Social Work

Social work focuses on individuals, families, groups and communities to enhance social functioning and overall well-being. Social work is a broad profession that intersects with several disciplines. Social functioning is the way in which people perform their social roles, and the structural institutions that are provided to sustain them. Social work interests with other social science fields including sociology, psychology, political science, law, and economics.

- Book: Introduction to Social Work (Gladden et al.)

This book was written by MSW students as their final project for their Capstone class. Students were each assigned a chapter of the book to write to show that they had achieved competency as a Master's level social worker. Chapters were assigned based on student interest and experience in certain areas of the field. The 2017 MSW class was excited to be able to contribute to the learning of their peers by writing this book!

- Front Matter
- 1: Introduction to Social Work
- 2: NASW Code of Ethics
- 3: Cultural Competence
- 4: Generalist Practice
As an introductory textbook for social work students studying research methods, this book guides students through the process of creating a research project. Students learn how to discover a researchable topic that is interesting to them, examine scholarly literature, formulate a proper research question, design a quantitative or qualitative study to answer their question, carry out the design, interpret quantitative or qualitative results, and disseminate their findings to audiences.
13: Interviews and Focus Groups
- 14: Unobtrusive Research
- 15: Real-world Research
- 16: Reporting Research
- Back Matter

Book: Social Science Research - Principles, Methods, and Practices (Bhattacherjee)

This book is designed to introduce doctoral and graduate students to the process of scientific research in the social sciences, business, education, public health, and related disciplines.

- Front Matter
- 1: Science and Scientific Research
- 2: Thinking Like a Researcher
- 3: The Research Process
- 4: Theories in Scientific Research
- 5: Research Design
- 6: Measurement of Constructs
- 7: Scale Reliability and Validity
- 8: Sampling
- 9: Survey Research
- 10: Experimental Research
- 11: Case Research
- 12: Interpretive Research
- 13: Qualitative Analysis
- 14: Quantitative Analysis- Descriptive Statistics
- 15: Quantitative Analysis- Inferential Statistics
- 16: Research Ethics
- 17: Appendix
- Back Matter