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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

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**SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH GROUPS**

**Ethics and Leadership Flag Course**

This course carries the Ethics and Leadership Flag. Ethics and Leadership courses are designed to equip you with skills that are necessary for making ethical decisions in your adult and professional life. You should therefore expect a substantial portion of your grade to come from assignments involving ethical issues and the process of applying ethical reasoning to real life situations.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course in the practice sequence focuses on developing group leaders who possess both an understanding of group dynamics and effective leadership skills. The foundation of the course is social work values and the ethical decision making process, as illuminated by the NASW Code of Ethics. The content encompasses both task and treatment groups utilizing an ecosystems developmental framework. The course emphasizes understanding, affirming, and respecting groups with diverse backgrounds, including (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, and national origin. Social work group facilitation is taught utilizing empirically-based theories and interventions to achieve client goals. Students will know how to evaluate the effectiveness of group interventions.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

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

1. Demonstrate an understanding of social group work and practice related to the strengths, capacities and resources of individuals within groups. (PB 11, 35, 38)
2. Develop leadership skills with groups in order to help alleviate critical social problems and enhance group well-being. (PB 1, 2, 3, 4, 38)
3. Develop skills in identifying group members' issues, problems, needs, resources, and assets within a framework of group processes, dynamics, and developmental stages. (PB 11, 12, 13)
4. Understand and apply basic concepts of task-oriented group work, including recruiting and selecting members, leadership, group decision making and problem solving, running an effective meeting, and evaluation of task groups. (PB 29, 30, 31)
5. Understand and apply basic concepts of treatment groups, including group formation, facilitation, and termination (assessment, intervention, and evaluation). (PB 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40)
6. Develop skills in identifying, analyzing and implementing empirically based group interventions and evaluating group effectiveness. (PB 5, 11, 12, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40)
7. Develop tools and techniques for understanding, affirming, and respecting group members from diverse backgrounds, distinguished by characteristics including (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental ability, age, and national origin (PB 11, 30)
8. Explore what is involved in making real life ethical choices, establishing a professional self, applying social work values and utilizing the ethical decision making process, as illuminated by the NASW Code of Ethics, to social work with groups. (PB 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)
9. Demonstrate an understanding of the pursuit of social and economic justice including group/community strategies to combat discrimination, oppression, and economic deprivation for individuals and families. (PB 1, 29, 30)

The School of Social Work has been continuously accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) since 1952. In order to maintain our accreditation status, we engage in ongoing curriculum assessment to demonstrate compliance with CSWE's Education Policies and Accreditation Standards (EPAS). Several required courses in our curriculum are part of this ongoing assessment, including this course. Below is a list of the specific Educational Policies (EP) and Practice Behaviors (PB) that are assessed in this course. The complete EPAS can be obtained from your BSW Student Handbook.

### **EP Competency 2.1.1**

Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly. Social workers serve as representatives of the profession, its mission, and its core values. They know the profession's history. Social workers commit themselves to the profession's enhancement and to their own professional conduct and growth.

**PB1** Advocate for client access to the services of social work

**Objectives:** 2, 8, and 9

**Assignment:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, Social Worker Interview, assigned readings, class discussion, exams

**PB2** Practice personal reflection and self-correction to assure continual professional development

**Objectives:** 2 and 8

**Assignment:** Weekly Written Learning Reflections, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, classroom exercises and discussion

**PB3** Attend to professional roles and boundaries

**Objectives:** 2 and 8

**Assignment:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, Social Worker Interview, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, assigned readings and exams

**PB4** Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior, appearance, and communication

**Objectives:** 2 and 8

**Assignment:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, Social Worker Interview, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, class discussions

**PB5** Engage in career-long learning

**Objectives:** 6 and 8

**Assignment:** Weekly Written Learning Reflections, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, exams

**PB6** Use supervision and consultation

**Objectives:** 8

**Assignment:** Weekly Written Learning Reflection, Social Worker Interview, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, class exercises and discussion

### **EP Competency 2.1.2**

Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice. Social workers have an obligation to conduct themselves ethically and to engage in ethical decision making. Social workers are knowledgeable about the value base of the profession, its ethical standards, and relevant law.

**PB7** Recognize and manage personal values to allow professional values to guide practice

**Objectives:** 8

**Assignments:** Weekly Written Learning Reflections, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, class exercises, discussion, assigned readings and exams

**PB8** Make ethical decisions by applying NASW Code of Ethics and, as applicable, IFSW/IASSW ethical principles

**Objectives:** 8

**Assignments:** Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, assigned readings, exams, class exercises

**PB9** Tolerate ambiguity in resolving ethical conflicts

**Objectives:** 8

**Assignments:** Weekly Written Learning Reflections, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, class discussion and exams

**PB10** Apply strategies of ethical reasoning to arrive at principled decisions

**Objectives:** 8

**Assignments:** Assigned readings, class exercises, discussion and exams

**EP Competency 2.1.3** Apply critical thinking to inform and communicate professional judgments: Social workers are knowledgeable about the principles of logic, scientific inquiry, and reasoned discernment. They use critical thinking augmented by creativity and curiosity. Critical thinking also requires the synthesis and communication of relevant information.

**PB11** Distinguish, appraise, and integrate multiple sources of knowledge, including research-based knowledge, and practice wisdom

**Objectives:** 1, 3, 6, and 7

**Assignment:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, Weekly Written Learning Reflections, assigned readings and exams

**PB12** Analyze models of assessment, prevention, intervention, and evaluation

**Objectives:** 3 and 6

**Assignment:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, assigned readings, classroom exercises and exams

**PB13** Demonstrate effective oral and written communication in working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and colleagues

**Objectives:** 3

**Assignment:** Weekly Written Learning Reflections, Social Worker Interview, Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, exams

#### **EP Competency 2.1.10a: Engagement**

**PB29** Substantively and affectively prepare for action with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities

**Objectives:** 4, 5, and 9

**Assignments:** Assigned readings, class exercises and exams

**PB30** Use empathy and other interpersonal skills

**Objectives:** 4, 5, 7, and 9

**Assignments:** Small Group Experiential and Written analysis, class exercises

**PB31** Develop a mutually agreed-on focus of work and desired outcomes

**Objectives:** 4 and 5

**Assignments:** Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, exams

### **EP Competency 2.1.10b Assessment**

**PB32** Collect, organize, and interpret client data

**Objectives:** 5

**Assignments:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, exams

**PB33** Assess client strengths and limitations

**Objectives:** 5

**Assignments:** Community Support Group Assignment, assigned reading, class exercises

**PB34** Develop mutually agreed-on intervention goals and objective

**Objectives:** 5

**Assignments:** Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, exams

**PB35** Select appropriate intervention strategies

**Objectives:** 1 and 5

**Assignments:** Assigned reading, exams and class exercises

### **EP Competency 2.1.10c Interventions**

**PB36** Initiate actions to achieve organizational goals

**Objectives:** 5 and 6

**Assignments:** Community Task Group Assignment, assigned readings and exams

**PB37** Implement prevention intervention that enhances client capacities

**Objectives:** 5 and 6

**Assignments:** Community Support Group Assignment, assigned readings, class exercises and exams

**PB38** Help clients resolve problems

**Objectives:** 1, 2, 5, and 6

**Assignments:** Community Support Group Assignment, assigned readings and exams

**PB39** Negotiate, mediate, and advocate for clients

**Objectives:** 5 and 6

**Assignments:** Community Support Group Assignment, Community Task Group Assignment, assigned readings and exams

**PB40** Facilitate transitions and endings

**Objectives:** 5 and 6

**Assignments:** Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis, assigned readings and exams

## **TEACHING METHODS**

This class will be taught using a variety of methods to foster a stimulating, creative, collaborative and interactive learning community. Experiential learning and exercises to promote self awareness in relation to group process will be emphasized. The class will be organized as a skill laboratory utilizing small group context and role play to provide opportunities for students to develop group leadership and membership skills. The professor will model group work principles and skills in the leadership of the class. Other teaching methods include class discussion, videos, guest speakers, lecture and assigned learning activities in the community. For a meaningful experience in this class, students must actively participate, take risks, stretch their creativity and critical thinking skills and attend class regularly. All students are encouraged to provide the instructor feedback and meet with the instructor individually as needed to enhance their learning.

## **REQUIRED READINGS**

### **Required Text**

Corey, M. Schneider, Corey, G. and Corey, C. (2014). *Groups: Process and Practice*. Belmont, CA.: Brooks/Cole.

**Additional required weekly readings and handouts will be posted on Canvas.**

### **Students are also expected to review:**

UTSSW Standards for Social Work Education

<http://www.utexas.edu/ssw/dl/files/academic-programs/other/standards-sw-education.pdf>

NASW Code of Ethics

<http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/code/code.asp>

Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners Code of Conduct

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/socialwork/sw\\_conduct.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/socialwork/sw_conduct.shtm)

NASW Standards for Cultural Competence

<http://www.naswdc.org/practice/standards/NASWCulturalStandards.pdf>

Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups

[http://www.aaswg.org/files/AASWG\\_Standards\\_for\\_Social\\_Work\\_Practice\\_with\\_Groups.pdf](http://www.aaswg.org/files/AASWG_Standards_for_Social_Work_Practice_with_Groups.pdf)

[http://www.iaswg.org/docs/AASWG\\_Standards\\_for\\_Social\\_Work\\_Practice\\_with\\_Groups2010.pdf](http://www.iaswg.org/docs/AASWG_Standards_for_Social_Work_Practice_with_Groups2010.pdf)

[http://www.iaswg.org/Practice\\_Standards](http://www.iaswg.org/Practice_Standards)

NASW Policy Statement on Professional Self Care

<http://www.naswdc.org/nasw/memberlink/2009/supportfiles/ProfesionalSelf-Care.pdf>

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to complete all the assignments listed below. Detailed assignment learning objectives and instructions, including expected demonstration of content mastery and skill development will be provided in a separate handout. All assignments will be discussed in detail in class and students are encouraged to meet with the instructor should they have any questions about the assignments. Grading sheets with point allocation will be provided with the assignment guidelines. All written assignments will be graded on depth and quality of required content, creativity and critical thinking skills, overall professionalism and quality of writing. Specific point totals for each assignment are listed below. **All students are required to complete a grading sheet that is to be turned in with each written assignment to foster their skill and comfort in self evaluation – a critical component of practice evaluation.**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
• Weekly Written Learning Reflection To be submitted online (5 points each)	75 points	Fridays
• 2 Take Home Exams (75 points each)	150 points	
○ Midterm		10/28
○ Final (non comprehensive)		12/9
• Social Worker Interview	50 points	10/9
• Community Support Group Assignment	50 points	11/4
• Community Task Group Assignment	50 points	11/20
• Small Group Experiential and Written Analysis	75 points	12/2
<b>Total</b>	<b>450 points</b>	

**Letter grades will be assigned as follows:**

<b>Point Total</b>	<b>% Equivalent</b>	<b>Grade</b>
423-450 points	(94.0 and above)	A
405-422.999 points	(90.0 - 93.999)	A-
391.5-404.999 points	(87.0 - 89.999)	B+
378-391.499 points	(84.0 - 86.999)	B
360-377.999 points	(80.0 - 83.999)	B-
346.5-359.999 points	(77.0 - 79.999)	C+
333-346.499 points	(74.0 - 76.999)	C
315-332.999 points	(70.0 - 73.999)	C-
301.5-314.999 points	(67.0 - 69.999)	D+
288-301.499 points	(64.0 - 66.999)	D
270-287.999 points	(60.0 - 63.999)	D-
269.999 or below	(59.999 and below)	F

## **CLASS POLICIES**

This class will operate under the guidelines of professional accountability in the classroom. All students are expected to review the Standards for Social Work Education found on the School of Social Work website and in the BSW Student Handbook. The following policies will be observed:

### **The University of Texas Honor Code**

The core values of The University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the university is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.

### **Professional Conduct in Class**

Students are expected to act like professionals in class. This means students should arrive on time for class, be prepared to participate in class discussions, and show respect for one another's opinions. In the classroom environment, students will be exposed to diverse ideas and opinions and may not always agree with ideas expressed by others. However, students are expected to engage one another with respect, courtesy and professionalism. This entails listening to the opinions, concerns and feelings of others with openness, speaking honestly about one's own experience, offering suggestions and ideas in a positive and respectful manner, and being willing to promote group cohesiveness in the learning environment. **Use of cell phones and laptops is not permitted during class.**

### **Classroom Civility**

A course brings together a group of diverse individuals with various backgrounds. Students are influenced and shaped by such factors as ethnicity, gender, sex, physical abilities, religious and political beliefs, national origins, and sexual orientations, among others. We expect to learn from each other in an atmosphere of positive engagement and mutual respect. Social Work deals with complex and controversial issues. These issues may be challenging and uncomfortable, and it would be impossible to offer a substantive classroom experience that did not include potentially difficult conversations relating to challenging issues.

### **Unanticipated Distress**

Students may experience unexpected and/or distressing reactions to course readings, videos, conversations, and assignments. If so, students are encouraged to inform the instructor. The instructor can be responsive and supportive regarding students' participation in course assignments and activities, but students are responsible for communicating clearly what kind of support is desired. If counseling is needed, students can contact a service provider of their choosing, including the UT Counseling Center at 512-471-3515 or online at [www.utexas.edu/student/cmhc/](http://www.utexas.edu/student/cmhc/)

### **Use of E-Mail for Official Correspondence to Students**

Email is recognized as an official mode of university correspondence; therefore, students are responsible for reading their email for university and course related information and announcements. Students are responsible to keep the university informed about changes to their email address. Students should check their email regularly and frequently daily,



but at minimum, twice a week to stay current with university-related communications, some of which may be time sensitive. Students can find UT Austin's policies and instructions for updating their e-mail address at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/its/policies/emailnotify.php>

### **Documented Disability Statement**

Any student who requires special accommodations must obtain a letter that documents the disability from the Services for Students with Disabilities area of the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement (471-6259 voice or 471-4641 TTY for users who are deaf or hard of hearing). Present the letter to the professor at the beginning of the semester so that needed accommodations can be discussed. The student should remind the professor of any testing accommodations no later than five business days before an exam. For more information, visit <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/>.

### **Attendance and Participation**

Attendance and participation for the full class is expected for all students. Repeated late arrivals to class may be considered as an absence. Classroom exercises, discussions, role plays, guest speakers and other class experiential exercises are essential for the students' professional learning and continued development of self awareness. This form of learning cannot be "made up" once missed. Consequently 5 points will be deducted for any missed classes. Students are to notify the instructor prior to class at the given office phone number or by email if they cannot attend class due to an illness or emergency. In addition, the instructor reserves the right to add or deduct 10 points to students' final point total based on the overall quality of their classroom participation during the semester.

### **Religious Holidays**

According to UT Austin policy, students must notify the professor of a pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If the student must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, the professor will give the student an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

### **Maintaining Confidentiality**

Information shared in class about agencies and clients is considered to be covered by the NASW Code of Ethics regarding the sharing of information for educational supervision purposes. Agencies are aware that de-identified information is shared in classes for this purpose. However, discussions outside of class with individuals not in this class or with other members of the class regarding information shared in class about clients is considered a breach of confidentiality. All students are expected to maintain confidentiality.

### **Papers**

Students are expected to produce high quality work in terms of appearance, writing style and content. Points will be deducted for errors, misspellings, incorrect grammar, poor organization, repetition of information, and inferior word processing. When using information from other sources, references and bibliography should conform to the current APA style citation. Students are encouraged to consult with the Undergraduate

Writing Center at <http://uwc.utexas.edu> 471-6222 for assistance with any writing assignments. Plagiarism is a serious violation of university rules and will be dealt with according to university policy.

### **Policy on Scholastic Dishonesty**

Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information, the student may refer to the Web Site of the Student Judicial Services, Office of the Dean of Students (<http://www.utexas.edu/depts/dos/sjs/>).

### **Use of Class Materials**

The materials used in this class, including, but not limited to, exams, quizzes, and homework assignments are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized copying of the class materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the student. Additionally, the sharing of class materials without the specific, express approval of the instructor may be a violation of the University's Student Honor Code and an act of academic dishonesty, which could result in further disciplinary action. This includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of sharing those materials with other current or future students.

### **Time Management**

All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the date indicated. **Late papers will be penalized 5 points per day that they are late.** Contact the instructor before the assignment is due if other arrangements need to be made due to an emergency.

### **Social Media and Professional Communication**

Public social networks are not private. Even when open only to approved or invited members, users cannot be certain that privacy will exist among the general membership of sites. If social work students choose to participate in such forums, please assume that anything posted can be seen, read and critiqued. What is said, posted, linked to, commented on, uploaded, subscribed to, etc. can be accessed and archived, posing potential harm to professional reputations and prospective careers. Social work students who use social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and other forms of electronic communication (i.e. blogs, etc.), must be mindful of how their communication may be perceived by clients, colleagues, faculty and others. Social work students are expected to make every effort to minimize material that could be considered inappropriate for a professional social worker in training. Because of this, social work students are advised to manage security settings at their most private levels and avoid posting information/photos or using any language that could jeopardize their professional image. Students are asked to consider the amount of personal information posted on these sites and are obliged to block any client access to involvement in the students' social networks. Client material should not be referred to in any form of electronic media, including **any** information that might lead to the identification of a client, or compromise client confidentiality in **any** way. Additionally, students must critically evaluate any material that is posted regarding community agencies and professional relationships as certain material could violate the standards set by the School of Social Work, the Texas Code of Conduct for Social Workers, and/or the NASW Code of Ethics.

Social work students should consider that they will be representing professional social work practice as well as the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work program while in the classroom, the university community and the broader area communities.

### **Safety**

As part of professional social work education, students may have assignments that involve working in agency settings and/or the community. As such, these assignments may present some risks. Sound choices and caution may lower risks inherent to the profession. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of and adhere to policies and practices related to agency and/or community safety. Students should notify the professor regarding any safety concerns.

### **Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL)**

If students are worried about someone who is acting differently, they may use the Behavior Concerns Advice Line to discuss by phone their concerns about another individual's behavior. This service is provided through a partnership among the Office of the Dean of Students, the Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC), the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and The University of Texas Police Department (UTPD). Call 512-232-5050 or visit <http://www.utexas.edu/safety/bcal>.

### **Emergency Evacuation Policy**

Occupants of buildings on the UT Austin campus are required to evacuate and assemble outside when a fire alarm is activated or an announcement is made. Please be aware of the following policies regarding evacuation:

- Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when you entered the building.
- If you require assistance to evacuate, inform the professor in writing during the first week of class.
- In the event of an evacuation, follow the professor's instructions.
- Do not re-enter a building unless you are given instructions by the Austin Fire Department, the UT Austin Police Department, or the Fire Prevention Services office.

### **Feedback**

Students will be asked to provide feedback on their learning and the professor's teaching strategies in informal as well as formal ways. It is very important for the professor to know the students' reactions to what is taking place in class, ensuring that together the professor and students can create a dynamic and effective learning community. Students are encouraged to provide ongoing feedback to the instructor during class and office visits.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class Description</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Th 8/28</b>	Course Overview Group as a Social Microcosm The Classroom as a Learning Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course Syllabus</li> <li>• Course Assignment Guidelines</li> <li>• Standards for Social Work Education</li> </ul>
<b>T 9/2</b>	Introduction to Group Work in Social Work Practice Historical Overview Types of Groups  <b>Student Learning Assessment Due</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 1 p. 1-12</li> </ul> Canvas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards for Social Work Practice with Groups</li> </ul>
<b>Th 9/4</b>	The Group Leader: Personal and Professional Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 2 pp. 26-36</li> <li>• NASW Policy Statement on Professional Self Care</li> </ul>
<b>F 9/5</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 9/9</b>	Ethical Considerations and Decision Making in Group Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 3</li> <li>• NASW Code of Ethics</li> <li>• Texas State Board of Examiners Code of Conduct</li> </ul> Canvas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for Ethics – American Group Psychotherapy Assn. Canvas</li> <li>• Ethical Guidelines for Group Counselors – Assn. for Specialists in Group Work</li> </ul>

<b>Th 9/11</b>	Universal Therapeutic Factors in Groups	Canvas Reading
<b>F 9/12</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 9/16</b>	Strengths Perspective and Practice Theories in Group Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 4</li> <li>• Canvas Reading</li> </ul>
<b>Th 9/18</b>	Group Leadership and CoLeadership: Essential Leadership Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 2 pp. 37-57</li> </ul>
<b>F 9/19</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 9/23</b>	Multicultural Group Work and Social Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 1 pp. 12-23</li> <li>• NASW Standards for Cultural Competence</li> <li>• Canvas Reading</li> </ul>
<b>Th 9/25</b>	Small Group Leader and Member Skill Development – 1 (Introductions and Planning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas Reading</li> </ul>
<b>F 9/26</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 9/30</b>	Overview: Stages of Group Development Planning a Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Intro Part 2 and Ch. 5</li> </ul>
<b>Th 10/2</b>	Small Group Leader and Member Skill Development - 2	
<b>F 10/3</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 10/7</b>	Initial Stage: Group Characteristics and Process Leader and Member Roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 6</li> </ul>
<b>Th 10/9</b>	Small Group Leader and Member Skill Development Lab - 3  <b>Social Worker Interview Assignment Due</b>	

<b>F 10/10</b>	<p>Annual Sue Fairbanks Lecture  1-4pm Utopia  “In Case of Emergency, Sit Still, Do Nothing and Listen: Psychoanalysis and Urgent Demand”  Dr. Gilbert Cole  **RSVP Required</p> <p><b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b></p>	
<b>T 10/14</b>	<p>Transition Stage:  Group Characteristics and Challenging Dynamics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 7</li> </ul>
<b>Th 10/16</b>	<p>Small Group Leader and Member Skill  Development Lab - 4</p>	
<b>F 10/17</b>	<p><b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b></p>	
<b>T 10/21</b>	<p>Challenges to Group Leadership  Challenging Member Behaviors</p> <p><b>Midterm Take Home Given</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 7 (Continued)</li> <li>• Canvas Reading</li> </ul>
<b>Th 10/23</b>	<p>Small Group Leader and Member Skill  Development Lab - 5</p>	
<b>F 10/24</b>	<p><b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b></p>	
<b>T 10/28</b>	<p>Working Stage:  Group Characteristics  Leader and Member Tasks and Roles</p> <p><b>Midterm Take Home Due</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 8</li> </ul>
<b>Th 10/30</b>	<p>Small Group Leader and Member Skill  Development Lab - 6</p>	
<b>F 10/31</b>	<p><b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b></p>	

<b>T 11/4</b>	Final Stage of a Group Termination and Evaluation <b>Community Support Group Assignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 9</li> </ul>
<b>Th 11/6</b>	Small Group Leader and Member Skill Development Lab – 7	
<b>F 11/7</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 11/11</b>	Task Groups	Canvas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task Groups: Foundation Methods</li> <li>• Task Groups: Specialized Methods</li> </ul>
<b>Th 11/13</b>	Group Work with Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 10 pp. 323-351</li> </ul>
<b>F 11/14</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 11/18</b>	Group Work with Adolescents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 10 pp. 351-367</li> </ul>
<b>Th 11/20</b>	Group Work with Older Adults <b>Community Task Group Assignment Due</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch. 11 pp. 394-418</li> </ul>
<b>F 11/21</b>	<b>Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 11/25</b>	Group Work with Special Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corey Ch.11 369-394</li> </ul>
<b>Th 11/27</b>	Thanksgiving – Enjoy! <b>No Weekly Written Learning Reflection this week</b>	
<b>T 12/2</b>	Expressive Art Therapies in Group Work <b>Small Group Experiential Written Analysis Due</b> <b>Final Take Home Exam Given</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Handouts</li> </ul>

<b>Th 12/4</b>	Global Implications for Group Work Moments of Excellence Course Review and Ending Celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canvas Reading</li> </ul>
<b>F 12/5</b>	<b>Final Weekly Written Learning Reflection Due</b>	
<b>T 12/9</b>	<b>Final Take Home Exam Due</b> <b>Submit Electronically - No later than 5pm</b>	



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Group Analysis: Journal of Group Analytic Psychotherapy  
 Group Dynamics: Theory, Research and Practice  
 Group Processes and Intergroup Relations  
 Groupwork  
 International Journal of Group Psychotherapy  
 Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery  
 Journal for Specialists in Group Work  
 Small Group Research: An International Journal of Theory, Investigation and Application  
 Social Work with Groups

### **Helpful Websites**

[www.agpa.org](http://www.agpa.org)

American Group Psychotherapy Association

<http://www.asgpp.org/index.php>

American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama

<http://www.asgw.org/index.htm>  
Association for Specialists in Group Work

[www.austingroups.org](http://www.austingroups.org)  
Austin Group Psychotherapy Association

<http://www.evidencebasedgroupwork.com/401.html>  
Evidence Based Group Work.com

<http://www.iagp.com/>  
International Association for the Group Psychotherapy and Group Processes

<http://www.aaswg.org>  
International Association for Social Work with Groups

[www.austinaa.org](http://www.austinaa.org)  
Local AA site with meetings schedule

[http://www.nmha.org/go/go/find\\_support\\_group](http://www.nmha.org/go/go/find_support_group)  
Mental Health America

<http://www.mhatexas.org/mhatexasMAIN/IRGuide4.03.pdf>  
Mental Health Association of Texas

<http://www.apadivisions.org/division-49/index.aspx>  
Society of Group Psychology and Group Psychotherapy

[www.cmhc.utexas.edu/g\\_schedule.html](http://www.cmhc.utexas.edu/g_schedule.html)  
UT Counseling and Mental Health Center