

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOWK-360 Micro Mezzo Human Behavior in Social Environment

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOWK-360	Micro Mezzo Human Behavior In Social Environment	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	Junior Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Course integrates and consolidates theories from prerequisite social behavioral and biological science courses from a human growth and developmental perspective. Themes include assessing and understanding human diversity in varying contexts, social justice, oppression, cultural heritage, and concerns for specific vulnerable populations, with emphasis upon small and medium – sized systems.

Prerequisites

Junior Standing

Topic Areas

1. Social Work Values and Ethics.
2. Diversity.
3. Promotion of Social and Economic Justice.
4. Populations At Risk.
5. Human Behavior and the Social Environment.
6. The Context of Human Life.
7. Integrative Model of Human Functioning.
8. Biological Determinants of Human Behavior.
9. Gender and Sexual Orientation.
10. The Family as a system of Roles.
11. Family Assessment.
12. Groups – Influencing and Influenced by Individuals.
13. Culture, Race, and Ethnicity.
14. Social class belongingness.
15. Poverty.
16. Pregnancy and Early Childhood.
17. Adolescence.
18. Young Adulthood.
19. Middle Adulthood.
20. Late Adulthood.

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

- Exploring Human Behavior and the Social Environment. L. Allen Furr. Allyn and Bacon, 1997.

The second required resource is the reader for this course, which includes the following required supplemental readings.

- “Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Socioeconomic Status – Research Exploring Their Effects on Child Health: A Subject Review”, American Academy of Pediatrics – Committee in Pediatric Research. Pediatrics, June 2000.
- “Using Ethnicity as a Classification Variable in Health Research: Perpetuating the Myth of Biological Determinism, serving socio-political agendas, or making valuable contributions to medical sciences?” S. Amand. Ethnicity & Health, 1999.
- “Intergenerational Relationships Across Cultures”. Hines, Garcia-Preto, MeGoldrick, Almeida, and Weltman. Assessment: A Sourcebook for Social Work Practice. J. Raunch, editor. Families International, Inc., Milwaukee, 1993.
- “Types of Groups in the Macro Social Environment”. K. Kirst-Ashman, Human Behavior, Communities, Organizations, and Groups in the Macro Social Environment. Brooks/Cole, Australia, 2000.
- “The family as a System of Roles”. J. Norlin and W. Chess. Human Behavior and the social Environment: Social Systems theory. Allyn and Bacon, 1997.
- “What are groups?” V. Pillari and Newsome. Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities. Brooks/Cole, Pacific Grove, 1998.