

COS361 Approaches to Community Development

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

Community development is a methodology involving geographic, demographic, social, cultural, or psychological communities. Members in a community or different communities come together to generate social solutions to common or shared problems in order to influence decisions or take action to positively affect their lives or improve their environment. Community development promotes active, representative, and inclusive participation of community members. This course provides students with an understanding of the roots, development, and theoretical underpinnings of community development. Students will also examine community groups and community development approaches in Singapore.

Topics:

- A Framework for Community Development
- Theories of Community Development
- Approaches to Community Development globally and regionally
- Social Work Community Development Practice
- Community Development Concepts in Singapore
- History of Local Community Development Practice
- Singapore's cultural and socio-political context
- Challenges of Community Development Process in the Local Context
- Dynamics and Development of Community
- Perspectives on Community Development with Specific Groups
- New Community Groups in Singapore and their needs
- Community Development Assessments

Textbooks:

COS361 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS)

ISBN-13: SG-2120

Community practice: theories and skills for social workers by David Hardcastle, Patricia R. Powers & Stanley Wenocur (Oxford University Press) David A. Hardcastle, Patricia R. Powers, and Stanley Wenocur Oxford University Press

ISBN-13: 9780195398878

Learning Outcome:

- Categorise community development theoretical perspectives.
- Analyse the development of community development globally, regionally, and locally.
- Discuss the concept and expanding character of community.
- Examine the development and aspirations of new community groups.
- Apply community development theories to the needs of specific communities.
- Apply community development practice to Singapore's cultural and socio-political context.

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	DISCUSSION BOARD 1	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	35
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.