

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOWK-110 The Field of Social Work

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOWK-110	The Field of Social Work	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Lower Division	English

Course Description

The general purpose of this course, as the title indicates, is to introduce the student to the Social Work Profession. Although there will be a consideration of characteristics shared by all human service professions, in general, this course will direct attention to those that distinguish social work from others. It will examine social work professional concepts, functions and roles, and value base.

In addition, this course will explore selected service delivery systems in which social work is practiced with particular attention given to diverse oppressed population. Finally, this course will facilitate the student's preparation for and appreciation of relevance of later courses in the BSW program and to help them explore their interest in a potential career in social work.

Prerequisites

None

Topic Areas

The specific behavioral objectives of this course that students will be expected to demonstrate are:

1. Knowledge of the major characteristics of social work and its programs and services.
2. Knowledge of basic concepts of social welfare as an institution.
3. Knowledge of basic concepts and definitions of social work as a profession.
4. Knowledge of the basic value commitments in social work.
5. Knowledge of theoretic orientations and skills needed for beginning generalist social work practice.
6. Knowledge and understanding of the impact that the design, organization and operation of a service delivery system has on vulnerable and diverse client populations with particular attention to racial minorities and women, the aged, and homosexuals.

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

- Morales, Armando and Sheafor, Bradford W. Social Work: a Profession of Many Faces. Allyn and Bacon, Inc., Boston, 1998, Eighth Edition.