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Purpose: The Substance Misuse and Addiction Minor is designed to provide students from a wide range of majors with an understanding of theories of addiction, assessment and diagnosis of addiction, intervention and prevention strategies with addicted populations, and legal and ethical issues associated with addiction. Students will have the opportunity to apply their educational credits toward the requirements for practice as licensed chemical dependency counselors through the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. This minor would be valuable for students majoring in human development and family sciences, criminology, education, pharmacy, psychology, public health, sociology, and social work, among others.

The minor consists of 12 – 15 credit hours. At least 6 hours must be at the 3000-level and above. Some courses in this minor have pre-requisites. Please consult the course bulletin before enrolling in classes.

Required Core Course (3 credit hours)
SOCWORK 3805: Theories and Biological Basis of Addiction (3)

Select three of these courses (8-9 credit hours)
FST 4597.01: Alcohol and Society (3)
PHR 2000: Addicting Drugs: Effects, Introductory Neurobiology, and Regulation (2)
SOCWORK 3806: Substance Abuse Screening, Assessment, Diagnosis, and Treatment Planning (3)
SOCWORK 3807: Intervention and Prevention Strategies in Substance Abuse (3)
SOCWORK 3808: Group and Relationship Approaches in Substance Abuse Treatment (3)
WGSST 2326: Women and Addiction (3)

Select one of these courses (1-3 credit hours)
HDFS 2600: Foundations of Prevention Science (3)
HDFS 3620: Intervention and Prevention Programs and Policies: Development and Evaluation (3)
HDFS 4370: Families in Stress (3)
PHR 2010: Fundamentals of Pharmacology (3)
PHBH 3510: Role of Behavior in Public Health (3)
SOCIO 2202: Social Problems and Public Policy (3)
SOCIO 2210: Sociological Aspects of Deviance (3)
SOCWORK 5021: Summer Inst. of Addiction Studies (1)
WGSST 2325: Issues in Women’s Health (3)

Substance Misuse and Addiction Minor program guidelines:

Required for graduation: No

Credit hours required: A minimum of 12 credit hours. 1000 level courses will not be counted toward the 12 credit minimum.

Transfer credit hours allowed: At least half of the credits counting toward the minor must be earned in regular OSU coursework.

Overlap with the GE: Permitted

Overlap with the major: Not allowed and
• The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
• The same courses cannot count on the minor and on the major.

Overlap between minors: Each minor completed must contain 12 unique hours.

Grades required:
• Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
• Minimum 2.0 cumulative point-hour ratio required for the minor.
• Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.

Minor Approval: Course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

Filing the minor program form: The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school advisor.

Changing the minor: Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.