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I. CURRICULUM OUTLINE

The professional training offered is composed of a general component on the one hand and on the other of a preliminary specialisation in each of the fields in the programme the student chooses.

The curriculum is structured according to three main concentrations of study which reflect the principal needs of the Francophone community. These are: health, the family and diversity, to which must be added counselling. These three concentrations form part of the general structure of the curriculum and also constitute part of the programme's elective courses.

Based on a solid theoretical framework, the accent is placed on the vital importance of professional social intervention in work settings, in the form of practical field experience in the second and third years.

1.1 Program Length:

- The length of the program is four years, which is made up of a total of 123 credits, including the first year (University 1) which comprises at least 30 credits.
- The actual Bachelor degree section of the programme is 93 credits over the three years of professional training in Social Work.

Program

University 1 :	30 credits (University courses)
Year 1 :	21 required credits + 9 elective credits
Year 2 :	27 required credits + 3 elective credits
Year 3 :	24 required credits + 9 elective credits
	Total : 123 credits

See Annexes 1 and 2 for the list of required and elective courses.

1.2 Description of Curriculum

The pedagogical content of the curriculum is designed to furnish students with theoretical and practical knowledge of the social service system and the health care system, among others, as well as the issues involved in social intervention in different contexts, while encouraging them to give priority to protecting the principal beneficiaries, which are the individuals, families and groups at risk. This curriculum is designed in sequential steps.

University 1

The 30 credits of University 1 must include:

- 6 language credits (**French or English**)¹

¹ In order to assure good comprehension of specialised documents which must be consulted and read throughout the course of the program and also to allow a better socio-professional placement in workplace practica, fluent French and a good command of English is required to obtain admission to the program.

Following the results of the linguistic profile, the student may be required to take up to 12 credits in languages.

- 6 science credits of which 3 must be in mathematics

Required Courses

A total of 72 credits in Social Work courses are required to obtain a degree. The list of required courses appears in the table in Annex 1.

This section of the program includes two field work practica of 12 credits each in the 2nd and 3rd years of the Bachelor's program.

Elective Courses

A total of 21 elective credits are required to obtain a degree. The list of elective courses appears in Annex 2. Although we recommend that the student choose his or her elective courses from the list in Annex 2, it is possible to fulfill the requirement with any other university course.

The content of the following elective courses can be adapted to take into account the reality and specific needs of the Francophone communities of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut:

- SWRK4051 Selected Topics in Social Work (3)
- SWRK4071 Social Problems and Social Work Practice (3)
- SWRK4081 Current Issues in Social Welfare (3)

1.3 Educational objectives

At the end of the first year of the Bachelor Program, students should be able to master the concepts as well as the policy issues involved in Social Work. They will have acquired interpersonal communication skills to better understand the dynamics of human behaviour in Social Work practice. Their knowledge of Social Work will allow them to better grasp the policy fundamentals involved and the issues of social intervention in the organisational context of government and also in the context of the ethnic diversity of a population in a minority demographic and linguistic situation. Finally, their initiation to social research will prepare them for the more pragmatic dimension of their professional training.

At the completion of the second and third years, the students will have a greater command of their field of practice as a result of field placement experience and the application at different stages of methods of social intervention in a variety of contexts (family, health, diversity). They will be able to use psychosocial intervention tools such as counselling with future users of their services.

II. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The program is open to all persons who wish to pursue undergraduate professional training in Social Work in French at CUSB.

The following criteria must be satisfied:

- Completion of a minimum of 30 credit hours of University 1 level courses.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.5.

A criminal record verification will be made for all admission requests in conformity with the policy relative to criminal record statements and proof of verification of the provincial Child Abuse Registry.

Deadline date for receipt of the application form for admission to the Social Work programme is **March 1st**.

III. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

According to a study by Spearman², career opportunities for graduates in Social Work across the country and throughout the province are many and varied.

The principal employers of Social Work graduates in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Nunavut are:

- institutional and community networks;
- Child and Family Services Agency, the largest employer;
- health services;
- mental health services;
- counselling services;
- Minister of Family Services and Housing;
- Community Family Services;
- schools of Social work;
- Aging (gerontology);
- Correctional and justice services;

² Spearman, L. (2001): *Ten year employment trends of graduates of the faculty of Social Work, 1990-1999*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba, Faculty of Social Work.

- School Division; etc.

Nationally:

- The placement rate of graduates is high in all programs. It is estimated to be in excess of 90%.

Provincially:

- The placement rate of graduates is 80%, 18 months after graduation. A study carried out for the University of Manitoba revealed that in the decade from 1990-1999, 91% of graduates queried held a job in Social Work. The majority of social workers were employed full-time.

IV. ANNEX 1

REQUIRED COURSES

Students must take SWRK1311 before they can take SWRK 2111, SWRK 2081, SWRK 2131 and SWRK 3131. In addition, SWRK 1311, SWRK 2081 and SWRK 2091 are prerequisites or corequisites for SWRK 3141.

All required courses in addition to SWRK 3141 are prerequisites for SWRK 4201, SWRK 4211, SWRK4221, SWRK 3151, and SWRK4121. In addition, SWRK 3151 (Field Instruction 1) is a prerequisite for SWRK 4121 (Field Instruction II).

Students must take two sections of SWRK 4201. Each section forms part of Social Work Practice. These courses must be taken at the same time as Field Experience.

To fulfill the required course requirement, students must choose a course from among the following: SWRK 2111, SWRK 2121, SWRK 2131. In this case, the two other courses may be taken as elective courses.

Course number	Title	Credit Hours	Year
SWRK 1311	Introduction to Social Welfare Policy Analysis	3	1
SWRK 2081	Interpersonnal Communication Skills	3	1
SWRK 2091	Human Behaviour and Social Work Practice	6	1
SWRK 3141	Introduction to Social Work Practice	3	1
SWRK 3151	Field Instruction 1 (first field experience)	12	2
SWRK 4201	Field Focus of Social Work Practice 1	6	2
SWRK 4121	Field Instruction 2 (second field experience)	12	3
SWRK 4201	Field Focus of Social Work Practice 2	6	3
SWRK 2111 or:	Emergence of the Canadian Social Welfare State	3	1
SWRK 2121 or:	Britain : Poor laws to the Welfare State	3	1
SWRK 2131	Comparative social Welfare Systems	3	1
SWRK 4211	Feminist perspectives on Social Work Practice and Social Welfare Policy	6	2
SWRK 3101	Systematic Inquiry in Social Work	3	1
SWRK 3131	Contemporary Canadian Social Welfare	3	2
SWRK4221	Aboriginal People And Social Work Practice	6	3

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SWRK 1311 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy Analysis (3)

Examination of social welfare policy as the end product of ideologies. Introduction of elements of ideology and the comparison of competing ideological systems. The relationship of economic, political and ethical views of society and their manifestations in societal responses to human need and social services. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 1310 (or 047.131) and the former 047.130.

SWRK 2081 Interpersonal Communication Skills (3)

A basic core of interpersonal skills for communicating effectively and for establishing and maintaining relationships in one-to-one and group situations. Emphasis is on experiential learning using a variety of techniques.

SWRK 2091 Human Behaviour and Social Work Practice (6)

General systems theory is applied to the study of person-in-family-in environment, with a corresponding examination of implications for social work practice. Various models of human development are critiqued. Information sessions on areas of human behaviour critical to social work practice are provided.

SWRK 3141 Introduction to Social Work Practice (3)

Introduces students to ecological and other generalist based practice frameworks and the role of professional social workers. Course emphasizes values and knowledge in context of a rational approach to problem solving which includes problem definition, assessment, contracting, intervention and evaluation. Prerequisites: WRK 1311, SWRK 2081 and SWRK 2091.

SWRK 3151 Field Instruction 1 (12)

A first educationally directed field experience in which the student will have the opportunity to assume responsibility for social work engagement, assessment, planning, intervention and evaluation, integrating theory from class. The required hours are calculated as 28 weeks x 2 days per week x 8 hours or 450 hours. This time commitment includes involvement in practice activity, and evaluation of performance. It also includes educational contact time with the field instructor in individual and/or group sessions.

Prerequisites: SWRK 1311, SWRK 2081, SWRK 2091, and SWRK 3141.
Corequisite: SWRK 4201.

SWRK 4201 Field Focus of Social Work Practice 1 (6)

A seminar that teaches social work practice skills in the context of a field or focus of practice. The course emphasizes practice as planned change (client systems) and policy and linkage (service system). Students must select two seminars from several which are offered. These may vary from year to year and are organized to cover various fields or focus of practice. For students admitted after 1993-1994. *Prerequisites:* SWRK 1311, SWRK 2081, SWRK 2091, and SWRK 3141. *Corequisite:* SWRK 3151 and an additional 6 credit hours. Students cannot hold credit for both SWRK 4201 and SWRK 4151.

SWRK 4121 Field Instruction 2 (12)

A second educationally directed practice experience building on SWRK 3151, in which the student will have the opportunity to carry a sustained professional role

in situations which require the integration of values, knowledge, and skill at the level of a beginning professional practitioner. The required hours are calculated as 28 weeks x 2 days per week x 8 hours or 450 hours. This time commitment includes involvement with the agency in planning for, and engaging in, practice activity, and evaluation of performance. It also includes educational contact time with the field instructor in individual and/or group sessions. *Prerequisites:* SWRK 4201 and SWRK 3151. Co-requisite: SWRK 4201.

SWRK 3131 Contemporary Canadian Social Welfare (3)

An examination of social welfare in Canadian society, leading to an evaluation of present approaches in the light of changing economic and social conditions and changing needs. *Prerequisite:* SWRK 1311. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 3131 and the former 047.301.

SWRK 4201 Field Focus of Social Work Practice 2 (6)

A seminar that teaches social work practice skills in the context of a field or focus of practice. The course emphasizes practice as planned change (client systems) and policy and linkage (service system). Students must select two seminars from the number which are offered. These may vary from year to year and are organized to cover various fields or focus of practice. For students admitted after 1993-1994. *Prerequisites:* SWRK 1311, SWRK 2081, SWRK 2091, and SWRK 3141. Corequisite: SWRK 3151 and an additional 6 credit hours. Students cannot hold credit for both SWRK 4201 and SWRK 4151.

SWRK 2111 SWRK 2110 Emergence of the Canadian Social Welfare State (3)

An examination of the emergence of the Canadian welfare state from its various colonial inheritances to the Canada Assistance Plan. Social, political, economic, religious, geographical, demographic and cataclysmic factors influencing the development of the welfare state are examined and analyzed. *Prerequisite:* SWRK 1311. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 2111 and the former 047.130.

SWRK 2121 Britain: Poor Laws to the Welfare State (3)

An examination of the emergence of the British welfare state from its origins in the 14th century. Social, political, economic, religious, demographic and cataclysmic factors influencing the development of parochial and state provision for human needs are examined and analyzed. *Prerequisite:* SWRK 1311. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 2121 and the former 047.130.

SWRK 2131 SWRK 2130 Comparative Social Welfare Systems (3)

The welfare systems of three modern societies are examined and compared. Economic, political, social, religious, geographical, demographic and cataclysmic factors influencing the development of the various models of social provision are analyzed for their significance to the Canadian welfare system. *Prerequisite:* SWRK 1311. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 2131 and the former 047.130.

SWRK 4211 Feminist Perspectives on Social Work Practice and Social Welfare Policy (6)

An analysis of social work practice and welfare policy from a feminist perspective. The course emphasizes the integration of social work intervention with policy in the social welfare context and overlays concepts such as empowerment, ecological practice, oppression, and practice in the context of

cultural diversity. *Prerequisites:* SWRK 1311, SWRK 2081, SWRK 2091, and SWRK 3141. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 4211 and SWRK 4171 or SWRK 4211 and SWRK 4191.

SWRK 3101 Systematic Inquiry in Social Work (3)

Relates systematic methods of scientific inquiry to social work practice; theory building for practice; information collection; descriptive data for decision-making, understanding technical research material, introduction to issues of research design.

SWRK 3131 Contemporary Canadian Social Welfare (3)

An examination of social welfare in Canadian society, leading to an evaluation of present approaches in the light of changing economic and social conditions and changing needs. *Prerequisite:* SWRK 1311. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 3131 and the former 047.301.

SWRK 4221 Aboriginal People and Social Work Practice (6)

An analysis of social work practice and welfare policy from an aboriginal perspective. The course emphasizes the linkage between practice and policy and overlays concepts such as empowerment, ecological practice, and practice in the context of cultural diversity. *Prerequisites:* SWRK 1311, SWRK 2081, SWRK 2091, and SWRK 3141. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 4221 and SWRK 4161 or SWRK 4221 and SWRK 4181.

V. ANNEX 2

ELECTIVE COURSES

The following courses are not offered on a regular basis in the Social Work Programme. It is expected that a minimum of three elective courses will be offered each year, according to the needs of students and the available resources.

The evaluation of class numbers needed takes into account the fact that three elective courses in Social Work will be offered every university year, even though students can choose to take university courses in other disciplines to complete the 21 elective credits required.

SWRK 2111, SWRK 2121 and SWRK 2131 from the list of required courses may also be considered as elective courses.

Course Number	Title	Credit Hours
SWRK 2051	Community and Organizational Theory	3
SWRK 2071	Small Group Dynamics	3
SWRK 2101	Perspectives on the Individual and Life Transitions	3
SWRK 2651	The Social Aspects of Aging	3
SWRK 3111	Perspectives on Deviancy	3
SWRK 4051	Selected Topics in Social Work	3
SWRK 4071	Social Problem and Social Work Practice Seminar	3
SWRK 4081	Current Issues in Social Welfare	3
SWRK 4131	Advanced Interpersonal Communication Skills	3

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

SWRK 2051 Community and Organizational Theory (3)

Deals with concepts such as conflict and power which relate social work practice to the nature of secondary human relationships. These are applied to the dynamics within and between communities and organizations. *Prerequisite:* first half of SWRK 2091.

SWRK 2071 Small Group Dynamics (3)

Group norms, values, and goal as they relate to decision-making and communication patterns in groups. Membership roles and leadership styles are related to group development and group functioning. *Prerequisite:* first half of SWRK 2091.

SWRK 2101 Perspectives on the Individual and Life Transitions (3)

This course examines the impact of life course transitions on the psycho-social well-being of individuals. Focuses on crises and problematic issues that arise at turning points and their implications for social work intervention. Students may not hold credit for both SWRK 2101 and the former SWRK 2061. *Prerequisite:* first half of SWRK 2091.

SWRK 2651 The Social Aspects of Aging (3)

An examination of the social aspects of aging. Emphasis on understanding the aging process as a life transition involving adaptation through interaction with social and physical environments. Students may not hold credit for SWRK 2651 and HMEC 2650, REC 2650 or the former 051.265.

SWRK 3111 Perspectives on Deviancy (3)

Examines human problems using several analytical models commonly applied in social work practice. *Prerequisite:* first half of SWRK 2091.

SWRK 4051 Selected Topics in Social Work (3)

Directed readings or concentrated study in some aspect of social service which is of interest to the student. Students must contract with an instructor prior to registration. *Prerequisite:* written consent of instructor.

SWRK 4071 Social Problem and Social Work Practice Seminar (3)

In-depth study of the problem area, exploration of the ways other disciplines relate to the problem, and strengthening of interventive abilities of the student. *Prerequisite:* SWRK 3041 and SWRK 3121, SWRK 4201 and SWRK 3151 or written consent of instructor.

SWRK 4081 Current Issues in Social Welfare (3)

Study of a particular area of social welfare to improve policies and practices. Students may select one seminar from several which are offered. These may vary from year to year.

SWRK 4131 Advanced Interpersonal Communication Skills (3)

An experiential course for self-understanding and self-awareness to produce a disciplined and conscious use of self in professional communication and relationships. *Prerequisites:* SWRK 2081 and written consent of instructor.