith-based endeavors. The Social Work degree at SAGU enables students to have a strong academic foundation for entry-level social work positions as well as admission to graduate social work professional programs.

Knowledge – Students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctive of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments in church history and discuss their significance for the contemporary church.
5. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
6. Take an exam for credentials for ministry related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

Attitudes – Students should be able to:

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the Church.
3. Relate a personal commitment of the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.

Pre-professional skills – Students should be able to:

1. Integrate the knowledge and principles of social work into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between social work and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of social work in supervised field experiences.
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Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate in-depth understanding and apply the knowledge, values, and skills of generalist social work.
2. Demonstrate understanding of principles, theory, knowledge, values and skills of applied social research.
3. Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking skills within the context of generalist social work practice.
4. Apply knowledge of bio-psycho-social variables that affect individual development and behavior, and use of theoretical frameworks to understand the interactions among individuals and social systems.
5. Understand the history of the social work profession, its current structures and issues.
6. Analyze the impact of social policies on clients systems, workers and agencies.
7. Understand forms and mechanisms of oppression and discrimination and the strategies to advance social and economic justice.
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REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES  60 Hours
PSY  1113  Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith
PSY  2323  Developmental Psychology
PSY  3313  Abnormal Psychology
PSY  3453  Social Psychology
PSY  4483  Human Sexuality
SWK  2113  Introduction to Social Work
SWK  2133  Social Welfare Policies, Programs and Issues
SWK  2213  Counseling Children and Adolescents
SWK  2223  Addictive Behavior and Recovery
SWK  2283  Introduction to Counseling and Social Work Practice I
SWK  2413  Statistics for Behavioral Sciences
SWK  2423  Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
SWK  3113  Church and Community Social Work
SWK  3133  Delinquent Behavior and Rehabilitation
SWK  3273  Advanced Counseling Methods and Social Work Practice II
SWK  3443  Crisis Intervention and Management
SWK  4313  Behavioral Science Research
SWK  4413  Methods and Techniques in Marriage and Family Counseling
SWK  4483  Social Work Field Practicum I
SWK  4583  Social Work Field Practicum II

GENERAL ELECTIVES  9 hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS  127 Hours

8. Understand structures of organizations and service systems, and understand the necessity of organizational change.
9. Demonstrate the use of biblical values and ethics in the generalist social work practice.
10. Demonstrate the ability to establish rapport with clients from diverse backgrounds.
11. Demonstrate professional behavior.

Additional Program Stipulations
1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. Veterans with at least six months of service may apply for and receive four hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar’s office.