



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOWK-304	Course Title INTERCULTURAL SOCIAL WORK	Credits (ECTS) 5
Department Social Sciences/Social Work Programme	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction
Level of Course Undergraduate	Year of Study	Lecturer Dr. Stefanos Spaneas

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce the theory and practice of cross-cultural / racial engagement in social work practice
- Consider issues of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, religious beliefs and culture in the helping process.
- Thoroughly discuss and analyse social work practice with diverse communities
- Explore the individual, organizational, social and political dimensions of cross-cultural social work practice
- Demonstrate the importance of intercultural social work into the Cypriot context.

L e a r n i n g O u t c o m e s :

With the completion of the course students are expected to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of social work values, ethics, and ethical dilemmas as they apply to selecting theories for practice in culturally diverse settings.
2. Critically analyze underlying assumptions of the traditional cross-cultural and antiracist social work practice within a contemporary multicultural and multiracial context
3. Identify historical and contemporary mechanisms used to oppress minority groups
4. Identify the dynamics of power relations at the micro and macro level as it applies to individual and group identity development.
5. Recognize how economic, social, and psychological forces play a role in the acculturation process.
6. Develop a critical anti-racist vision and sensitivity in understanding the diverse human identities and needs.
7. Develop alternative practices which are relevant and appropriate to ethno/racial/cultural diverse and marginalized populations.

Course Contents:

1. Principles and Assumptions of Multicultural Social Work Practice
2. Becoming Culturally Competent in Social Work Practice
3. The political dimensions of social work practice
4. Understanding the Implications of Oppression in Social Work Practice
5. Racial/cultural identity development—social work implication
6. Barriers to Effective Multicultural Clinical Practice
7. Cultural Styles in Multicultural Intervention Strategies
8. Systemic and ecological perspectives of multicultural social work
9. Multicultural Family Counseling and Therapy
10. Multicultural Organizational Change and Social Justice
11. Profiles of Culturally Competent Care with Women, Sexual Minorities, Elderly and those with Disabilities
12. Profiles of Culturally Competent Care with Biracial/Multiracial and Immigrant Populations
13. Differential Effects of Racial Composition on Male and Female Groups: Implications for Group Work Practice

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Quiz, Mid-Term, Design project (Essay) and Final Exam.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Wing Sue, D. & McGoldrick, M.	Multicultural Social Work Practice	John Wiley & Sons Inc	2005	9780471662525

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Rabin, C.	Understanding Gender and Culture in the Helping Process	Thomson	2005	0534513891
Patricia L. Ewalt, Edith M. Freeman, Anne E. Fortune, Dennis L. Poole, and Stanley L. Witkin	Multicultural Issues in Social Work: Practice and Research	NASW Press (National Association of Social Workers)	2005	9780871013026
Ktistakis, G.,	Immigrants: Racism-xenophobia: From theory to practice	Sakkoulas Pub.	2001	960-15-0509-1

