

# **SWK106 Introduction to Social Work**

**Level:** 1

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY REGULAR SEMESTER

## **Synopsis:**

This course serves as a foundation module for Social Work students and will provide an overview to students an understanding of the development, nature, purpose, values, principles, theories and other major concepts of the Social Work profession. It will also introduce students to the different roles, functions and core skills of the Social Work profession. The course will also provide students with an understanding of the core concepts relating to social policies and social welfare.

## **Topics:**

- Historical development of Social Work as a profession
- Development of Social work in Singapore
- Introduction and overview of Social Work
- Defining professional practice
- Principles and Values
- Major Social Work Theories
- Methods of Social Work Practice
- Roles and Functions of the Social Worker
- Social Welfare, Social Market and Social Policies
- Developing and Implementing Social Policies
- Skills for Practice and Professional Development
- Contemporary Social Work Issues

## **Textbooks:**

Social Work in Singapore Context 2nd Kalyani K. Mehta & Ann Wee Pearson  
ISBN-13: 9789814586252

SWK106 Study Units  
ISBN-13: SG-1392

**Learning Outcome:**

- Discuss the development of the historical perspective of Social Work in Britain, the United States and Singapore.
- Explain the mission, values, principles, purpose and nature of the Social Work profession.
- Identify concepts relevant to the study of social work.
- Describe the different social work theories and concepts.
- Differentiate the different roles and function of Social Workers.
- Apply the professional values and principles and develop a sense of professionalism in practice.
- Interpret and comment on social policies.

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

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

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