

COU106 Group Theory and Group Dynamics

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

Group Theory and Group Dynamics introduces students to group theory and the group process. Course content covers the nature and types of groups, dynamics of the group process, stages of group life, characteristics of effective groups, and the making of an effective group leader. Through online lectures, exercises, checklists and experiential learning in seminars, students will learn how to observe group processes to identify potential problems and issues, and apply relevant group skills to facilitate the group process.

Topics:

- History of groups and development of group theory
- Nature and types of groups
- Overview of group dynamics
- Stages of group development
- Communication and interaction in groups
- Decision-making and problem-solving in groups
- Diversity and controversy
- Managing conflicts of interest
- Team development and team-building
- Characteristics of the effective group leader
- Multicultural perspectives of groups
- Application of group processes to specific groups

Textbooks:

Corey, M.S. et al.: Groups - Processes and Practice, (eText) 10th Edition Cengage
ISBN-13: 9789814844789

Learning Outcome:

- Present an overview on the nature and types of groups (B2)
- Explain the different stages of the group process (B2)
- Describe different patterns in group dynamics (B2)
- Interpret individual behaviours in the context of group processes (B3)
- Discuss the characteristics of effective groups and effective group leaders (B2)
- Apply group theories to interpret behaviours of groups (B3)
- Apply group theory to identify potential problems and issues in group dynamics (B3)
- Use relevant group skills to facilitate group processes (B3)

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 2	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	40
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100