

Social Work (SW)

SW 423. Addiction Studies. 3 Credits.

This course provides an applied approach to understanding the addictive personality and the process of addiction disorders. Students will focus on various models of addiction as developed by current experts and will examine current research on several disorders including chemical and substance addictions (alcohol, drugs, and food) and other behavioral addictions (gambling, spending, Internet/Gadget addiction, and compulsive productivity, otherwise known as "workaholism"). Specific topics to be covered include the stages and characteristics of addiction, its course, prevalence, and familial patterns and symptoms of addictive disorders and how it affects the criminal justice systems. It will also examine various treatment approaches including effective intervention strategies used within the criminal justice system.

SW 492. Independent Study. 6 Credits.