Nebraska Wesleyan University

SOCWK 2200 Social Welfare Policy, Services, and Delivery Systems

Catalog

2026-2027

Course Description

This course studies the historical development of social welfare policies, services, and institutions and addresses contemporary policy and service delivery. Students will learn how to analyze and advocate for policy change at the local, state, and federal levels using a rights-based approach. The social, political, and value systems that create policies are studied, including an exploration of the impact of systemic oppression on policy development and implementation. International perspectives on social policy are discussed for comparative purposes. Primary areas of focus are public welfare, aging, and mental health. Policy implementation and change are discussed.
(Normally offered each spring semester.)

Archway Curriculum: Essential Connections: Discourse Instructive
Archway Curriculum: Integrative Core: Power Thread

Course Hours

3 hours

Departments

1. Social Work (Undergraduate)