

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA

ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-013-189

New Social Work Minor

Academic Programs Committee

Date: xx/xx/2019

Executive Committee
Received and Forwarded

Date: 04/17/2019

Academic Senate

Date: 04/24/2019
First Reading
09/25/2019
Second Reading

BACKGROUND: The Department of Sociology has put forward a referral for a minor in Social Work for semesters. This is a new program.

The department provided the following justification for this new minor.

“The social work minor provides students an introduction to the field of social work and social welfare. It is designed to offer students a basic understanding of the skills needed to begin a career in professional social work. The minor is especially useful for students in majors that interface with Social Work such as Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Education, etc. who want an introductory understanding of the field. It will also be beneficial for students who plan to earn an MSW, become medical/public health professionals, and/or pursue public policy and advocacy work.”

Having a minor in Social Work will serve students beyond our major interested in studying social work and preparing for the profession. This minor will serve those students in particular.

RESOURCES CONSULTED:

Deans
Associate Deans
Department Chairs
All Faculty

DISCUSSION:

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences (CLASS) as well as the Dean and Associate Deans of CLASS and the Office of Academic Programs. All concerns raised at those levels were addressed. The Academic Programs Committee then conducted campus-wide consultation, as well as its own review of the program. No concerns were raised.

All of the courses in this minor already exist and are offered for other programs. Consequently, there will be no substantial of time and effort from offerings needed for other programs.

During the First Reading a question came up concerning whether the name “social work” would misleadingly imply that this program offers a level of preparation normally found only in accredited graduate-level programs. In response, faculty in the Sociology Department noted that even graduate degrees in social work do not always lead to professional licensure, but nonetheless use the name. Since professional licensure is a long path, and attainment of a graduate degree is only one step along that path, the mere presence of “social work” in the name of a program is not an unusual or misleading practice. Moreover, the department will make it clear through advising that this program is for undergraduates interested in learning more about the field as they consider possible career paths, not a substitute for a graduate degree and licensure.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval of the new minor in Social Work.

Curriculog printout provided for reference only. For most recent changes please refer to Curriculog database (<https://cpp.curriculog.com/>).

Social Work Minor - 28 units

G. Program - New Minor

General Catalog Information

Department* Sociology

Exact title of new minor (e.g. Evolutionary Biology Minor)* Social Work Minor

Program total units* 28 units

Description of Minor* The social work minor provides students an introduction to the field of social work and social welfare. It is designed to offer students a basic understanding of the skills you will need to begin a career in professional social work. The minor is especially useful for students in majors that interface with Social Work such as Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Education, etc. who want an introductory understanding of the field. It will also be beneficial for students who plan to earn an MSW, become medical/public health professionals, and/or pursue public policy and advocacy work.

List courses by subject area, catalog number, title, and units of credit to be required under the proposed aggregate.*

Minor Required Core			
Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare	SW 2201	UD	3
Social Work Practice/Lab	SW 3301/L	UD	3/1
Social Inequality and Stratification	SOC 3309	UD	3
Social Welfare Policy and Issues	SW 3310	UD	3
Introduction to Psychology	PSY 2201	LD	3
Introduction to Sociology	SOC 2201	LD	3
Minor Required Units			19
Minor Electives (Choose three of the following courses)			
Basic Developmental Psychology	PSY 3305	UD	(3)
Family Violence	SW 3322	UD	(3)
Family as a Social Institution	SOC 3321	UD	(3)

Theories and Issues in Ageing	SW 3325	UD	(3)
Social Work and Integrated Health Settings	SW 3311	UD	(3)
Health Psychology	PSY 3326	UD	(3)
Medical Social Work	SW 3320	UD	(3)
Abnormal Psychology	PSY 4150	UD	(3)
Basic Counseling Skills	PSY 4170	UD	(3)
Theories of Counseling	PSY 4120	UD	(3)
Sociology of Education	SOC 3360	UD	(3)
Child Psychology for Educators	PSY 2206	LD	(3)
Social Change & Social Movements	SOC 3340	UD	(3)
Community Psychology <i>or</i> Multicultural Psychology	PSY 4250 or PSY 3325	UD	(3)
International Social Work	SW 4430	UD	(3)
Human Rights	SW 4440	UD	(3)
Minor Electives Units			9
University Requirements (Based on other semester campus estimates)			
Total Units Required			28

State the aims of the proposed aggregate of courses.* The social work minor curriculum will provide students with an introduction to the field of social work and various topics relevant to and within the field.

Justify the need for the proposed aggregate of courses.* Students beyond our major are interested in studying social work and preparing for the profession. This minor will serve those students in particular.

List new courses to be developed. You will need to submit separate course proposals for each new course. n/a

List all present faculty members with rank, appointment status, highest degree earned, date and field of highest degree, and professional experience, who would teach in the
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Fernando Parra (M.S.W., University of California, Los Angeles), *Professor. Social Work Internship Coordinator.*

proposed aggregate of courses.*

Describe instructional resources (faculty, space, equipment, library volumes, etc.) needed to implement and sustain the proposed aggregate of courses.* We will use our existing resources to support this minor.

List all additional resources needed including specific resource, cost, and source of funding. n/a

The following fields are for integration purposes with the University Catalog (i.e. Acalog e-catalog). Please select Program and enter 'n/a' in Curriculum.

Program Type* Program Shared Core

Curriculum*

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