

# SOWK6520 : Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Lifespan and Biopsychosocial Theories

This is the first of three HBSE courses and is taken in the Generalist year of the MSW program. This course examines human behavior from a biopsychosocial perspective with consideration for the biological, psychological, cognitive, spiritual, social, economic, racial, and cultural variables that influence human development across the lifespan. Using a spiritually enriched ecological systems approach, the course is designed to present a variety of theories and knowledge about the range of social systems in which individuals live, including families, social groups, organizations, and communities. Special attention will be given to the systems that exist in rural settings and small towns.

**Credits** 3