

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## SW 460: Social Policy and Policy Practice

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires any of these five prerequisite categories

1. ECON 100 - The American Economy  
Or
2. POL 120 - American National Government and Politics  
Or
3. SW 400 - Research Methods in Social Work  
Or
4. SW 420 - Generalist Practice: Individuals  
Or
5. SOC 350 - Methods and Statistics for Social Research

Corequisites: SW 450 and PARA 470

MnTC Goals: None

Development of social welfare polices 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 PARA 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