Subject Description Form

Subject Code	APSS261				
Subject Title	Community Field Study				
Credit Value	3				
Level	2				
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	Nil				
Assessment Methods	100% Continuous Assessment 1. Seminar Participation and Field Note	Individual Assessment 40 %	Group Assessment		
	2. Individual Story	30 %			
	3. Project Presentation		30 %		
Objectives	 This subject aims at enabling students to: develop cognitive as well as affective understanding on the needs and livelihood of the people whom they may work with in their future professional life; experience and reflect on how social system and social development affect the livelihood of individuals in the community and how individual responds resulting the present community; learn basic skills in social inquiry; reflect on the roles and functions of social workers if any 				
Intended Learning Outcomes (Note 1)	 Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. examine initially the sociall contexts in which social work practice and human service delivery are located; analyze and take account of the interactive impact of individual and society for people in particular contexts and problem situations; b. apply non judgmental reflection, self-evaluation as a social work student, and make appropriate use of community study methods gather information and make presentation using a variety of forms and means for mutual learning; c. make initial contact with individuals, groups, organizations and community; listen actively to others, engage appropriately with the service users, understand accurately their life challenges and overcome personal prejudices and develop one's own passion and vision as future social worker 				

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

(*Note 2*)

Lectures:

These include 'briefing' and 'input' sessions aiming at introducing to students about what is affective learning, the importance of field study in professional life, and the aims, process and basic skills for social inquiry and innovative illustration. At the end of the semester, a final presentation will be arranged to help the students to consolidate what they have learned and experienced during the whole process in field study.

Workshops-in-seminar:

These consist of sharing and training sessions on field-relation skills as well practical problem-solving skills related to technical problems arising from the course of field observations and interviews. Students will be expected to share their unique experiences in the field with other group members and receive response and advise through seminar sessions.

Field observation and in-depth interviews:

These will be conducted in small group led by the teaching instructors. Students are required to choose a specific community issue or a specific group in the community as their study focus. Through field observations, interviews and agency visits, they are expected to have in-depth understanding of the causes and effects of the community issue(s) or on the people they studied. They are also required to explore the limitations of existing social policies and welfare services, and the ways in which social workers could do to further improve the policies and problems.

Teaching/Learning Methodology

(*Note 3*)

The students will work in small groups to complete a community study project. Their learning motivation will be enhanced through self-directed group experiences. For instance, they have to choose community issues or people they want to study and the approach in presenting their project. The individual written assignments are also designed to encourage the students to document and reflect on their experiences when interacting with the community.

For the lecture and workshop-in-seminar, they both aim at facilitating students to accomplish the project. The lectures are designed for enabling the students to gain basic understanding of the significance for field study and assessing needs in different stages. The workshop-in-seminar aims to build up students' ability in doing field study and relating people. Field-relations skills will also be taught in real social setting if possible.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

(*Note 4*)

Specific assessment	% weighting			T
methods/tasks		a	b	c
Seminar Participation and Field Notes	40 %		✓	✓
2. Individual target Story	30 %	√	√	
4. Project Presentation	30 %	√	√	√
Total	100 %			

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

- 1. Personal field notes and reflection notes can reflect the observation, the engagement skills and the ability of personal reflection of students towards the particular community under investigation and one's professional life. Participation of individual student is a good indicator for his/her performance in team work, active engagement and committed practice in mutual/group learning
- 2. Individual target stories can summarize the data gathered about individuals living in local community from which students can learn and reflect
- 3. Final presentation is an excellent platform for sharing fieldwork experience among students in diverse forms and is also an opportunity for assessing the students' communication and articulation ability.

Reminder:

- -the grade is calculated according to the percentage assigned;
- the completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and
- -student must pass the project presentation if he/she is to pass the subject.

Student Study Effort Expected

Class contact:	
 Lecture 	6 Hrs.
 Seminars / Workshops 	15 Hrs.
Other student study effort:	
Community Visits	30 Hrs.
Field note and reflection note writing	15 Hrs.
Stories Reading and Information collection	10 Hrs.
Small Group Discussion	15 Hrs.
Total student study effort	91 Hrs.

Reading List and References

Essential

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Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes

Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

Note 2: Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time over-crowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology

This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

Note 4:Assessment Method

This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.