

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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Standardized Course Description

In this course you will become familiar with the macro context of social work practice. It examines the reciprocal relationship between human behavior and social environments. The course emphasizes the interlocking and complex nature of culture and personal identity with content on populations-at-risk, while examining the factors that contribute to and constitute being at risk. It also introduces you to the obligation that social services have to meet the needs of groups served and are culturally relevant. This includes equipping you with skills to recognize diversity within and between groups that may influence assessment, planning, intervention, and research. You will learn how to define, design, and implement strategies for effective practice with persons from diverse backgrounds. This course examines the impact of social structure and other societal factors on one's personal life chances in relation to equity, fairness, opportunity, and other issues of social and economic justice. Drawing on a systems ecological perspective, this course will help you develop skills in using systems thinking approaches to understanding organizations and communities with special emphasis on their application to a variety of oppressed and disadvantaged populations and multiple levels of intervention. Special emphasis is given to the development of assessment skills and intervention methods that are relevant to empowerment, capacity building and social change within organizations and communities. Understanding the role of age, race, gender, social class, culture, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, and physical and mental ability is an integral part of this course.

Standardized Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course you will be able to:

1. Discuss communities and organizations as a context for professional practice to meet individual needs, build community capacity, and promote social and economic justice.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the value dilemmas and ethical issues confronting social work professionals and their implications for social work practice with organizations and communities.

3. Assess the influence of community norms, priorities, and competitive community factions on the social structure of communities and the delivery of human services.
4. Assess various evidence-based intervention approaches for working with organizations and communities.
5. Discuss and describe the impact of organizational and community dynamics on populations at risk and relate those impacts to the participation of such populations in organizational and community governance, human service provision, and policy formulation.
6. Discuss and describe alternative strategies for initiating change in organizations and communities, including planning models, coalition building, community development, direct action, and legislative advocacy.
7. Discuss and describe the relevance of age, race, gender, social class, culture, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, and physical and mental ability in social work practice that is grounded in social and economic justice.

Teaching Methods

This course is designed to provide you with a meaningful learning environment through use of multiple methods of instruction (e.g. discussion, lecture, and group exercises). Experiential learning (e.g. service learning, role playing, & active learning) will be emphasized. You are expected to complete assigned readings prior to each class period. You are expected to participate in class. Class attendance and participation are required and essential for successful completion of this course. This course will use an electronic Canvas site. Canvas will be used for communication between students and the instructor. Some materials, grades, and attendance will also be posted online. To reach your class site on Canvas, please go to <http://courses.utexas.edu> or go to the Social Work web page and click on Canvas. To access the course website, you must have an Internet connection and computer access (UT EID and password). The Help Desk available through the UT home page (www.utexas.edu/its/help) or at 475-9400 can assist you with computer and Canvas questions. Additionally, the Learning Resource Center at the SSW has computers and computer assistance.

Required Texts and Materials

Kirst-Ashman, K. K., & Hull, J. G. H. (2017). *Generalist practice with organizations and communities* (7 edition). San Francisco, CA: Cengage Learning.

Desmond, M. (2016). *Evicted: Poverty and profit in an American city*. New York, NY: Crown Publishers.

Additional reading material will be posted on the Canvas site for the course.

Course Requirements

ASSIGNMENT #1 - Organizational analysis – 25 % of final class grade

Each student will be required to conduct an organizational analysis of a social service agency. The organizational analysis will be of the student's field agency or another agency with *prior approval* of the course instructor if a student is not in a field placement while taking this course).

Students will make use of multiple sources to gather information necessary to complete this assignment. The paper completed as part of this assignment must provide the appropriate commentary as well as evidence to support conclusions drawn about the organization.

Topics to be addressed by the organizational analysis:

- History of organization
- Agency brand
- Mission, vision, values and operating principles (must attach copy of strategic plan)
- Leadership style of chief administrator (CEO, Executive Director, President)
- Organizational culture
- Structure of organization (must attach organizational chart)
- Programs and services (must attach program and services brochures)
- Human resource management (must attach copy of employee handbook or similar document)
- Sources of funding (attach copy of current operating budget)
- Fundraising activities (other than grants and contracts)
- Challenges and opportunities

The paper completed as part of the organizational analysis should be *approximately 12–14 pages in length*, exclusive of references and attachments.

The due date for this assignment is **11:59 pm on Thursday, November 2**

ASSIGNMENT #2: Community/neighborhood Ethnographic Analysis - (50% of final course grade)

Students will work alone and in task groups of 4-5 members each to complete this assignment (see breakout of individual and group activities below). Group membership and assignment of

neighborhood or community to group will be determined by the course instructor. A group may propose a neighborhood or community other than the one to which it has been assigned, but the instructor *must approve the proposed substitution before the group begins work on the assignment.*

Each group will study a place-based neighborhood or community located in the Greater Austin area. Each neighborhood or community will have specific geographic boundaries that encompass at least one zip code. Group members will employ ethnographic interviewing in culturally sensitive ways to gather information required for this assignment, including engaging one or more “cultural guides” to help gain access to the neighborhood or community and its residents as well as to guide group members in their efforts to learn about the area.

Members of each group are to complete the tasks shown in the table below as part of this assignment. Please note the column of the table labeled “Responsible Party”. This column identifies *who* (entire group or individual group member) is responsible for completing the various parts of the assignment.

Activities reserved for individual group members constitute a *common assignment* that is to be completed by all students across all sections of the course.

Individual group members will receive an individual grade (20% of your final grade) for the parts of the assignment for which they have responsibility. The group will receive an overall grade (30% of your final grade) based on the 20-minute in-class multi-media presentation the group makes at the end of the semester and the portfolio of work products produced as part of the assignment. The table below depicts the various assignments incorporated into the community/neighborhood ethnographic analysis.

Task	Responsible Party
<u>Obtain demographic information about the neighborhood or community</u> using Census or other data (students should refer to the Power Point presentation on gathering demographic data posted on the course Canvas site for guidance in completing this task).	Group
<u>Ride or walk through the target neighborhood or community</u> , observing the condition of residential areas, availability of parks and other areas used for recreation, retail and other businesses (including grocery stores), schools, places of worship, health care facilities, social services agencies, and entertainment venues. <u>Note that while this is an individual assignment, the information gathered will also be used in the group’s in-class multi-media presentation.</u>	Individual group members
<u>Interview a resident of the neighborhood or community</u> , asking the	Individual group

<p>individual about what s/he considers the positive aspects of the neighborhood or community as well as challenges of living there. The cultural guide(s) who helped orient the group to the neighborhood or community should be used to obtain suggestions about persons to be interviewed. Individuals to be interviewed might include someone who has lived in the neighborhood or community for a long time, a newcomer to the neighborhood or community, a person of color, a member of a marginalized population such as someone who is experiencing homelessness or who identifies as being LGBTQ, a neighborhood or community leader, a member of the clergy, an agency staff member, or an owner of small neighborhood or community business. Group members should coordinate with one another to avoid the same individual being interviewed by more than one student. Be sure to obtain <i>written</i> permission from all persons interviewed to use their comments, photographs, or tape-recorded or videotaped material, using the form found on the Canvas site for this class. <u>Note that while this is an individual assignment, the information gathered will also be used in the group’s in-class multi-media presentation.</u></p>	<p>members</p>
<p><u>Visit a local business, school, and religious institution</u> to learn about how each entity views the neighborhood or community, what the entity thinks it contributes to the community, and what it sees as strengths, challenges, and opportunities reflected by the neighborhood or community. Group members should coordinate with one another to avoid the same entity being visited by more than one student. Be sure to obtain <i>written</i> permission from all persons interviewed to use their comments, photographs, or tape-recorded or videotaped material, using the form found in the appendix to this syllabus. <u>Note that while this is an individual assignment, the information gathered will also be used in the group’s in-class multi-media presentation.</u></p>	<p>Individual group members</p>
<p><u>Multi-media class presentation.</u> Prepare a <i>20 minute</i> in-class multi-media presentation about the target neighborhood or community to include the following information (you are encouraged to use photographs, video, or quotes to highlight the material presented):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Name or nickname such as the Dove Springs area of east Austin, or the St. John’s area of north-central Austin ▪ Location (include map or other drawing) ▪ Demographic snapshot ▪ Strengths/assets, threats/challenges, and opportunities ▪ <i>Three (3)</i> recommendations for strengthening the neighborhood 	<p>Group</p>

<p>or community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Five</i> things that were learned through this assignment that would inform social work macro practice in communities <p>The presentation <i>must include a photo or video tour of the neighborhood or community accompanied by captions or narration and some form of music</i>. The tour should be theme-based and not just a stream of disconnected images. At a <i>minimum</i>, the following themes are to be included in the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where people, live, work, and play ▪ Where people worship ▪ Where people go to obtain social and other services ▪ Forces of change affecting the neighborhood or community, such as those brought about by rapid population growth, changes in the composition of the population, or gentrification 	
<p><u>Portfolio to accompany class presentation.</u> Each group will create a portfolio of materials compiled in connection with this assignment. Items to be included in the portfolio include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One-page summary of each interview conducted. In addition to a synopsis of the interview, these summaries are to include the date of the interview, name of the student conducting the interview, name (or pseudo-name) of the person interviewed, and role(s) played by the person in the neighborhood or community. ▪ Copies of brochures describing programs and services available to members of the target neighborhood or community ▪ Copies of brochures used to announce community meetings or other events attended as part of this assignment ▪ Both electronic and paper copies of the Power Point slides used in the final class presentation ▪ Copies of all source (original) documents used to develop the demographic profile of the target community or neighborhood <p>The portfolio is to be submitted in class on Thursday, December 7 (last day of class).</p>	<p>Group</p>
<p><u>Common assignment.</u> Each student will write a <i>five-page</i> reflection paper based on information gathered through the individual assignments delineated in the table above. The paper should include the following content:</p>	<p>Individual Group Members</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summary of each interview conducted including the date of the interview and name (or pseudo-name) of the individual interviewed ▪ Brief description of the physical neighborhood or community, and the people that live there ▪ Two strengths of the neighborhood or community ▪ Two challenges faced by the neighborhood or community you think would confront a social worker professional working in the community ▪ Your thoughts on how the neighborhood or community norms would influence social service delivery in the community ▪ Brief description of a social services need in the community and a suggested strategy for addressing the need ▪ Aspects of the assignment that affirmed your personal values and biases ▪ Aspects of the assignment that challenged your personal values and biases 	
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The rubric below will be used to grade the common assignment.

Component	Criteria				Total Points
	1 point	2 points	3 - 4 points	5 points	
Inclusion of required content	Addressed less than half of required elements	Addressed two-thirds of required elements	Addressed three-quarters of required elements	Addressed all required elements	1 - 5
Completeness of responses	Incomplete response to 3 or more required elements	Incomplete response to 2 required elements	Incomplete response to 1 required element	Provided complete responses to all required elements	1 - 5
Quality of responses	Paper length not within guidelines, writing disorganized, confusing and inconsistent, multiple	Paper length not within guidelines, writing basic with some inconsistencies, some spelling and/or grammatical	Paper length not within guidelines, writing acceptable with no inconsistencies or spelling and/or grammatical errors	Paper length within guidelines, writing well-organized, conceptually sound, and consistent, no spelling and/or grammatical	1-5

Component	Criteria				Total Points
	1 point	2 points	3 - 4 points	5 points	
	instances spelling and/or grammatical errors	errors		errors.	
Personal reflection	Minimal exploration of how personal values and biases impacted response to assignment	Basic exploration of how personal values and biases impacted response to assignment	Good exploration of how personal values and biases impacted response to assignment but lacking in depth	In-depth and thoughtful exploration of how personal values and biases impacted response to assignment	1 – 5
Total points					4 - 20

ASSIGNMENT #3: Book analysis (15% of final course grade)

You are to read the book *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond (2016) and prepare a 3 – 5 page paper, exclusive of the cover page and the reference page. The paper should be double-spaced and use Times Roman 12-point font. You are to select *one* of the eight families highlighted in the book and respond to the following questions:

- Describe the family’s situation as presented in the book.
- Briefly describe the family’s experience with poverty and oppression. Use appropriate examples from the book to support your response.
- Using the ecological systems framework discussed in class and in supplemental materials posted on Canvas, discuss the factors at the four levels of the environment that contributed to the family’s poverty and oppression. Use specific examples from the book to support your response.
- Briefly describe the strengths of the family that are enabling the family to survive.
- Identify *at least three* ways that those strengths can be used to overcome poverty and oppression.
- What recommendations do you have to help this family and others in similar circumstances move out of poverty?

Note that no references or sources beyond the book itself are needed.

This due date for this assignment is **11:59 on Tuesday, October 24.**

ASSIGNMENT #4: Final reflection paper (10% of final course grade)

This assignment will require each student to reflect on what s/he learned from taking this course. This paper should be *3-5 pages, double-spaced* and address the following:

- Three *personal* challenges you faced in completing the community ethnographic analysis assignment and how you responded to these challenges
- How your view of macro social work in organizations and communities changed as a result of taking this course

The due date for this assignment is **11:59 pm on Tuesday, December 7** (last day of class).

Summary of assignments

The following table contains a summary of assignments for this course.

Assignment	Due Date	% of Final Grade
Book analysis	October 24	15%
Organizational analysis	November 2	25%
Community ethnographic analysis portfolio	December 7	50%
Reflection paper	December 7	10%
	Total	100%

Course Policies

Conduct and Civility: Social work students adhere to the Student Standards for Professional Conduct of the *NASW Code of Ethics* and assume responsibility for their conduct. Scholastic honesty and integrity are to be consistent social work values. The instructor will comply with University guidelines regarding scholastic dishonesty, including plagiarism. Social work practitioners respect others; therefore, differences in values, opinions, and feelings of class members and guest speakers will be respected. Students will help create and support a learning environment that does not interfere with the learning of fellow students. When students voice an opinion with which you do not agree, feel free to voice opinions in a civil manner that can enhance the flow of ideas and dialog.

Readings and Preparatory Assignments: Students are expected to be active and participate in the learning process, and in an interactive framework between collegiate students and professor. Students are also expected to complete readings and preparatory assignments prior to class. Failure to demonstrate through discussions in class, online, and through assignments that one has comprehended the readings will be considered when assigning the final grade. Students are responsible for the material in the assigned readings whether or not the material is covered in class. Professor reserves the right to conduct quizzes should there be a pattern of students not demonstrating that they have completed the readings and are not prepared to engage in

thoughtful discussion.

Professional Communication and Interactions: Refrain from private conversations during class or other disruptive behavior. Disrespect toward the professor, students, or others is unacceptable and will be handled directly and in the context it occurs. Disrespectful behavior includes overt acts, such as talking over others or making derogatory remarks based on another person's age, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religious preference, and ability. Moreover, covert acts of disrespect such as sneers and other facial expressions, excluding class members from classroom tasks, etc. are also unacceptable.

Electronic Devices: All communication devices should be turned off or placed on silent mode and put away during class. Unless laptops are required for specific class sessions, students may not use laptops during class without prior permission from the professor. Grade is negatively impacted by student's failure to comply with this policy.

Class Attendance Policy: Punctuality and timeliness are important for social work practitioners. Class attendance is expected. Attendance is defined as students' attentive physical presence in class for the entire class. Establishing a pattern of late arrivals and early departures will negatively affect your grade. A pattern is considered three or more late arrivals and early departures during the semester. Late arrivals and early departures are defined as student arriving 10 minutes after class starting or prior to class ending. Missing more than two classes may result in loss of a letter grade. The instructor should be notified in advance of any planned absence and as soon as possible in the case of an unforeseen, serious emergency.

Class attendance will be taken at the *beginning* of the class on a *random basis* throughout the semester. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that they have signed the attendance sheet. Students who attend at least 90% of classes will receive 2 "bonus points" to be added to the student's point total for the course. Any student caught signing an attendance sheet for a missing classmate will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action.

A student who misses more than 3 classes without a valid, verifiable excuse will be subject to a penalty of *one letter grade*. For example, a student who misses 4 classes without a valid, verifiable excuse and whose grade based on course assignments is an "A" will receive a final grade of "B" in the course.

In no case will a student be allowed to miss more than 5 classes throughout the semester.

Assignments and Grades: Assignments should be turned in online on the date they are due barring serious, unforeseen medical illness or family emergencies. Penalties for late assignments will factor into the grade achieved for the assignment.

Writing Style: The *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association Sixth Edition* (APA) is the style manual to be used by all students. The manual is available at the library or for purchase at the Co-op.

Use of Canvas: The professor uses Canvas Web-based course management /collective workspace. An orientation will be given the first day of class. If you do not have a personal computer with personal Internet access, there are computers available for your use at the SW Learning Resource Center (LRC), the Flawn Academic Center, campus and public libraries.

Course Modification: To ensure achievement for course objectives, the professor reserves the right to make modifications to any part of this syllabus related to schedule and assignment due dates. Should any modifications be made, students will be notified in class and modifications will be posted to Canvas. Students should check their email frequently. Note that some of the links to documents and videos on the Internet may change. Documents, new links or alternate options will be provided.

University Policies

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 AND CIVILITY IN THE CLASSROOM. Students are expected to act as professionals in class. This means students should arrive on time for class, be prepared to participate in the class discussion, and show respect for one another's opinions. 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 also 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. In this environment we will be exposed to diverse ideas and opinions, and sometimes we will not agree with the ideas expressed by others. Nevertheless, the professor requires that students engage one another with civility, respect, and professionalism.

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 professor. The professor 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 may contact a service provider of their choosing, including the UT Counseling Center at 512-471-3515 or online at www.utexas.edu/student/cmhc/.

POLICY ON 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 which 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.

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://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/>).

USE OF COURSE MATERIALS. The materials used in this course, including, but not limited to exams, quizzes, and homework assignments, are copyright protected works. Any unauthorized duplication of the course materials is a violation of federal law and may result in disciplinary action being taken against the student. Additionally, the sharing of course materials without the specific, express approval of the professor 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 sharing includes, among other things, uploading class materials to websites for the purpose of distributing those materials to other current or future students.

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). A student should present the letter to the professor at the beginning of the semester so that needed accommodations can be discussed and followed. 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/>.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS. By 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, examination, work assignment, or 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.

TITLE IX REPORTING. In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the University of Texas at Austin is committed to maintaining a learning environment that is free from discriminatory conduct based on gender. Faculty, instructors, staff, and/or teaching assistants in their supervisory roles are mandated reporters of incidents of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, or sexual misconduct. Students who report such incidents will be informed of University resources. Incidents will be reported to the University's Title IX Coordinator and/or the Title IX Deputy for the SSW, Professor Tanya Voss. Students, faculty and staff may contact Professor Voss to report incidents or to obtain information. Further information, including student resources related to Title IX, may also be found at <http://socialwork.utexas.edu/dl/files/academic-programs/other/qrg-sexualharassment.pdf>.

CAMPUS CARRY POLICY. The University's policy on concealed fire arms may be found here: <https://campuscarry.utexas.edu>. You also may find this information by accessing the Quick Links menu on the School's website.

CLASSROOM CONFIDENTIALITY. Information shared in class about agencies, clients, and personal matters is considered confidential per the NASW Code of Ethics on educational supervision and is protected by regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well. As such, sharing this information with individuals outside of the educational context is not permitted. Violations of confidentiality could result in actions taken according to the policies and procedure for review of academic performance located in sections 3.0, 3.1, and 3.2 of the *Standards for Social Work Education*.

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 for keeping the university informed about a change of e-mail address. Students should check their e-mail 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>.

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 between 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](tel: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:

- a. Familiarize yourself with all exit doors in the classroom and the building. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- b. If you require assistance to evacuate, inform the professor in writing during the first week of class.
- c. 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.

COURSE GRADING

94.0 to 99.999	A
90.0 to 93.999	A-
87.0 to 89.999	B+
84.0 to 86.999	B
80.0 to 83.999	B-
77.0 to 79.999	C+
74.0 to 76.999	C
70.0 to 73.999	C-
67.0 to 69.999	D+
64.0 to 66.999	D
60.0 to 63.999	D-
Below 60.0	F

Course Schedule

Date	Readings, Topics, and Assignments
August	
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of class (NO READINGS) • Review of course requirements • My community of origin ...
September	
5	<u>Chapter 1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social work practice with organizations and communities
7	<u>Chapter 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress and stress management • Using supervision
12	<u>Chapter 12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and ethical dilemmas
14	<u>Chapter 3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using micro skills in macro practice
19	<u>Chapter 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group skills for organizational change
21	<u>Chapter 4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in organizations
26	<u>Chapters 5 and 14</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of an organization • Theories of organizations • Systems framework of organizations • Challenges faced by contemporary non-profit agencies • Strategic planning • Mission, vision, values, and operating principles • Organizational culture • Human resource development (HRD) • Budgetary matters • Branding the agency
28	• Continuation of topics listed for 9/26
October	
3	Lab day – work on community practice project
5	• Continuation of topics listed for 9/26
10	• Continuation of topics listed for 9/26
12	<u>Chapters 6 and 7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision-making for organizational change • Implementing organizational change

Date	Readings, Topics, and Assignments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing change in organizations
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of topics listed for 10/12
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of topics listed for 10/12
24	<p><u>Chapters 8 and 11</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of communities • Theoretical perspectives for community change • Advocacy and social action with populations at risk • Action strategies and tactics • Power dynamics • Assessing the community's needs and resources • Determining the community's readiness and disposition for change <p>**Evicted Book analysis due**</p>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of topics listed for 10/24
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of topics listed for 10/24
November	
2	<p>Lab day – work on community practice project</p> <p>**Organizational analysis due**</p>
7	<p><u>Chapter 9</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing your community • Building the organizational change effort
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset development/mapping • Creating an asset bank
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any assets out there? Case study of Braddock, PA
16	<p><u>Read</u>: Davis, E. (2010). Origins and evolution of the community land trust in the United States. In Davis, E. (Ed.). (2010), <i>The community land trust reader</i>. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, pp. 1-47.</p> <p><u>Read</u>: Davis, E. (2010). The challenge of perpetuity. In Davis, E. (Ed.). (2010), <i>The community land trust reader</i>. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, pp. 552- 561.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community land trust
21	<p><u>Review</u> information at: http://www.centex-indicators.org/ and http://www.newurbanism.org/sustainability.html</p> <p><u>Review</u> information at: http://www.newurbanism.org/newurbanism.html</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating sustainable communities • Integrating social equity and smart growth
23	NO CLASS – Thanksgiving Holiday
28	Lab day – work on community practice project
30	Class presentations
December	

Date	Readings, Topics, and Assignments
5	Class presentations (cont'd)
7	<u>LAST DAY OF CLASS</u> Class presentations (cont'd) **Community ethnographic analysis portfolio due** **Final reflection paper due**