



Course Number	SOWK 399 S01	Classroom	Online
Course Name	Practice and Evaluation with Organizations		
Day(s) & Time	Friday 9:00-11:50		
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## **SYLLABUS STATEMENT**

An introduction to theories and skills in the study of human service organizations. Examines organizational dynamics and how this impacts professional practice, relationships with clients, and the potential for organizational change.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Most professional social workers must learn how to practice within the structure of human service organizations. This course provides a conceptual framework for understanding social service organizations, which form the most common work environments for social workers on a day-to-day basis. The course will examine how organizations define the role and scope for the social workers employed and include discussions around the political, social, and economic contexts in which these organizations function. Beyond the basics of how human service organizations work, the course will emphasize how social workers can provide leadership in addressing complex social issues while contributing to the evolution of social work practice within an organizational context. This course emphasizes a collaborative learning process, meaning that student attendance and active engagement strongly contributes to building a meaningful and valuable learning experience. It is based on the view that knowledge is co-created during peer interaction, discussion, and problem solving. The class may include the use of video, guest speakers, lecture and discussion formats, small group work, as well as occasional role-plays and practice exercises.

#### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate through a combination of engagement, critical thinking, reflection and teamwork, an understanding of organizational theories, concepts, and dynamics, as well as their implication for practice.
- 2. Critically analyze the purpose, structure and functioning of human service organizations.
- 3. Build an understanding of how to ethically approach the work of effective professional social work practice in the human service organization.
- 4. Demonstrate the ability for self-directed, inquiry-based learning to gain a deeper understanding of an area of interest related to organizational practice and the literature in this area.

- 5. Understand the distinctions between the Western (or Euro-Canadian) and Indigenous worldviews and how these distinctions inform social work practice in differing organizational contexts.
- 6. Begin to engage in organizational and societal systems' change through acquiring skills to identify social inequalities, injustices, and barriers towards changing oppressive social conditions.

# **LEARNING RESOURCES**

# **REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND/OR READINGS**

**TEXTBOOK:** Gibelman, M., & Furman, R. (2013). *Navigating Human Service Organizations* (3rd ed.). Chicago: Lyceum.

## **REQUIRED READINGS:**

- Alberta Collage of Social Workers (2013). Standards of Practice. Retrieved from, https://www.scribd.com/doc/310181824/final-standardsofpractice-20131104
- Canadian Association of Social Workers (2005). Code of ethics, Retrieved from <a href="http://www.casw-acts.ca/">http://www.casw-acts.ca/</a>
- Community Tool Box, Chapter 3, 8-12 at:
  - https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/assessment/assessing-community-needs-andresources/swot-analysis/main
- First Nations University of Canada, (N.D.). Lighting the path: 2019-2024 Strategic Plan. Retrieved from,
  - https://www.fnuniv.ca/wpcontent/uploads/FNUniv.StrategicPlan.FinalVersionWeb2019.pdf
- Government of Alberta, (2011). Your rights and responsibilities at work. Retrieved from, https://alis.alberta.ca/pdf/cshop/rightresponse.pdf
- Gray, M. (2005). Dilemmas of international social work: Paradoxical processes in indigenisation, universalism and imperialism. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 14(3), 231-238.
- Health Professions Act (2000). Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter H-7. Alberta Queen's Printer, Edmonton, AB. Retrieved from, http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/h07.pdf.
- Holosko, M. J. (2009). Social work leadership: Identifying core attributes. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 19,* 448-459. doi:10.1080/10911350902872395
- Lightman, E., & Lightman, N. (2017). *Social Policy in Canada*. (2nd ed). Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.
- Middle, J., Harvey, S., Esaki, N. (2015). Transformational leadership and organizational change: How do leaders approach trauma-informed organizational change...twice? *Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, *96*(3), 155-163. doi:10.1606/1044-3894.2015.96.21
- Morrissette, V., McKenzie, B., & Morrissette, L. (1993). Towards an aboriginal model of social work practice: Cultural knowledge and traditional practices. *Canadian Social Work Review/Revue canadienne de service social,10(1),* 91-108. Retrieved from https://www.jstor.org/stable/41669520
- Netting, F. E., O'Connor, M. K., Yancey, G., (2006). Belief systems in faith-based human service programs. *Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought, 25* (3-4), 261-286. doi:10.1300/J377v25n03\_15.
- O'Donovan, D., Rimland Flower, N., (2013). The strategic plan is dead. Long live strategy. Stanford social innovation review. Retrieved from http://ssir.org/articles/entry/the\_strategic\_plan\_is\_dead.\_long\_live\_strategy

Use APA (7<sup>th</sup> edition) formatting for all written work, including headings, citations, etc.

# **LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

A D2L site is set up for this course which contains relevant class resources and materials. A laptop, desktop or mobile device with Internet access, microphone and speaker is required for D2L and Zoom access.

# **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER COURSES**

This course will complement other required practice courses taken in the undergraduate BSW program.

# **CLASS SCHEDULE**

Topic	Notes/Required Readings	
Welcome and Introductions	Assigned Pre-Readings:	
Review of syllabus &	1) CASW Code of Ethics	
,	2) ACSW (2013). Standards of	
Historical Context of Social	Practice	
Work as a Profession		
The Organizational Context of		
Social Work Practice		
Ethics and Standards of Practice for		
Social Workers		
Asynchronous Class	Assigned Readings:	
Submit Annotated Bibliography	1) Chapter 1 of course text: Gibelman	
of these 3 assigned readings by	& Furman (2013)	
11:59 p.m. via our D2L course	2) O'Donovan & Rimland-Flower	
Drop Box	(2013). The strategic plan is	
<ul> <li>Human service organizations</li> </ul>	dead. Long live strategy	
introduction	3) Netting, O'Connor & Yancey	
<ul> <li>Values and beliefs</li> </ul>	(2006). Belief systems in	
	faith-based human service	
	programs	
	Assigned Readings:	
	1) Chapter 2 of course text: Gibelman	
_	& Furman (2013)	
	2) Community Toolbox at:	
SWOT Analysis	https://ctb.ku.edu/en (focus on	
	Chapters: 8 to12 for <i>Developing a</i>	
	Strategic Plan and Organizational	
	Structure)	
	<b>SWOT Analysis:</b> Community Tool Box, Chapter 3 at:	
	https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-	
	contents/assessment/assessing-	
	<ul> <li>Review of syllabus &amp; assignments</li> <li>Historical Context of Social Work as a Profession</li> <li>The Organizational Context of Social Work Practice</li> <li>Ethics and Standards of Practice for Social Workers</li> <li>Asynchronous Class</li> <li>Submit Annotated Bibliography of these 3 assigned readings by 11:59 p.m. via our D2L course Drop Box</li> <li>Human service organizations introduction</li> <li>Values and beliefs</li> <li>Human Service Organizations and Strategic Planning</li> <li>Planning and Evaluation</li> <li>Logic Models</li> </ul>	

		community-needs-and-resources/swot-
		analysis/main
October 1, 2021	Asynchronous Class	Assigned Readings:
0000001, 2021	Submit Annotated Bibliography of	Chapter 3 of course text: Gibelman
	the two (2) assigned readings by	& Furman (2013)
	. , ,	2) Community Toolbox (Chapter 36:
	11:59 p.m. via our D2L course Drop Box	https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-
	BOX	contents/evaluate/evaluation/framewo
	Funding Human Service	rk-for-evaluation/main
	Organizations	One-Page Agency Contact Proposal
	Agency Annual Reports and the	Due: Submit proposal to the D2L Drop
	link to Strategic Planning	Box by 11:59 p.m. and await instructor
	What about the role of ethics	approval before proceeding
	and values?	approval before proceeding
October 8, 2021	Leadership and Governance	Assigned Readings:
0000001 8, 2021	<u> </u>	1) Chapter 4 of course text
	Who holds the power? Critical Social Work'	2) Holosko, M. J. (2009). Social work
Zoom Class		leadership: Identifying core attributes
9:00-10:50	An Indigenous Perspective	3) Grassroots Governance and the Non-
9.00-10.30	- How authority is viewed	Profit Sector at:
*Class time for group	- Values and the	
	importance of	http://sectorsource.ca/resource/web/g
project work (10:50-	relationship	rassroots-governance-governance-and- non-profit-sector
11:50)	A Western Perspective     Description	
	- Boards, CEO, Roles &	4) Morrisette, McKenzie, & Morrisette (1993). Towards an aboriginal model
	Responsibilities in the	of social work practice: Cultural
	Organizational Structure	•
		knowledge and traditional practices.
		Guest Speaker: Dr. Rick Enns (Federal
		Indian education policy and
		colonization)
October 15, 2021	Asynchronous Class	Assigned Readings:
	Submit Annotated Bibliography of	1) Chapter 5 of course text
	the two (2) assigned readings by	2) Middle, Harvey., & Esaki (2015).
	11:59 p.m. via our D2L course Drop	Transformational leadership and
	Box	organizational change: How do
		leaders approach trauma-informed
	The Role of Supervision in the	organizational changetwice?
	Organizational Context	
	Social Work Supervision	Assignment #2: Reflection Paper Due
	- Education	at 11:59 p.m. via the D2L Drop Box
	- Support	
	- Administration	
	Code of Ethics	
	Professional Development and	
	Continuing Education	
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October 22, 2021	Organizational Culture and the	1) Chapters 6 & 7 of course text:
0000001 22, 2021	Influence on the Work	Gibelman & Furman (2013)
Zoom Class	Environment	2) CASW Code of Ethics and Standards
9:00-10:50	Organizational Culture and	of Practice
3.00 10.30	Climate	Guest Speaker: tentative
*Class time for group	Wellness and Self-Care	Cuest speaker terrative
project work (10:50-	Social Work Practice Settings:	
11:50)	Challenges and Opportunities	
October 29, 2021	Asynchronous Class	Dedicated day for working on your
0000001 29, 2021	Group Work Working Session	group presentation projects
	Asynchronous session	group presentation projects
	dedicated for you to work on	
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November F 2021	your group projects.  The Work Environment within	Assigned Deadings
November 5, 2021		Assigned Readings: 1) Chapters 8, 9 & 10 of course text
Zoom Class	Organizations	2) Standards of Practice at:
9:00-10:50	Unions, working conditions,      inherent services.	· ·
9:00-10:50	rights of workers	https://www.scribd.com/doc/31018182
*Clara time o fou avenue	Workplace policies &	4/final-standardsofpractice-20131104
*Class time for group	procedures	
project work (10:50-	Neoliberalism and the impact	
11:50)	on the Welfare State	
	Organizational Change	
	Shifting contexts	
November 12, 2021	Fall Break	No class this week
November 19, 2021	Group Presentations	Groups presenting on this date are to
Zoom Class	(x3)	upload presentation and references to
9:00-11:50		D2L site by 11:59 p.m.
November 26, 2021	Group Presentations	Groups presenting on this date are to
Zoom Class	(x2)	upload presentation and references to
9:00-11:50		D2L site by 11:59 p.m.
December 3, 2021	Globalization and its Influence on	1) Lightman & Lightman, Chap 11:
	Knowledge Construction	Globalization. To be posted on D2L
Zoom Class	The intersection of knowledge,	site
9:00-10:30	values and social work practice	2) Gray, M. (2005). Dilemmas of
	contexts	international social work: Paradoxical
		processes in indigenization,
	Course Wrap-up	universalism and imperialism

# Please note important dates for Fall 2021

- o Block Week: Monday, August 30 to Friday, September 3, 2021
- o Labour Day, Monday, September 6, 2021
- o Start of Classes: Tuesday, September 7, 2021
- o National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: Thursday, September 30, 2021 (no classes)
- Thanksgiving Day: Monday, October 11, 2021
- o Remembrance Day: Thursday, November 11, 2021
- o Term Break: No classes from Sunday, November 7 to Saturday, November 13, 2021

- Last Day of Classes: Thursday, December 9, 2021
- o End of Term: Friday, December 24, 2021
- Add/Drop/Swap and Withdraw deadlines: Check the Student Centre

# ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM CONDUCT AND RELATED INFORMATION

## **EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

The Faculty of Social Work acknowledges the inequities experienced by racialized people, Indigenous people, and other marginalized populations. We aim to foster an environment that recognizes and celebrates diverse perspectives. Therefore, we are committed to eradicating all forms of injustices based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, religion, and disability.

# **GUIDELINES FOR ZOOM SESSIONS IN ONLINE CLASSES**

Students are expected to participate actively in all Zoom sessions. If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected, if they are able, to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.). All students are expected to behave in a professional manner during the session.

#### MEDIA RECORDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING

The instructor may use media recordings as part of the assessment of students. This may include but is not limited to classroom discussions, presentations, clinical practice, or skills testing that occur during the course. These recordings will be used for student assessment purposes only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

## **ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS**

**Assignment #1: Annotated Bibliographies** 

**Weight: 35%** (5% x 7 readings)

Due: Sep 17 – October 15, 2021 (dates specified below)

Aligned Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

You will complete annotated bibliographies of assigned readings during those weeks where learning will occur asynchronously: <code>September 17th</code>, <code>October 1st</code> & <code>October 15th</code>. There are a total of seven (7) readings that require annotated bibliographies for this course. The readings to be addressed for each date above are noted in the <code>Class Schedule</code> as <code>Assigned Readings</code>. To complete an <code>Annotated Selected Bibliography</code>: You can consult the Online Writing Laboratory of Purdue University at <a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/614/01/</a> for information and suggestions for completing an annotated bibliography. The link specifically for annotated bibliographies is: <a href="https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general writing/common writing assignments/annotated bibliographies/index.html">https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general writing/common writing assignments/annotated bibliographies/index.html</a>. You can also access writing supports that include literature reviews and annotated bibliographies at: the University of Toronto at <a href="http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/specific-types-of-writing/literature-review">http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/specific-types-of-writing/literature-review</a>

In your bibliographies, provide a succinct summary of each reading, highlight any key themes or concepts that stand out for you, and critically assess the reading in relation to strengths and challenges

presented. Conclude with a section on how this material impacts or influences you personally and professionally as an emerging social worker; provide examples to illustrate some of your points. Each annotated bibliography should not exceed a maximum of 2 pages (excluding title page), should be double-spaced, and cited per APA (7<sup>th</sup> Edition).

**Assignment #2: Individual Reflection Paper** 

Weight: 25%

**Due: October 31st, 2021** 

Aligned Learning Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6

The topic of this reflection paper is: Your Role as Social Worker within the Organizational Context: Self-Reflection/Preparing for Practice.

Social workers working within human service organizations are often challenged to apply their skills to many different worker-client environments/settings. Choose a specific agency/organization among public (governmental), non-profit (voluntary) or private (for-profit) types of organizational settings. Your reflective paper should first provide a brief overview of the chosen organization/agency and its service offering. Using the agency's mission and/or vision statements and other pertinent material, describe (include who the client is and how services are delivered) and then critically assess the merits and drawbacks of your potential professional work in that setting. Is this agency a fit for you? Why or why not? Do the values fit within your own personal value system? What are some of the challenges here? How might different ways of knowing influence services provided by this organization and what might your role be in promoting and advocating for change for gaps in services? For example, are indigenous ways of knowing considered? Supports and resources for newcomers? Francophones?

This paper should be referenced with attention to organizational structure and functioning and other relevant aspects of organizational life with particular emphasis on your potential opportunities to exercise informal leadership as a new social worker. This paper should be no longer than 4-6 pages in length excluding references; double spaced. Standards of writing will be a factor in grading assignments. Please complete your writing submissions in a style of formatting consistent with APA (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) style/format. Information on APA can be accessed via the American Psychological Association (2001), Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (7th Ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. Other APA style resources can be accessed via the U of C Student Success Centre website at http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/APA. Completed essays must be submitted to the D2L course drop box no later than 11:59 p.m. Please include at least three references from scholarly texts (e.g., journals, texts, community-based policy documents), in addition to the course textbook and recommended/additional readings to support your discussion of a chosen agency/organization.

**Assignment #3: Group Project-Organizational Analysis** 

Weight: 40%

**Due: Classes of November 19**<sup>th</sup> **and 26**<sup>th</sup>, **2021** Aligned Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Group presentations will be scheduled for either November 19<sup>th</sup> or November 26<sup>th</sup> during class time. The group presentation format must be conducted either live or pre-recorded and played live in class. It may be formatted as a PowerPoint, a Prezi or a private YouTube. Presentations should also include a creative form of engagement with other class members that could include for example, role plays, storytelling,

electronic polling, or debates among team members. The presentations should demonstrate the contributions of all team members.

The goal of this group project is to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of how human service organizations function through the lens of a SWOT analysis. Groups will identify/choose a human service organization and be required to conduct a SWOT analysis that shows the organization's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The analysis should include an assessment of how well the organization is achieving and/or could achieve its mission within the current socio-economic environment. A logic model is a useful tool to use in analyzing the resources, assets, and outcomes for organizations and you should be included as part of your overall presentation to support your analysis and critique (it can be a one-slide diagram highlighting inputs, through puts and outputs, as discussed in class).

Your group is expected to contact an agency and interview someone in a management, supervisory or front-line position to gain a comprehensive understanding of the organization. (Additional information about your agency may be ascertained from the agency website or through other research methods).

Each group is to submit a **one-page proposal about the agency** you plan to analyze and contact **by** October **1**st , **2021**. Provide the following details:

- a) Name of each group member
- b) Name of the agency/organization
- c) Who [which student in your group] will make the initial contact with the agency
- d) The name and contact information for the person in the agency you will approach
- e) <u>Submit it to the Instructor for review and approval prior to the identified student contacting the</u> proposed agency
- f) A table outlining key sections of your presentation and which student will be covering which piece

When completing this project, evaluative reports may also be available if the agency has a requirement to publicize their outcomes. Groups are expected to inquire about and address factors that may significantly impact the organization (for example, a change in financial status, leadership, social policy, organizational mandate, societal shift or government focus). Presentations should be approximately **30 minutes** in length including **10** minutes for class discussion and questions.

Based on the virtual site visit, research from the web, annual reports, and supporting material you are to prepare a presentation including the following information:

- 1. Mission (Brief history as to origins of the agency/organization)
- 2. Vision (examine the agency vision and organizational values, noting the intersections with the values of social work)
- 3. Description of need (i.e. Number of clients, scope of agency)
- 4. Description of program and evaluation/critique of mandate (what services are provided? Are they relevant for the community? Those served? Other considerations? How is social work situated in this context? Etc.)
- 5. Number of staff
- 6. Funding (grants, contracts, donations)
- 7. Governance (Not for profit, charitable, sole proprietor; organizational chart)
- 8. Collaboration activities with other organizations (stakeholders, community partners)

- 9. SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats)
- 10. Logic Model

Discuss how this organization's work addresses their mission and if it reflects the social work profession. What recommendations might you make based on your overall analysis, assessment, and critique of the organization? Creating a *Logic Model* would be beneficial in providing a visual overview of the organization for your presentation: input, throughputs, outputs. A list of references should be included in the presentation.

**Group/Teamwork:** Each team will be composed of 4-6 members as assigned by the instructor. Each group member is expected to make a full and equal contribution to this assignment. This includes preparation and attendance at team meetings, as well as timely delivery of material/component parts needed by the team. All members of a team will receive the same grade for the group project. However, it is at the instructor's discretion to vary this grade where there are significantly different levels of participation among members, as happens when some members take on more or less significant elements of the assignment. Each group is to submit an abbreviated <u>Table of Contents</u> to the Instructor that highlights the contributions of each group member to the final project and presentation with the final project submission in the D2L Drop Box, to ensure accountability, academic integrity and equitable workload distribution for each student.

# ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION INFORMATION

## ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to attend class regularly and to be fully present and engaged in class activities and discussions.

# **GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS**

Please submit all assignments electronically through their respective Dropbox in D2L. Assignments should be submitted in Word format. Assignments should have a file name as follows: "Full name and assignment number" (e.g., Jane Smith Assignment 2). Assignments are due by 11:59pm on their respective due dates. Please note that it is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment and to ensure that the proper version is submitted.

#### **LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

Late assignments will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion or the instructor. Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with a grade reduction of a minimum of one grade per each day late if no prior arrangements have been made with the Instructor.

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITING**

Writing quality is a component of all written assignments, including the use of APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition formatting for referencing. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented and referenced in APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition format. If you need writing support, please connect with the Student Success Centre, at: <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support">https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/writing-support</a>

# **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT**

It is expected that all work submitted in assignments is the student's own work, written expressly by the student for this particular course. Students are reminded that academic misconduct, including plagiarism, has serious consequences, as set out in the University Calendar: <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html">http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html</a>

# **GRADING**

A student's final grade for the course is the sum of the separate assignments. It is not necessary to pass each assignment separately in order to pass the course.

The University of Calgary **Undergraduate Grading System** and Faculty of Social Work Percentage Conversion will be used.

Grade	Grade	Description	Percentage
	Point		Range
A+	4.0	Outstanding	95 - 100
А	4.0	Excellent – superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject matter	95 – 100
A-	3.7		90 – 94
B+	3.3		85 – 89
В	3.0	Good – clearly above average performance with knowledge of subject matter generally complete	80 – 84
B-	2.7		75 – 79
C+	2.3		70 – 74
С	2.0	Satisfactory – basic understanding of subject matter	65 – 69
C-	1.7		60 – 64
D+	1.3		55 – 59
D	1.0	Minimal Pass – marginal performance	50 – 54
F	0.0	Fail – unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements	Below 50

# **COURSE EVALUATION**

Student feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the standard University and Faculty of Social Work course evaluation forms. Students are welcome to discuss the process and content of the course at any time with the instructor.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS

#### PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As members of the University community, students and staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary Calendar <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html">http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html</a>

Students and staff are also expected to demonstrate professional behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment. Consistent with the aims of the Social Work Program and the University of Calgary, all students and staff are expected to respect, appreciate, and encourage expression of diverse world views and perspectives; to offer their fellow community members unconditional respect and constructive feedback; and to contribute to building learning communities that promote individual and collective professional and personal growth. While critical thought and debate is valued in response to concepts and opinions shared in class, feedback must always be focused on the ideas or opinions shared and not on the person who has stated them.

Students and staff are expected to model behaviour in class that is consistent with our professional values and ethics, as outlined in the Canadian Association for Social Workers, Code of Ethics (2005) and the Alberta College of Social Work Standards of Practice (2019). Both can be found online at: <a href="https://acsw.ab.ca/site/practice-resources?nav=sidebar">https://acsw.ab.ca/site/practice-resources?nav=sidebar</a>

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS). SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <a href="www.ucalgary.ca/access/">www.ucalgary.ca/access/</a>. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at <a href="https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf">https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf</a>

# **RESEARCH ETHICS**

"If a student is interested in undertaking an assignment that will involve collecting information from members of the public, they should speak with the course instructor and consult the CFREB Ethics Website (<a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/cfreb">http://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/cfreb</a>) before beginning the assignment.

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#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students' assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

#### **SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY**

The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary's sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at

https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/sexual-and-gender-based-violence-policy

### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please visit the Registrar's website at: <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines">https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines</a> for additional important information on the following:

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information