

Course Code: MSW 407

Course Credit: 02

Course Name: Introduction to Social Work Theory and Practice

Credits Equivalent: 2 Credits (*One credit is equivalent to 10 hours of lectures / organised classroom activity / contact hours; 5 hours of laboratory work / practical / field work / Tutorial / teacher-led activity and 15 hours of other workload such as independent individual/ group work; obligatory/ optional work placement; literature survey/ library work; data collection/ field work; writing of papers/ projects/dissertation/thesis; seminars, etc.*)

Course Objectives: The course is designed to

- Become familiar with the values and philosophy of social work profession
- Understand and differentiate social work and other related terms
- Understand the various methods of social work profession
- Understand the nature of social work practice in different settings

Course Outcomes: This course is offered to the students of other departments as an interdisciplinary course. After this course the student will learn the origin and development of social work as a profession. The student will be acquainted with the ethical concerns associated with social work practice. The student will be familiarised with the professional status of social work in India and the methods of social work practice. The student will understand the role of social worker in diverse settings

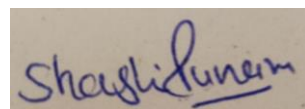
Attendance Requirements:

Students are expected to attend all lectures in order to be able to fully benefit from the course.

A minimum of 75% attendance is a must failing which a student may not be permitted to appear in examination

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Mid Term Examination: 20%
2. End Term Examination: 60%
3. Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA): 20%



Course Contents:

Unit I: Introduction to Social Work Profession (4 Hours)

- Social Work: Definition, Philosophy and Purpose
- Historical Development of Social Work Profession
- Values, Principles and Ethical Concerns
- The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
- Social Work and other Social Science Disciplines

Unit II: Methods of Social Work Practice (4 Hours)

- Introduction to Primary Methods
- Introduction to Secondary Methods

Unit III: Social Work and NGOs (4 Hours)

- Non-Governmental Organisation: Concept and Types
- Functions of Non-Governmental Organisations
- Introduction to NGO Registration

Unit IV: Social Work Practice Areas-I (4 Hours)

- Community Development: Rural and Urban
- Family and Child Welfare
- Addiction and Counselling
- Psychiatric and Medical Social Work

Unit V: Social Work Practice Areas -II (4 Hours)

- Disability and Disaster Management.
- Environmental Social Work
- School Social Work
- Elderly and HIV/AIDS

Prescribed Textbooks:

1. Mishra, Prayag Din (1994), Social Work – Philosophy and Methods, New Delhi, Inter – India Publications.
2. Battacharya, Sanjay (2008), Social Work an Integrated Approach, New Delhi, Deep & Deep Publications.
3. Elizabeth A. Sehgal. et al. (2011), Professional Social Work, Jaipur, Rawat Publications.
4. Skidmore, et al. (1997), Introduction to Social Work, Boston, Allyn & Bacon.
5. Sheldon Brian, et al. (2010), A Textbook of Social Work, New Delhi, Routledge Publications.