



মহাপুরুষ শ্রীমন্ত শঙ্করদেব বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

SYLLABUS FOR GENERIC ELECTIVE

Course Code: PSW-001

Course Title: Introduction to Social Work

Credit: 04

Semester: II

Programme: MA/M.Sc. in any Programme other than Social Work.

Course Objectives: This course will provide knowledge on basic concepts and fields of Social Work.

Teaching Learning Process: Mixed methods of learning including lecture, group discussion, assignments, presentation etc.

Learning Outcome: By completing the course students from various other disciplines will be familiarized with the concepts and fields of Social Work.

Course Evaluation: i) Semester end examination: 60 marks
ii) Internal Assessment: 40 marks (Sessional Examinations: 20 marks; Assignment: 05 marks, Presentation & Viva: 10 marks, Attendance: 05 marks)

Course Outline:

Unit I- Basic Concepts of Social Work:

Meaning, Definitions, Nature, Objectives, Scope of Social Work Profession, Functions of Social Work, Values, Principles and ethics of Professional Social Work.

Unit II- Origin and Development of Social Work:

Historical evolution of Social Work in UK, USA and India. Basic concepts related to Social Work – Charity & Philanthropy, Voluntary action, Social Service, Social Welfare, Social Reform, Social Defense, Social Justice, Social Security, Social Policy and Human Rights. Emergence Of Professional Social Work

Unit III- Methods and Fields of Social Work:

Primary and Secondary methods of Social Work practice. Fields of Social Work – Family and Child Welfare, Rural and Urban Community Development, Industrial Social Work, Correctional Administration, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work.

Unit IV- Issues of NE and Field Work in Social Work:

Issues of N.E India, Social work intervention, Role of social worker in tackling developmental issues. Importance of fieldwork in Social Work.

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Unit	Unit Name	Content	Workload	Weightage
I	Basic Concepts of Social Work	Meaning, Definitions, Nature, Objectives, Scope of Social Work Profession, Functions of Social Work, Values, Principles and ethics of Professional Social Work.	14	14
II	Origin and Development of Social Work	Historical evolution of Social Work in UK, USA and India. Basic concepts related to Social Work – Charity & Philanthropy, Voluntary action, Social Service, Social Welfare, Social Reform, Social Defense, Social Justice, Social Security, Social Policy and Human Rights. Emergence Of Professional Social Work	20	18
III	Methods and Fields of Social Work	Primary and Secondary methods of Social Work practice. Fields of Social Work – Family and Child Welfare, Rural and Urban Community Development, Industrial Social Work, Correctional Administration, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work.	16	15
IV	Issues of NE and Field Work in Social Work	Issues of N.E India, Social work intervention, Role of social worker in tackling developmental issues. Importance of fieldwork in Social Work	14	13
Total			64	60

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhattacharya, Sanjay. 2006. Social Work an Integrated Approach. New Delhi: Deep & Deep.
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8. Misra P.D. 1994. Social Work: Philosophy and Methods, Inter-India Publications, New Delhi-110015.

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