

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## SW 460: Social Policy and Policy Practice

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires any of these six prerequisites

ECON 100 - The American Economy

POL 120 - American National Government and Politics

SW 400 - Research Methods in Social Work

SW 415 - Research Methods in Social Work

SOC 350 - Methods and Statistics for Social Research

SW 420 - Generalist Practice: Individuals

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Development of social welfare policies and current policy structures, and policy practice, advocacy, analysis, and evaluation used in agency, community, and legislative settings. Admission to the Social Work program is required. Prior or concurrent registration in POL 470 is also required.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 12/01/2011 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Policy analysis and change processes
2. Policy evaluation
3. Political and economic perspectives
4. Relationship between social policy and social work practice
5. Social welfare policy development

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Analyze a social problem's history and systems impact on individuals, families, groups, organizations, and society.
2. Develop a policy change proposal to address the social problem and advance social well-being.
3. Explain one model of policy change advocacy.
4. Analyze, formulate, advocate for policies that advance social well-being
5. Discuss methods of collaborating with clients and colleagues for effective policy action.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted