A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

Students acquire a critical understanding of the historic development of social welfare policy within the social work profession. They analyze social welfare policy, paying special attention to implications for communities of color and the role of social work professionals. Students learn the historic roots of social welfare policy and the social work profession and address the European dominance and the gendered development of the profession. They learn two approaches for analyzing social welfare policies and then learn to apply one to an issue that especially concerns communities of color. Students also explore a range of approaches to affect policy change, stressing the historic role of women and people of color as change agents. Prerequisite: Admission to social work major.

B. Course Effective Dates: 12/15/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Apply a value critical approach to social policy practice that has special importance to communities of color and other at-risk populations.
2. Appropriately apply policy change strategies available to generalist social workers.
3. Assess the centrality of power and empowerment to achieve social and economic justice.
4. Assess the usefulness of different policy change strategies available to generalist social workers.
5. Identify past and current manifestations of the empowerment tradition of social workers as policy practitioners.
6. Identify the key antecedents of social welfare policy and the social work profession.
7. Know a value critical approach to social policy practice.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisite: Admission to social work major.