SOCIAL WORK (SOWK)

SOWK 2900 Introduction to Social Work (4 Credits)
Introduces students to the profession and practice of social work. Examines the history of the profession and its place within the structure of the social welfare system; explores core values and ethics, as well as the knowledge and skills necessary for effective social work practice. Also identifies various fields of practice and the range of social problems addressed by the profession.

SOWK 3820 Frogs in a Pond: Japanese Translation Theory and Practice (4 Credits)
This course takes a multi-pronged approach to literature and translation, considering aspects of translation theory, methodology, and practice; literature in translation; and the function of translation in global dynamics of canon, colonization, power, and literary stylistics. With a language like Japanese, which shares no linguistic roots with European languages, questions of translation are magnified and problematized by linguistic difference, histories of Orientalism and colonization, and fundamentally different literary aesthetics, especially in literatures of premodern Japan and early modern Europe. Questions this course considers include: with what modes of translation practice might we approach Japanese literature? How has the translation of European literature into Japanese impacted Japanese literary aesthetics and vice versa? How might we more equitably represent Japanese literature to a global Anglo audience? By what processes does the business of translation occur and how do those processes impact the actual production of literary canon and study? This class requires Japanese language ability of intermediate and higher. Prerequisites: JAPN 1416 and JAPN 2003 or equivalent required.

SOWK 3991 Independent Study (1-10 Credits)