



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOWK 170	Course Title Social Welfare Policy & Services	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Work	Semester Spring	Prerequisites
Type of Course Required	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction
Level of Course Undergraduate	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Gregory Neocleous
Mode of delivery	Work Placement None	Co-Requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Apply critical thinking skills within the context of professional social work practice by mastering models for understanding the history, etiology, and nature of social work policies, programs, and services.
- Understanding programs, policies and interventions of social welfare programs in the Cypriot context
 - Programs and policies for families and children
 - Programs about specific target groups i.e. offenders,
 - Programs about ethnic minority groups
 - Community programs
- Learning about the history of Social Welfare Services in Cyprus. The new scene of social welfare state after the entrance to the European Union.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Identify, define and analyze basic cultural, philosophical, and political-economic factors influencing the development of social welfare and social policy in Cyprus.
2. Identify social work values, ethical imperatives, and professional responsibilities and resources for working for social justice in different settings.
3. Identify, define, and discuss different conceptions of social welfare and their implications for policy development.
4. Compare and contrast different views of the role of social welfare in society within a global context.
5. Explain, discuss, and analyze the historical evolution of social welfare in Cyprus, including special conditions and barriers facing women, ethnic minority groups, and other special populations.
6. Define and discuss the concepts of economic and social justice and their relationship to policy development.
7. Define the phases of policy formulation and identify professional roles and activities for each phase.

Course Contents: Indicative field visits

Social Welfare Services	Family & Child, Mental Health, Community Development
PaCyriaVoluntarCoordinaCound	Coordination of Voluntary Organisations
“Archaggelos Michael” Nursing Home for Old People	Care of Elderly People
Agios Christophoros	Home for Mental Retarded People
Agia Skepi	Drugs Treatment
ChristouSelouIannouFoudation	Education Centre for Mental Retarded
Cyprus Telecommunication Authority	Social Work in the workplace
Municipality of Agios Dometios	Social Work with Communities
Cyprus Anti-Drugs Council	National Policies for Drugs Prevention & Treatment
Ministry of Health	Mental Health Services

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, field visits and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Stathopoulos, P.	Social Welfare: Historical Evolution – New Directions	Papazisis	2005	

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Woodside, M., McClam, T.	An Introduction to Human Services	Wadsworth	2006	
Triseliotis, J.	Social Welfare	Zeno	1977	
Woodside, M., McClam, T.	An Introduction to Human Services”,	“Belmont: Wadsworth Publishing	2006	
Astarita, G.	“Successes and future prospects for the Cyprus health policy”,	Centre for Administrative Innovation in the Euro-Mediterranean Region http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/CAIMED/UNPAN018966.pdf		
Esping-Andersen, G.	A New welfare architecture for Europe?	Report submitted to the Belgian Presidency of the European Union: (final version, September 2001)	2001	
Esping-Andersen, G., Gallie, D., Hemerijck, A., Myles, J.,	Why We Need A New Welfare State,	Oxford University Press, Oxford.	2002	
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Katrougalos, G., Lazaridis, G.	Southern European Welfare States: Problems, Challenges, and Prospects,	Palgrave, London	2003	
Pavlou, S.E.,	Equal Opportunit y Policy in Cyprus	For the Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies.	2005	
Sowers, K.M., Rowe, W.S.,	Social Work Practice and Social Justice: From Local to Global Perspective s	Belmont: Wadsworth Publishing	2007	
Venieris, D.	Social Policy in Greece: Rhetoric versus Reform'	Social Policy and Administration 37 (2): 133–47.	2003	