

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOWK-330 Social Work Practice / Macro Systems

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOWK-330	Social Work Practice / Macro Systems	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	SOWK-230
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This upper-division course is open to students who have been admitted into the social work program. The course emphasizes practice beyond the levels of individuals, families, natural helping networks, and similar systems. Historically, this type of practice course has been called “macro”, “community organization”, and “CO”. The idea of practice at the community level as integral to the professional self is unique to social work in comparison with other helping professions such as counseling or psychology. While community organization is the dominant theme, we will also be exploring connections with smaller systems/groups regularly throughout our meeting.

Prerequisites

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Topic Areas

1. Introduction to Community Practice in Social Work
2. The Ecological Perspective
3. The Systems Perspective
4. The Rothman and Checkoway Models for Strategic Choice
5. Local Services/Grass-Roots Development, Assessment Strategies
6. Cultural Etiquette
7. Techniques for Community Practice

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Primary Texts:

- Fellin, Philip, *The Community and the Social Worker*, F.E. Peacock, Itasca, IL, 1987.
- Tropman John E., Erlich, John L., and Jack Rothman, editors, *Tactics and Techniques of Community Practice*, Third Edition. F.E. Peacock, Itasca, IL, 1995.
- Rivera, Felix G. and John L. Erlich, *Community Organizing in a Diverse Society*, Second Edition , Allyn and Bacon, Needham Heights, MA, 1995.

Secondary texts:

- Three Rivers, Amoja, Cultural Etiquette , Market Wimmin, Indian Valley, VA 1991.
- Amidei, Nancy, So You Want to Make a Difference, OMB Watch, 1731 Connecticut Ave., Jihn L., and John Kretzmann, Mapping Community Capacity, Canter for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Evanston, IL, 1994.