<u>Independent Study Project Outline:</u> <u>Social Work Research (SW 199V)</u>

 Course Description - Independent study courses are for students who are interested in studying and practicing social work in an in-depth, self-directed way.

2. Course Objectives:

- a. Implement correct procedures and use critical thinking skills to collect research on a social welfare issue.
- b. Present research in a clear and concise manner using APA format.
- c. Create materials that can be distributed and used throughout the institution (e.g. brochures, presentations).

3. Required Activities:

Requirements include one research paper including an outline, draft, reference page, and brochure. The assignments will be in APA format. The brochure will contain information and resources regarding the social welfare issue. Final paper will describe:

- a) Social welfare issue
 - a. History of social welfare issue
 - b. What are the causes?
 - c. What are the effects?
 - i. Micro
 - ii. Mezzo
 - iii. Macro

4. Resource Materials:

There are no required texts for the course. Instead, resources will consist of conducting research using online and library resources.

5. Method of Grading:

Research paper outline – 10% Research paper draft – 20% Brochure– 20% Final research paper – 50%

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Grades available:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 59% and below

N = The 'N' grade indicates that the student has worked conscientiously, attended regularly, finished all work, fulfilled course responsibilities, and has made measurable progress. However, either the student has not achieved the minimal student learning outcomes and is not prepared to succeed at the next level, or the student has made consistent progress in class but is unable to complete the class due to extenuating circumstances, such as major health, personal, or family emergencies.

Timeline:

10/21/16	Choose social welfare issue
10/28/16	Create guiding questions for research paper
11/1/16	Research
11/4/16	Research
11/18/16	Continue research and create outline
11/22/16	Refine outline
12/2/16	Rough draft due
12/9/16	Create brochure
12/16/16	Final Research Paper due

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(Refer to current WCC Catalog for registration deadline)

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