

# **COS362 Community Development: Practice and Strategies**

**Level:** 3

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

## **Synopsis:**

This course builds on prior theoretical understanding of community development. It aims to deliver a practice-oriented, skills-focused knowledge base on how to implement community development models and engage in community work in contemporary Singapore. It aims to translate theory to practice by providing students with basic skills set such as community organizing, managing different interests groups, engaging stakeholders etc.

## **Topics:**

- Translating community development theories into practice
- Specific communities and their needs
- Successful Singapore models of community organizing
- Sustainability in community development
- Engaging stakeholders and the state
- Social, cultural, religious, and demographic sensitivities
- Societies, charities, and fundraising – law and practice
- Marketing the community
- Group development and maintenance
- Project management and appraisal
- Entrepreneurship as a community development strategy
- Leadership, empowerment and advocacy

## **Textbooks:**

COS362 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS)

ISBN-13: SG-2121

Progressive Community Organizing Transformative Practice in a Globalizing World 3rd Loretta Pyles  
Routledge

ISBN-13: 9781000328035

**Learning Outcome:**

- Interpret community development models according to the Singapore context of needs.
- Analyse issues and considerations in stakeholder engagement.
- Discuss relevant laws around societies, charities, and fundraising.
- Examine leadership, empowerment, and advocacy dynamics.
- Apply group and project skills.
- Demonstrate the role and limitations of the social worker.

**Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):**

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

\*The information listed is subject to review and change.