

## Social Work & the Law Certificate

The Social Work & the Law Certificate's goal is to provide students an understanding of the intersection between social work and the law to comprehend the connections between the disciplines as students work to assist individuals and society. This Certificate is appropriate for any student planning to attend law school or graduate studies in social work, and for those planning to work in the court system assisting at-risk populations such as children in the child welfare system, those marginal or disenfranchised individuals unaware of their rights and of services, the elderly, and other groups impacted by the legal system.

**Certificate total: 15 hours**

### Certificate Admission Requirements

- None

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- Students are required to take courses as specified below and must declare the Certificate as part of their academic plan of study.

### Prerequisite Courses

- None

**Required: 6 hours**

\*\*\*Students must satisfy the prerequisites, if any, for each course before enrolling in the class or obtain consent from the program director or coordinator\*\*\*

- PLA 4024 Poverty Law and Community Advocacy
- SOW 4283 Social Work & the Law

**Electives: 9 hours from the following list:**

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Students select three additional courses for the certificate from the following (minimum one from each college):

### College of Health Professions & Sciences

- SOW 3284 – Social Work Perspectives on Social Justice\*\*
- SOW 3620 - Culturally Competent Social Work Practice\*\*
- SOW 4794 – Social Work with Immigrants & Refugees
- SOW 4754 - Forensic Social Work Theory & Practice
- SOW 4650 – Child Abuse: Treatment & Prevention

\*\*Required course for students in the BSW program.

### College of Community Innovation & Education

- PLA 4485 - Administrative Law
- PLA 4525 - Disability Rights and Protections
- PLA 4530 - Legal Issues of the Elderly
- PLA 4806 - Domestic Relations Law

- PLA 4813 - Juvenile Law and Procedure

#### Foreign Language Requirements

- None

#### Total Semester Hours Required

- 15

#### Other Requirements

- A minimum overall GPA of 2.5 is required in courses used to satisfy the certificate.
- No credit by exam (TSD, Military credit) may be used.
- Internship or Independent Study credit cannot be used toward the certificate.
- At least 12 hours used in the program must be earned at UCF.
- Course substitutions must be approved in advance by the Program Coordinator of the Legal Studies Program or the BSW Program Director in the School of Social Work.