

University of Ghana

Department of Social Work

Sample Spring Courses

SOWK 302 Working With Communities

Definition and nature of community organization. Programme planning and resource development. Changing organizations from within. Advocacy. Theoretical base for change. Analyzing the change opportunities. Designing and structuring the change effort. Implementing change. Worker roles in organizational and community change.

SOWK 304 Social Welfare And Social Policy

Beginning analysis of social policy. The nature and boundaries of social policy, concepts of welfare state, context of society and social policy, relationship between social policy and basic human needs; overview of societal and individual responsibility. Social needs social problems and social. Perspectives for reviewing social issues of poverty, development health education, housing and social welfare.

SOWK 306 Personality Development And Behaviour Disorders

Explores the development of personality, human reactions and emotions. Discusses normal and abnormal behaviour, labeling, disorders related to growth and mental disorders. Emphasizes a basic understanding of psychopathology and how these affect individual; families and social work practice.

SOWK 308 Working with Persons with HIV/AIDS

Basic facts about HIV/AIDS; psychological and social impact of HIV/AIDS; service needs of people living with HIV/AIDS; children affected by HIV/AIDS, gender roles and poverty relations.

SOWK 309 Introduction to Social Work Research

Examination of basic research knowledge and skills required for social work practice. Theory of social research, qualitative and quantitative research, ethical issues germane to social workers, research design, sampling an sampling techniques foe research.

SOWK 310 Women and Children's Rights and Protection

The focus of this course is on the institutions, public and private and programs provide services for the prevention of abuse of women and children, and for ameliorating the effects of abuse of women and children. Women and Children's Rights in Social Work Practice. Concepts and contents of the rights of women and children (CRC, 1989, CEDAW, 1979; children's act 560, 1998) Compliance of human rights; manifestations and dimensions of human rights abuse among women and children, the scope and dimension of the problems of the problems of abuse of women and children. Students will study the institutions, programs and services for the protection and promotion of women and children's rights.

SOWK 320 Medical Social Work

History of medical social work with particular reference to Ghana; the role and responsibilities of the medical social worker; medical social work networking; future trends of medical social work

SOWK 402 Working with Children

Maladaptive family patterns, child abuse, neglect and childhood sexual abuse, techniques of prevention, early identification and intervention, social work methods and child welfare services.

SOWK 404 Working with Groups

Types and characteristics of groups; group formation; group dynamics; members' roles; termination in group work; assisting groups to identify, plan and manage income generating activity; group evaluation.

SOWK 406 Administration, Management and Evaluation

Introduction: The place of administration in Social Work; functions of Social Work administrator. Human resource development. Programme management: project planning, project design, budgeting, team building, programme evaluation.

SOWK 408 Concurrent Fieldwork (One Semester)

Students are placed throughout the first semester of Level 400 (13 weeks). They are exposed to group work situation and required to identify and attach themselves with a group operating in the community, small associations, clubs etc.

SOWK 412 Family Welfare

Marriage and rules of choice of partner; theories, functions and linkages of family; changes and functions and structure of family. Critical study of maintenance of children laws from 1965 to 1999; intestate succession law and head of family accountability law, social security scheme, domestic violence bill, rape, defilement.

SOWK 414 Social Gerontology

Introduction: Myths, stereotypes, demography of aging, women and aging, cross-cultural issues. Theories of aging. Social, psychological, physical aspects of aging economic determinants of aging. Services and resources. Aged and their families. Work and retirement behaviour. Policy response to aging in Africa. Elder abuse and combativeness.

SOWK 416 Problems of Rehabilitation

Prejudice, discrimination and stigmatization; effects of general systems of beliefs and culture; human rights; social work roles; national and international policy guidelines.

SOWK 418 Working with People in Need of Protection

Institutional care and its impact on individual functioning; Mentally-ill in psychiatric hospitals; Children in residential homes, problems of immigrants and refugees; intervention strategies to facilitate reintegration into family or community.