University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code	**Course Title**	**Credits (ECTS)**
SOWK-235	SOCIAL WORK METHODS & PRACTICES II/MACRO SYSTEMS	6
Department	**Semester**	**Prerequisites**
Social Sciences/Social Work Programme	Fall	SOWK-230
Type of Course Required	**Field** Social Work	**Language of Instruction** Greek
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	**Year of Study** 2nd	**Lecturer(s)** Dr. Stefanos Spaneas
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:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of skills among the following areas: group facilitation; program planning and proposal development; building community collaborative theme and coalitions; program advocate; and community development and/or community- based organizational development.
2. Examine community practice strategies to social policy development and implementation, community research and participatory evaluation, and/ or to community- based individual, family and group oriented practice and outcomes
3. Discuss similarities and differences among community care, community -based interventions and community practice.
4. Conceptualise critical factors and describe intervention strategies in at least one of the following areas: social and economic development, organizing, social planning, program design, and coalition building in relation to diverse populations

Learning Outcomes:

Upon the completion of the course students are expected to:

1. Utilise strengths and critical multicultural perspectives to conduct an analysis of a community or organisation in which a problem is to be addressed.
2. Utilise empowerment and critical multicultural perspectives to prepare a plan for intervention designed to change the condition, problem, need, issue, or opportunity in a way that benefits the local population.
3. Select appropriate strategies and tactics that maximize the potential for success of an intervention.

4. Demonstrate understanding of skills and roles in leadership development and in empowerment and advocacy strategies.
5. Critically assess the level of intervention success and re-organise activities

Course Contents:

1. Adopting a Strengths Perspective
2. Techniques of Organisational and Community Assessment
3. Strategic Planning
4. Contingency Planning
5. Social Planning
6. Recruiting Collaborative Partners
7. Gaining Support and Minimising Opposition
8. Developing a Public Relations Plan
9. Forming a task force or committee
10. Project Planning and Implementation
11. Project Evaluation
12. Basics of Financial Management

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	Publishe		YearISBN
Ellis, A. R,, Crane Mallory, K., Gould, Y. M., Shatila, L. S.	The Macro Practitioner's Workbook: A Step-by-Step Guide to Effectiveness with Organizations and Communities	Belmont: Wadsworth Publishing	2006	0534633110

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Authors	Title	Publishe		YearISBN
Long, D., Tice, C.J., Morrison, J.D.	Macro Social Work Practice: A Strengths Perspective.	Belmont: Wadsworth Publishing	2006	0534640435
Stathopoulos, P.	Community practice: procedures, methods and intervention's techniques	Papazisis pub.	2000	