

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: SOWK-365 Macro/Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOWK-365	Macro/Human Behavior in the 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 sciences courses focusing them on the interaction between people and large systems (organizations, institutions, and communities). Themes include providing basic knowledge about the structure and function of large systems and their impact on people. Attention is given to theories that aid in understanding social network, neighborhood, community, institutions and organizations behavior as they apply to comprehensive assessment of person and environment dynamics. Special emphasis will be placed on learning the importance of recognizing the functions and effects of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity as they relate to macro theories.

### Prerequisites

Junior Standing

### Topic Areas

1. Introduction to Human Behavior in the Macro Social Environment.
2. Diversity, Populations-at-Risk, and Human Behavior in the Macro Social Environment.
3. Communities in the Social Environment: Theories and Concepts.
4. Basic Economic Concepts for Social Workers.
5. Theories and Concepts on Communities in the Social Environment.
6. The Significance of Power in Communities and the Macro Environment.
7. Community Functioning and Empowerment
8. Neighborhood re-development and Empowerment
9. Planning and overview of subject interview, instructions will be provided to you at this time
10. Organizations and Institutions
11. Introduction to Theories about Organizations and Institutions
12. The Internal and External Environments of Organizations
13. Understanding Organizations and Institutions on impact staff
14. Economics and Leaderships influence on Organizational Functioning and Total Quality Management.
15. Organizational Change and Renewal.

### Readings and Resources

**Required Textbook**

- Human Behavior, Communities, Organizations & Groups in the Macro Social Environment. Karen K. Kirst-Ashman. Brooks/Cole 2000
- Economics for Social Workers. Arline Prigoff. Brooks/Cole,2000.
- Supplemental readings include but are not limited to: The manager's Bookshelf: A Mosaic of Contemporary Views. Jon Pierce and John Newstrom. Harper Collins 2000.