

BSW Sem I (Minor)
Introduction to Social Work
Max Marks: 100 [40/60] / Credits: 4

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the values, ethics and principles of social work.
2. To understand the historical development of social work as a Profession in India and abroad.
3. To familiarize students with the range of perspectives that inform social work practice.

COURSE OUTLINE

Unit 1- Basic Concepts in Social Work

- a. Social Work: Definition and Scope
- b. Values and Ethics of Social Work
- c. Principles of Social Work
- d. Praxis in Social Work

Unit 2- Historical Evolution of Social Work

- a. Socio-Political development and Emergence of Social Work in the West (The Poor Laws, Settlement Houses, Charity Organization Society and Beveridge Plan)
- b. History and Development of Social Work profession in India
- c. Social Work: Transitions from Charity to Profession
- d. Social Work Profession in contemporary times

Unit 3 – Theories for Social Work Practice

- a. Structural -Functional Approaches
- b. Interpretative Approaches
- c. Radical, Feminist and Conflict approaches
- d. Theory-Practice Interface

Readings

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3. Howe, D. (1987) An Introduction to Social Work theory. Great Britain: Routledge
4. Pathank, S.H (1981) Social Welfare: An Evolutionary and Development Perspective. New Delhi: MacMillan Publications
5. Payne. M. (2006) What is Professional Social Work. Policy Press.
6. Maclean, S. and R. Harrison (2015) Theory and Practice: A Straightforward Guide for Social Work Students. Lichfield : Kirwin Maclean Associates Ltd.
7. Fernandes, G. and Dass, M. (2000) Teaching Social Work Values and ethical Decision Making in IJSW Vol. 61(2). 2000, pp. 269-284