DESCRIPTIONS OF ELECTIVE COURSES

Field of study	Social Work
Level	first-cycle studies
Students admitted in the academic year	2024/2025
Semester in which the courses are selected	**5**
Semester in which the courses are conducted	**6**

Elective courses enable the acquisition of knowledge and development of skills important to the field of study but considering the student's individual interests.
This semester you can choose some elective courses, and the selected courses will be taken in the summer semester.
The course can be implemented if there is enough willing students (no less than 66% of students making their choice).
This semester, you will make your choice using a survey that will be available from November 6th (the survey will be active until November 15th). Students who do not make a choice will be administratively added to the courses that will be implemented.

In the winter semester of the 2026/27 academic year, students choose 3 courses out of 5 offered.

SOCIAL WORK AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Subject objectives:
To familiarize students with domestic violence. Students get acquainted with the characteristics of this phenomenon, institutions operating in the field of counteracting domestic violence and the legal conditioning of violence. Students will also learn methods of working with people experiencing violence and perpetrators of domestic violence and will be familiarized with model examples of preventive and corrective actions.

Subject content:
- Domestic abuse - forms, patterns and impact
- Statutory duties and multi-agency responsibilities in domestic abuse practice
- Understanding the impact of domestic abuse on children, older people and disabled people
- Principles of practice with individuals affected by domestic abuse
- Understanding and responding to perpetrator behaviour in domestic abuse
- A Whole Family and System Approach
- Intersectionality and domestic abuse
- Legal and policy frameworks in domestic abuse practice

SOCIAL WORK AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Subject objectives:

Providing students with knowledge about methods of helping addicted people, conditioning, mechanisms and symptoms of addiction. Students will learn diagnostic criteria to analyze specific cases of addiction and use the results to plan social work activities.

Subject content:

- Concepts and classifications, diagnostic criteria. Biological, psychological and social mechanisms of addiction
- Types of psychoactive substance dependence and behavioural addictions, risk and protective factors
- Addiction in different social groups
- Characteristics of psychoactive substances
- Forms of support for people with addiction and their co-dependents in Poland and worldwide
- Assessing the situation of a person with addiction and their family. Methods and techniques of social work with people with addiction and their families
- Prevention strategies and programmes.

SOCIAL WORK WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE

Subject objectives:

The subject aim is to develop the ability to diagnose, analyze and design assistance and preventive activities when working with people in crisis of homelessness. Students will learn to develop an individual program for ending homelessness.

Subject content:

- Homelessness as a social problem
- Causes of homelessness
- Specificity of life situation of homeless people and people at risk of homelessness
- Methodology of social work with people in crisis of homelessness
- Forms of activities supporting people in crisis of homelessness
- Diagnosis and intervention activities for people in crisis of homelessness.

COMBATING SOCIAL MARGINALISATION AND EXCLUSION

Subject objectives:

The subject aim is to familiarize students with the issues of marginalization and social exclusion in the context of the activities of social welfare institutions. The student acquires skills related to the analysis and forecasting of social processes and effective action in the field of social welfare. The student learns about civilization dilemmas, social conditioning and regularities governing the processes of marginalization and social exclusion.

Subject content:

- Marginalization and social exclusion in social policy from a historical and sociological perspective
- Marginalization and social exclusion in the activities of social welfare institutions
- Problems participating in social life and accessing social resources, institutions and systems
- Marginalization and stereotyping in the perception of social welfare clients
- Manifestations and criteria of marginalization and social exclusion in Poland and the European Union
- Youth facing social exclusion
- Marginalization and social exclusion in the context of alcohol dependency, disabled people, unemployed people, older people.

SOCIAL SITUATION AND SOCIOCULTURAL ISSUES OF ETHICS MINORITIES

Subject objectives:

The student will learn terminology, methods and tools in social work with minority groups. The student will learn to identify threats to which minority groups are particularly sensitive. The subject aim is to acquire practical skills in adapting the scope and mode of social work to the current situation of each minority group.

Subject content:

- Basic concepts related to social work with minorities
- Cultural and social specificity of various minority groups
- The situation of minorities in other European Union countries
- Possibilities of current support for initiatives of minority groups, possibilities of including representatives of minority groups in non-governmental activities
- Factors influencing the situation of minority groups
- The main actors of social changes affecting the situation of minorities
- The ratio of majority groups to minorities. Factors of mutual influence
- Main problems of minority groups. Multi-faceted social exclusion.