Mantaqi Centre for Science & Society

Course: Understanding Society and Societal Interventions   **Course Code: USSI-02OE**

[L-1, T-1, P-0, S-0]   **Credit: 2**

At the end of course, the students will be able to:

1. Relate the academic experience Vis a Vis the society.
2. Understand the systematic way of undertaking social work.
3. Enable the learner to understand the similarity and the difference between Voluntary vs. Professional approach to social work.
4. Equip students with skills to work in social settings.

Course Outline:

Unit I: Understanding Society and Social Work

- Basics sociological concepts (Individual, Group, Community, Social Interaction, Socialization, Social Structure).
- Nature, Scope, Goals, Functions, Principles, philosophy and relevance of social work in contemporary times.
- Evolution of social work as a discipline.
- Basic concepts related to social work.
- Bridging Gaps with other disciplines.

Unit II: A Practice-Based Profession of Working with Society.

- Skills and techniques of social work practice.
- Engaging with Individuals, Groups and community (Introduction)
- Social Work intervention (Micro, Meso, Macro Level).
- Role of social worker in different settings.
- Contemporary social problems.
- Orientation to Field Visits.

Suggested Readings:

1. Higham, P. (2004). *Social Work: Introducing Professional Practice*. Sage.
2. Giddens, A. (1999). *Sociology*. The Polity Press.

Learning Pedagogy:

- Lectures, Presentations, Assignments, classroom discussions, Movie Review.

Course: Basics of Social Research   **Course Code: SR-03OE**
 [L-2, T-0, P-0, S-0]   **Credit: 2**

At the end of course, the students will be able to:

1. Understand the application of scientific methods of social research.

2. Demonstrate skills in applying research techniques.

3. Familiarize with the nature of social science research and its application in the study
of social phenomena.

4. Learn the research process and develop abilities to prepare research design.

5. Learn the process of Data collection, organization, presentation, analysis and report writing.

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Unit 1: Basics and Procedure of Research
- Social Research: Concept, Process, Logic of Inquiry, Philosophical frameworks
  (Pragmatism, Positivism, Realism, Interpretivism- Basic Introduction)
- Approaches of Research: Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed
- Literature Review
- Hypothesis formulation
- Research Design
- Sampling methods and types.

Unit 2: Tools of Data Collection and Guiding Fieldwork
- Sources of Data: Primary, secondary
- Tools of Data Collection: Questionnaire, Interview Guide/Schedule, Observation..
- Basics of Fieldwork
- Fieldwork settings
- Reporting and Documentation
- Use of digital technologies in research-Geographic information system, data collection
  and analysis tools (MS Excel, SPSS basics, Power BI)

Suggested Readings:

1. Bryman, A. (2016). *Social research methods*. Oxford University Press.
2. Sarantakos, S. (2017). *Social research*. Bloomsbury Publishing.

Course: Methods of Engaging with Community   **Course Code: CE-04OE**

[L-1, T-1, P-0, S-1]   **Credit: 3**

At the end of course, the students will be able to:

1. Understand the different levels of engagement with community and their application in real life settings.
2. Understand community dynamics, identify community needs, implement programme planning and resource mobilization.
3. Practice participatory community work through use of PLA tools.

Course Outline:

Module 1: Working with Individuals in community.

- Working with individuals- Meaning, Scope and Objective.
- Components of working with individuals in a community.
- Principles and process of working with individuals in community.
- Introduction to Ethics (of working with individuals)
- Problem based/case study on application of social case work in supervised settings.

Module 2: Introducing Community Practice

- Communities: Definition, Typology & Characteristics
- Community Work: Assumptions, Principles
- Models of Community Work
- Relationship Building in the community and needs assessment

Module 3: Participatory Approach of working in communities.

- Skills of community practitioners.
- Principles of Community Practice
- Tools for designing community interventions: PRA/PLA (such as Social Mapping, Transect Walk, Trend analysis, Chapati and Seasonality diagrams) LFA
- Preparing a community profile.

Suggested Readings:

1. Siddique, H.Y. (2021). *Working with Communities: An Introduction to Community Work*. Alternotes Press.
2. Ross, Murray, G. (1955). *Community Organisation: Theory and Principles*. Harper and Row.
3. Meenai, Z. (2007). *Participatory Community work*. Concept publications.