This course combines the theories of social work practice with the learning of social work practice skills using common models and theoretical frameworks. This course presents ecological models, the strength-based, problem-solving process, dominant brief therapies, and cultural competence as approaches to practice in social work. This course presents and provides structured practice of the fundamental interpersonal skills required for effective social work practice. The course teaches interviewing skills and critical thinking about interview processes, (from intake through termination and evaluation) and focuses primarily on using those skills with individuals. The models, theories, and processes learned in this course serve as the foundation for generalist practice with individuals, families, groups, and communities. This course will give students an opportunity to practice these skills in a laboratory setting on a weekly basis. This course also includes a 48-hour volunteer experience in a social agency. (SOCI 123 Basic Helping Skills Experience)

SOCI 123 Basic Helping Skills Experience
Prerequisite: Co-requisite: SOCI 122 Basic Helping Skills
Credit Hours: 1
Students will be exposed to the social work clinical setting. Students will participate in 48 hours of supervised volunteer service at an approved location.

SOCI 201 (1350) Marriage and Family
Prerequisite: None
Credit Hours: 3
Marriage, family, and alternative lifestyles are closely examined from a sociological and theoretical perspective. Discussion will focus on how relationships and gender roles have changed, attitudes and decision-making in regard to sexuality, and changes in the marital relationship across time.

SOCI 203 (2283) Social Problems KRSN SOC2010**
Prerequisite: None
Credit Hours: 3
This course examines well-defined social problems in both theoretical and practical ways. The social problems studied will give the student a base for analyzing and understanding social problems prevalent in society today. A wide variety of topics are discussed including poverty, race and ethnic relations, gender and social inequality, crime, and sexual deviance.

SOCI 207 (2220) Anthropology KRSN ANT1010**
Prerequisite: None
Credit Hours: 3
An introductory study of diverse human cultures throughout the world, both past and present. The physical and cultural systems of various people will be examined through kinship ties, economics, religion, government, and the arts.

Special Interest

PARA 131 (1550) Beginning Sign Language
Prerequisite: None
Credit Hours: 3
This course is intended to provide individual as well as group learning, discussion, practice and utilization in signing conversations with hearing impaired individuals at a beginning level. Vocabulary introduced will be modeled and practiced in sentence form with each other and by the instructor. Learning the alphabet, numbers and then categories of vocabulary will be introduced weekly along with extra vocabulary and semantic items selected from other sources other than the required text books.

PARA 132 (1551) Intermediate Sign Language
Prerequisite: PARA 131 Beginning Sign Language
Credit Hours: 3
An intermediate course in manually coded English. Emphasis is on reading and signing exact English. A basic orientation to paraprofessional interpreting in a school setting will be covered.

*Refer to the Placement Testing Procedure 3.22, page 25  ** Refer to Course Transfer, page 20