Subject Description Form

| Subject Code | APSS 5785 | | | | |
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| Subject Title | MSW Integrative Seminar in Social Work Studies | | | | |
| Credit Value | 2 | | | | |
| Level | 5 | | | | |
| Pre-requisite | APSS5780 Advanced Social Work Theory and Practice I APSS5781 Advanced Social Work Theory and Practice II APSS5783 MSW Fieldwork I APSS5790 Social Work Practice Workshop APSS5792 Critical Introduction to Social Work * * for students admitted in the MSW programme in 2017/18 and thereafter | | | | |
| Co-requisite | APSS5784 MSW Fieldwork II | | | | |
| Assessment Methods | 100% Continuous Assessment 1. Participation 2. Presentation 3. Term Paper The grade is calculated according completion and submission of passing the subject. Student is a minimum grade of D in each pass the subject. | of all component assignr must pass all the compo | ments are required for nents, that is, achieve | | |
| Objectives Intended Learning | examine the concept 'integration' in social work; study examples of integrating concerns of social work with educational study, nursing study, organizational study, philosophy and psychology. reflect on the implications of knowledge, professional, and practice integration for social work. Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: | | | | |
| Outcomes | a. examine the concepts of 'knowledge integration', 'professional integration' and 'practice integration'; | | | | |

- b. appraise the interactional forces in the personal-profession interface and its possible effects;
- c. modify, expand and revise essential concepts in social work literature by integrating cross-discipline experience and knowledge;
- d. examine issues related to professional identity and integration in social work.

Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

- 1. Concepts of integration in social work knowledge integration, professional integration and practice integration.
- 2. Caring in social work an integrative stance
- 3. Dialectics & polarities integrating opposite forces
- 4. Personal project in knowledge, professional and practice integration.

Teaching/Learning Methodology

Lectures, discussions and reflective exercises will be used to promote conceptual understanding and self-understanding. Seminars will be organized for students to present their attempt and findings in an individual personal project of integration. A piece of written assignment on this project will be submitted taking into consideration of the feedback from fellow students and subject/seminars teachers in the presentation.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes

| Specific assessment methods/tasks | % weighting | Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate) | | | |
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| 1. Participation | 20 | J | J | J | J |
| 2. Seminar presentation | 30 | J | J | J | J |
| 3. Term paper | 50 | J | J | J | J |
| Total | 100% | | | | |

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

- Participation is important for capturing and understanding essential concepts related to integration. This includes proper attendance, and completing specific exercises which promote reflection and facilitate understanding;
- The seminar presentation provides a platform for sharing the initial finding of a student's project in integration; feedback from classmates and teacher would stimulate student for more critical reflection and generate alternative views

| | and ideas; hence dialogue, discussion and debate in oral form with visual aids are appropriate; | | | | | |
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| | Upon hearing feedback from teacher and classmates, each student refines his or her work and presents it in the form of an academic paper; hence written work is required; | | | | | |
| | • The seminar presentation and term paper are two integral parts of the same project, hence all four expected outcomes are included in the assessment of both; however, the expected outcomes should emerge progressively from the former to the latter. | | | | | |
| Student Study | Class contact: | | | | | |
| Effort Expected | Lecture | 12 Hrs. | | | | |
| | Seminar | 14 Hrs. | | | | |
| | Other student study effort: | | | | | |
| | Reading course materials | 26 Hrs. | | | | |
| | Consultation with subject teacher | 2 Hrs. | | | | |
| | Preparation and writing up | 26 Hrs. | | | | |
| | Total student study effort | 80 Hrs. | | | | |
| Reading List and References | g and a second s | | | | | |
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