



University of Nicosia, Cyprus		
Course Code	Course Title	Credits (ECTS)
SOWK-230A	SOCIAL WORK METHODS & PRACTICES I/MACRO SYSTEMS	6
Department	Semester	Prerequisites
Social Sciences/Social Work Programme	Fall	SOWK-120 & SOWK-170
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Required	Social Work	Greek
Level of Course	Year of Study	Lecturer(s)
1 st Cycle	2 nd	Dr. Stefanos Spaneas
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
face-to-face	N/A	None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

<p>The main objectives of the course are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce the theories and concepts of community practice (theoretical base).• Examine the methods, strategies, and principles of intervention within a community context (knowledge base)• Develop core skills necessary to apply theory and knowledge to the needs of disadvantaged/minority populations (children, women, ethnic minorities, the poor, the homeless, people with disabilities, etc.) as well as to the general population (skill base).• Explore individuals' philosophy and style of community practice consistent in relation to social work philosophy, ethnic/gender perspectives, values, and ethics (professional base).• Demonstrate the principles, methods, and examples of community needs and capacities assessment and of prevention as a change modality, including consideration of socio-political factors in the external environment

Learning Outcomes:

<p>Upon the completion of the course students are expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Critically assess the history, politics, culture and values pertinent to community practice, including involvement of social workers as agents of social change and macro-level intervention.2. Analyze value and ethical <i>issues</i> within community practice as well as community values along with the ethical tensions related to community practice
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- and social work
3. Critically assess the principles, methods, and examples of community needs and capacities assessment and of prevention as a change modality, including consideration of socio-political factors in the external environment
 4. Realise the various community practice intervention approaches including community development, and social action.
 5. Develop core skills to apply community practice in order to satisfy the needs of disadvantaged/minority populations

Course Contents:

1. The Purpose and Mission of Community Practice
2. Interchangeable usage of different definitions for community
3. Values, Ethics and Problem Solving Strategy
4. Social & Community Problems
5. Theories of Macro Practice
6. Community Studies
7. Models of Community Organisation
8. Using Work Groups in Community Practice
9. Networks and networking
10. Assessment in Community Practice
11. Community Casework

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Quiz, Mid-Term, Design Project (essay) and Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Hardcastle, D.A. and Powers, P.R. with Wenocur, S.	Community Practice, Theories and Skills for Social Work	Oxford University Press	2004	978-0195141610

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Brueggemann, W. G.	The Practice of Macro Social Work	Belmont: Thomson Brooks	2006	0534575854
Stathopoulos, P.	Community practice: Theoretical perspective	Papazisis pub.	2005	