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Course Code SOWK-110	Course Title THE FIELD OF SOCIAL WORK	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences/Social Work Programme	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Required	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Dr. Stefanos Spaneas Dr Vasilios Ioakimidis
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Demonstrate the difference between social work and other human service professions. Introduce the concept and theories about the nature of social work practice including its underlying assumptions, values, ethics, roles and activities. Discuss some of the differences between conventional and progressive approaches to social work.
- Make students aware of the generalist practice.
- Develop into students the necessary the theoretical and practical skills to implement social work practice.

Learning Outcomes:

1. By the completion of the course students are expected to:
2. Utilise the values and principles of Social Work as a discipline;
3. Have knowledge of the nature of social work practice including its underlying assumptions, values, ethics, roles and activities;
4. Critically evaluate the different roles Social Worker has to undertake during the process and intervention of social work practice;
5. demonstrate a systematic understanding of the necessary knowledge to effectively exercise social work practice;
6. recognize the importance of continuous learning and development of skills in order to gain a coherent understanding of the discipline and apply the methods and techniques that they have learned in practice with individuals, families, groups and communities
7. 6. critically evaluate arguments, assumptions, abstract concepts and data (that may be incomplete), to make judgments, and to frame appropriate questions to achieve a solution - or identify a range of solutions - to a problem

Course Contents:

1. What is Social Work
2. The social work toolkit
3. Theory and practice in Social Work
4. Social Work Theories: Introduction to psychodynamics models approach
5. Social Work Theories: Introduction to client centered therapy approach
6. Social Work Theories: Introduction to systems levels approach
7. Social Work Theories: Introduction to tasks and crises approach
8. Advocacy and empowerment
9. Collaboration with other professionals and organisations
10. Fieldwork practice: Areas you can be employed and your responsibilities

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Quiz, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Beckett, C.	Essential Theory for Social Work Practice	Sage Publications	2006	978-1412908740

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Faley, W., Boyle, S. & Smith, L.	Introduction to social work.	Pearson Education	2005	978-0205625765
Kallinikaki, T.	Social Work: Introduction to the theory and practice	Athens: Ellinika Grammat	1998	960-344-526-6