



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code SOWK 382	Course Title Social Planning and	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Science	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites SOWK 230, SOWK 235
Type of Course Elective	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction
Level of Course 1st Cycle	Year of Study 3rd	Lecturer(s) Professor Christina
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- make students aware of the new trends in EU social policy for local social development
- provide students with knowledge in social planning theory and fundamental knowledge for developing holistic plans of Social Service Programs
- thoroughly discuss the models, standards, stages and tools in planning social services
- cover in detail all aspects of Social Networks and Service networking (the nature and characteristics, models of networking, building and maintaining relationships)
- discuss a model of Service Network for local social policy development
- introduce state-of-the art in the area of Social Work in networking and HR protection of service users

Learning Outcomes:

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

- critically compare and evaluate planning models and networking systems
- design and develop planned applications using available social work knowledge
- enhance strategic and operational planning with regard to local authority social policy development and Service optimization through networking
- develop problem solving methods in Service networking
- critically assess the roles and interventions of a social worker in Human Rights protection, in public relations and in citizen mobilization
- develop advanced queries in program planning for social justice
- research in state-of-the art areas in local social policy and in social networking

Course Contents:

1. EU social policy and local social policy development in Cyprus
2. Theory on social planning. New trends in European and national strategies in planning social welfare services
3. The technology of social planning: Stages and roles of the social worker in Program planning; The tools of the social planner
4. Nature and functions of Social Networks; Synthesis, rules, characteristics
5. Models in social and Service networks for local social policy development
 - a. Structure, management, membership
 - b. Services, benefits and difficulties in application
6. Roles of the social worker as a network planner and as a networker
7. Public relations – Negotiating for human / social rights protection
8. Lobbying and Service users empowerment
9. Evaluation of social policy applications at the local level
10. The role of the volunteer NGOs in local social policy development

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Individual and Group Assignments, Presentations in class and case studies

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Intermediate Assignment, Participation in class discussions and exercises, Final Exam

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Ιατρίδης, Οημήτρης (Iatrides, D.)	<i>Οργανισμοί Κοινωνικής Φροντίδας: Σχεδιασμός Κοινωνικής Πολιτικής για ανάπτυξη (Social Care Organizations: Social Policy Planning for Development)</i>	Ελληνικά Γράμματα	2005	960-442-132-8
Christakis, N. & Fowler, J.	<i>ΕννυSESEμΕνο~: Η εκπληκτική δύναμη των κοινωνικών δικτύων & πώς αυτά διαμορφώνουν τη ζωή μας (Connected: The extraordinary power of the social networks and how they influence our life)</i>	Κάτοπτρο	2010	978-960-6717-39-0
Ζαϊμάκης, Γ. & Κανδυλάκη Αγάπη (επιμ.)	<i>δίκτυα Κοινωνικής Προστασίας (Networks of Social Protection)</i>	Κριτική	2005	960-218-447-7

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Geddes, Michael	Local Partnership: A Successful Strategy for Social Cohesion?	European Foundation ILWC	1998	
Hudson John, Lowe Stuart, Oscroft Natalie, SnellCarolyn	Activating Policy Networks: A Case Study of Local Environmental Policy-making in the United Kingdom.	Policy Studies (vol28March): 55-70	2007	
Parker J, Bradley G	Social Work Practice: Assessment, Planning, Intervention and Review	Learning Matters, Exeter	2007	
Vayas Christina	Municipal Central Social Service: Mechanism for Coordination, Active Participation and Networking of local Social Policy.	Maccess HSZ. Maastricht.	2002	