

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: SOWK-390 Understanding Addictions

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOWK-390	Understanding Addictions	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	SOWK-110
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This course explores a variety of dependency syndromes. The primary focus will be this abuse of mind-altering chemicals, with emphasis upon pharmacological, symptomatic, and intervention aspects. Teaching methods will include lectures, skill-building activities, films, discussions, and guest speakers. Based upon this addiction model, other dependencies will then be examined, primarily through student research and class presentations.

Prerequisites

SOWK-110

Topic Areas

1. Concepts of addition, powerless, and compulsion.
2. A primary focus of this course is chemical dependency. Students will specifically:
 - Know different theories and perspectives of this problem.
 - Identification chemical dependency in clients.
 - The nature of treatment, therapeutic goals, and the continuum of care/resources available.
 - Develop beginning skills in working with this population.
 - Learn the varying roles of the courts, law enforcement, and other social institution sin addressing chemical dependency.
3. Identifying other addictions and master the above-mentioned objectives, a through e, for each of these addictions.
4. Identify various effects of addiction upon family dynamics and upon family members as individuals, and will develop some beginning skills in working with these persons.
5. The 12 step model and the self-help movement.

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

- Drug Use in American Society: An Epidemiological Analysis of Risks. William Bailey.
- Out of the Shadows. Patrick Carnes.
- Supplemental materials as furnished by the instructor.