





# Human Services (HSRV) 201

**Social Work and Human Services** (Revision 3)

**Status:**

Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

**Delivery mode:**

Individualized study online 

**Credits:**

3

**Areas of study:**

Arts or Social Science

**Prerequisites:**

None

**Precluded:**

None

**Challenge:**

HSRV 201 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:**

[Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

## Overview

This general interest course introduces students to the profession of social work, the related field of human services, and the social policy context within which they are practiced. The course explores social welfare through social work and human services lenses, including their shared values, historical foundations, and critical perspectives. Once some approaches and theories, practices, processes, and levels have been introduced, students develop a personal philosophy statement of social welfare that self-assesses their fit in these fields. In Part 2 and 3, students learn to apply their foundational learning to specific populations. At the end of Part 4, students integrate material from the entire course and begin applying it to specific scenarios.

## Outline

### Part 1 Social Welfare

- Section 0 Getting Started
- Section 1 Social Welfare and Social Work in Canada
- Section 2 The Pillar of Income Security
- Section 3 The History of Social Work
- Section 4 International Social Work

### Part 2 Professional Practice

- Section 1 Theory and Approaches to Social Work Practice
- Section 2 Professional Practice

### Part 3 Practice, Process, and Levels

- Section 1 Working with Individuals and Families
- Section 2 Working with Groups and Communities



### Part 4 Working with Special Populations

## Learning outcomes

When you have completed HSRV 201, you should be able to


- Demonstrate some specialization of disciplinary knowledge of social work and human services, including reading and research at or beyond the basic level.
- Understand theories, principles, and concepts related to social work and human services, and apply them to hypothetical situations.
- Distinguish among social work and human services policies relative to individuals, families, groups, and communities, and apply them appropriately.
- Demonstrate awareness of tools, mechanisms, and critical-thinking processes relevant to social work and human services, and use them to frame problems related to the field.
- Competently express your knowledge of the field of social work and human services in order to teach and help people to understand relevant issues.
- Understand the social work and human services professional environment and its values, and apply those values consciously and ethically.

## Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for HSRV 201, you must complete four graded assignments and achieve an overall course composite grade of **D (50 percent)**  or higher. The weightings for each assignment are as follows.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Personal Statement of Social Welfare	20%
Assignment 2: Social Work with Individuals, Families, Groups, and Communities	30%
Assignment 3: Social Work with Special Populations: Case Consultation	30%
Assignment 4: Self-Evaluation: Discussion Forum	20%

Activity	Weight
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

## Materials

This course either does not have a course package or the textbooks are open-source material and available to students at no cost. This course has a [Course Administration and Technology Fee](#) , but students are not charged the Course Materials Fee.

PDFs of assigned textbook readings have been provided by the publisher and are available on the course website. All other resources are linked through the Study Guide.



## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [challenge for credit](#)  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

### Evaluation





To [receive credit](#)  for the HSRV 201 challenge registration, you must complete all required components, and achieve an overall grade of at least **D (50 percent)** .

Activity	Weight
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Activity	Weight
10-page Personal Statement of Social Welfare Philosophy and Fit	50%
20-page Research Essay	50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

 **Challenge for credit course registration form**

## Important links

- > [Academic advising](#) 
- > [Program planning](#) 
- > [Request assistance](#) 
- > [Support services](#) 

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