Examines social work practice in specific contexts.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

SOWK 557.44 fosters applied learning and inter-global practices within the contexts of Canada and Nepal. Focusing on critical and anti-colonial approaches to knowledge and praxis, learners will engage with key concepts of relationality/reciprocity, experiential learning and collaboration to foster a deeper understanding of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SOWK 557.44 engages learners in an applied field study of Nepal that begins with a critical examining of the SDGs. Taken concurrently with SOWK 557.45 or UNIV 501.73, learners will acquire theoretical and applied knowledge through experiential, collaborative and reciprocal learning encounters that include Nepalese educators, community leaders, organizers, activists, and students. A key focus of this course is fostering reciprocal learning and knowledge exchange opportunities with social work students from Nepal (South Western State College), engaged as co-learners on this course. Centralizing anti-oppressive theory and practices, learners are encouraged to participate in critical reflexivity and examine their perspectives on social justice and methods of achieving social change.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Engage in critical reflection/analysis, group discussion and action related inter-global and cross-cultural work between (and among) Canada and Nepal.
2. Develop their capacity to engage with participatory, popular and democratic learning processes.
3. Develop reciprocal learning and exchange methods with social work students from South Western State College in Nepal.
4. Enhance their knowledge and practice to work inter-culturally.
5. Understand tools and approaches used to address the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs; e.g., human rights and environmental sustainability) at a local level.
6. Apply their knowledge of SDGs in relationship to Canada and Nepal.
REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND/OR READINGS

- Readings are associated with each class. Please prepare yourself for class by completing the readings for the designated session.
- **LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

A D2L site is set up for this course which contains required readings and other relevant class resources and materials. A laptop, desktop or mobile device with Internet access, microphone and speaker is required for D2L and Zoom access.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER COURSES

SOWK 557.44 is taken concurrently with SOWK 557.45 or UNIV 501.73. The two courses apply a “macro” perspective that is deeply embedded in personal work and transformative learning. The content of this course is complementary to courses that focus on social policy, political anthropology, community development, international studies/relations, and social justice practice.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Session 1 May 4
Zoom 7:00-9:00 am Mountain Time Panel 1: Contemporary Nepal (political, economy, environment, culture, religion)
Office Hours 9:00-10:00 am Mountain Time
Zoom 10:00 to 12:00 am Mountain Time: Introductions, Orientation to Course, Cultural Briefing by UCInternational, Situating of Self in Local and Global Context, Working Cross Culturally
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ix8kUPWXwCU
Interactive Session: Virtual Tour of Nepal


Session 2 May 7
Zoom 3:00-5:00 pm Mountain Time: Introduction to Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Canada and Nepal
Interactive Session: Nepali Language
Office Hours 6:00-7:00 pm Mountain Time
Zoom 7:00 to 9:00 pm Mountain Time Panel 2: - Introduction to SDG and Group Work with Educators and Students from South Western State College (SWSC)

Due May 7: SOWK 557.44 Assignment 1 (30%)

Session 3 May 11
Zoom 7:00am-9:00 am Mountain Time Panel 3: Social Policy, social issues, public health policy,
Interactive Session: Eastern Spirituality Mindfulness/Meditation
Office Hours 9:00-10:00 am Mountain Time
Zoom 10:00 to 12:00 pm Mountain Time Panel 4: Social Issues in Nepal (poverty, gender-based violence, child labour, illiteracy, caste system, gender inequality) from Nepali academics

Session 4 May 14
Zoom 3:00-5:00 pm Mountain Time Community practice, pragmatic community development approaches, community development theories
Interactive Session: Gender Autonomy in decision making Canada and Nepal
Office Hours 5:00-6:00 pm Mountain Time
Zoom 7:00 to 9:00 pm Mountain Time Panel 5: Community Development/Social Work Practice in Nepal from Nepali Community Development Agencies

Session 5 May 18
Zoom 7:00-900 am Mountain Time Panel 6: Community Organizations Intercultural Practice from Nepali Community Practitioners
Office Hours 9:00-10:00 am Mountain Time
Zoom 10:00 to 12:00 pm Mountain Time Culturally competence, cultural humility, intercultural practice, spiritual practice
Interactive Session: Traditional Nepali Singing

Session 6 May 21
Zoom 3:00-5:00 pm. Mountain Time
Interactive Session: Traditional Nepali Dance
Office Hours 5:00-6:00 pm Mountain Time
Zoom 7:00 to 9:00 pm Mountain Time Prepare for Group Presentations Motivational Speakers
Due May 21: SOWK 557.44 Assignment 2

Session 7 May 25
Zoom 7:00-9:00 am Mountain Time Motivational Conversations sharing, and reflections debrief with Educators SWC Students and invited
Office Hours 9:00-10:00 am Mountain Time
Zoom 10:00 to 12:00 am Mountain Time Panel 7: Community economic development, livelihood strategies, social entrepreneurships

Session 8 May 28
Zoom 3:00-5:00 pm Mountain Time
Interactive Session: Prepare Traditional Nepalese Food
Office Hours 5:00-6:00 pm Mountain Time
Zoom 7:00-9:00 pm Mountain Time Panel 7: Preparation Visual Research Project Group Presentations
Session 9 June 1
Zoom 3:00-5:00 pm Mountain Time: Debrief/Celebration
Zoom 7:00-9:00 pm Mountain Time Panel 7: Visual Research Project Group Presentations
Due June 1: SOWK 557.44 Assignment 3 Part 1 (30%)
Due June 8: SOWK 557.44 Assignment 3 Part 2 (40%)

Note: In addition to the 42 Synchronous hours for both UNIV 557.73 and SOWK 557.45 or UNIV 501.73, students are expected to spend 15 asynchronous hours for both courses comprised of:

Intercultural Practice: 2 hours per week consisting of student-scheduled conversations/dialogue with community practitioners and students in Nepal

Experiential Learning Activities: 3 hours per week consisting of movies, podcasts, local virtual tours, etc. provided by instructors and students

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION
The Faculty of Social Work acknowledges the inequities experienced by racialized people, Indigenous people, and other marginalized populations. We aim to foster an environment that recognizes and celebrates diverse perspectives. Therefore, we are committed to eradicating all forms of injustices based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status, religion, and disability.

GUIDELINES FOR ZOOM SESSIONS IN ONLINE CLASSES
Students are expected to participate actively in all Zoom sessions. If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected, if they are able, to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.). All students are expected to behave in a professional manner during the session.

MEDIA RECORDING FOR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING
The instructor may use media recordings as part of the assessment of students. This may include but is not limited to classroom discussions, presentations, clinical practice, or skills testing that occur during the course. These recordings will be used for student assessment purposes only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

ZOOM RECORDINGS OF ONLINE CLASSES
The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

ASSessment Components
### Assignment 1: Foundations: Situating of Self in Context (2 D2L posts)

**Course Learning Outcomes:** 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6

**Due May 7, the two D2L posts and responses are worth 30% of final grade**

This is not a long or intensive assignment. The intent of this two-part assignment is to lay the groundwork for your personal “lens” through which the content of this course will be examined and an introduction to a Sustainable Development Goal of interest to you. For each of these posts you must respond to two other posts.

**A. My personal lens.** Write a brief post that presents an integration of your thoughts and experiences in relation to the following questions: (1) Who am I (my identity and experiences)? (2) What would I consider as my core values? (3) What are two or three experiences that have shaped my thinking? (4) What are my goals and aspirations related to this course? (5) How do I plan to implement my learnings after completing this course?

**Readings:**


**B. My selected SDG.** Select and study one of the 14 SDGs and write a brief post that provides an overview of the SDG you have selected (the focus, intent and goals the rationale for selecting this SDG (self), and the context and implications of this SDG in the Canadian context.

**Readings:**


### Assignment 2: Visual Research Project Group Presentation

**Course Learning Outcomes:** 3, 5 & 6
Due June 1, worth 30% of the final grade

The Visual Research Group Presentation is a group presentation (3-4 students) that invites students to incorporate primary research, field experiences and visual material to depict their chosen topic of the social issue and sustainable development in Nepal. Each group will provide a 15-minute presentation over Zoom (maximum 20 slides) on a chosen area of sustainable development that they experienced in Nepal. The project should link a key social issue in Nepal with one of the Sustainable Development Goals as defined by the United Nations. Integrate theoretical, experiential and reflective learnings within this presentation. The presentation should identify why the social issue and goal is important in Nepal and lessons learned during the exchange that could be applicable to Canada. The presentation should make explicit reference implications for social work practice in Nepal, Canada or globally.

Assignment 3: Visual Research Project Individual Written Research Report

Course Learning Outcomes: 5 & 6

Due June 8, worth 40% of the final grade

Individual Written Research Report: Students will provide the following content in their written component of the assignment (max 10 pages, not including appendices, references, and cover page), in Word format – not PDF – double spaced, 12-point font. Students will need to clearly outline the social issue they were interested in and the relevant sustainable development challenge in relation to social work or community development. How are they being addressed in Nepal, what is working, what is not working, how it could be applied in Canada, and its impact for social work or community development practice.

Attendance and Participation Expectations

- Students are expected to attend class regularly and to be fully present and engaged in class activities and discussions. These are part of the participation grade, as outlined in the assessment components section above.
- Make-up options are available and must be determined in consultation with the instructor.

Guidelines for Submitting Assignments

- Please submit all assignments electronically through their respective Dropbox in D2L. Assignments may be submitted in Word or PDF format. Assignments should have a file name as follows: “Full name and assignment number” (e.g., Jane Smith Assignment 2). Assignments are due by 11:59pm on their due date. Please note that it is the student’s responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment and to ensure that the proper version is submitted.

Late Assignments

- Students should get in touch with the instructor if they require an extension. Late assignments will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the instructor” or “assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with a grade reduction.

Expectations for Writing

- All assignments will be assessed partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Sources used in research papers must be properly documented and referenced in APA
ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

- It is expected that all work submitted in assignments is the student’s own work, written expressly by the student for this particular course. Students are reminded that academic misconduct, including plagiarism, has serious consequences, as set out in the University Calendar: http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

GRADING

A student’s final grade for the course is the sum of the separate assignments. Students must receive the lowest percentage value of a letter grade range to receive that letter grade. Numerical grades will be rounded up. It is not necessary to pass each assignment separately to pass the course.

The University of Calgary Undergraduate Grading System and Faculty of Social Work Percentage Conversion will be used.

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COURSE EVALUATION

Feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the standard University and Faculty of Social Work course evaluation forms. Students are welcome to discuss the process and content of the course at any time with the instructor.

ADDITIONAL SUGGESTED READINGS


Will add further local recommended readings on the advice of Nepalese educators.
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

As members of the University community, students and staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary Calendar
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Students and staff are also expected to demonstrate professional behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment. Consistent with the aims of the Social Work Program and the University of Calgary, all students and staff are expected to respect, appreciate, and encourage expression of diverse world views and perspectives; to offer their fellow community members unconditional respect and constructive feedback; and to contribute to building learning communities that promote individual and collective professional and personal growth. While critical thought and debate is valued in response to concepts and opinions shared in class, feedback must always be focused on the ideas or opinions shared and not on the person who has stated them.

Students and staff are expected to model behaviour in class that is consistent with our professional values and ethics, as outlined in the Canadian Association for Social Workers, Code of Ethics (2005) and the Alberta College of Social Work Standards of Practice (2019). Both can be found online at: https://acsw.ab.ca/site/practice-resources?nav=sidebar

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS). SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf

RESEARCH ETHICS

“If a student is interested in undertaking an assignment that will involve collecting information from members of the public, they should speak with the course instructor and consult the CFREB Ethics Website (http://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/ethics-compliance/cfreb) before beginning the assignment.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html

INSTRUCTOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Course materials created by professor(s) (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the professor(s). These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is
prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course materials with other students enrolled in the course at
the same time may be allowed under fair dealing.

COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION
All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material
Protected by Copyright (https://ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-
Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act
(https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng Acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the
consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic
versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this
policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY
Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice.
Students’ assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information
related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of
Calgary.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY
The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn,
work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and
violence. The University of Calgary’s sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents
of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual
violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response
procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and addresses incidents that occur off-campus
in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at
https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Sexual-Violence-
Policy.pdf

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Please visit the Registrar’s website at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/course-outlines
for additional important information on the following:

• Wellness and Mental Health Resources
• Student Success
• Student Ombuds Office
• Student Union (SU) Information
• Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) Information