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ÜSKÜDAR UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SERVICES VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM
COURSE CONTENTS

I. YEAR

I. SEMESTER (FALL)

SHZ103 Introduction to Social Work (3+0) 3 ECTS: 5

The definition of social work, its main purpose, areas, importance, roles and functions, distinctive features, basic concepts and approaches related to social work, social welfare, social state, social work theories, interdisciplinary approach, relationship of social work with other disciplines, social work in the world and Turkey, social solidarity and welfare organizations, social work methods, social work and values, social work and ethics.

SHZ101 Introduction to Sociology (2+0) 2 ECTS: 4

This course includes basic sociological concepts such as society, social structure, social change, culture, cultural change, family, social stratification, roles, status, social mobility, economy, globalization, religion, politics, and media.

PSG103 Introduction to Psychology (2+0) 2 ECTS: 5

The basic concepts and theories of psychology, objectives, approaches in psychology, research areas, brain structure, thought, language, motivation, emotions, infancy, childhood, adolescence, adulthood, social psychology, clinical psychology, and mental health.

HUK101 General Law (2+0) 2 ECTS: 4

As a social science, the field of law, social order, legal rules, the principle of rule of law, definition of law, its importance in social life and principles, branches of law, the types of legal rules, their implementation and interpretation, and the Turkish judicial system.

TURK101 Turkish Language I (2+0) 2 ECTS: 2

What is language? Theories about the origin of language, the relationship between language, culture, and nation; Language Revolution: Turkish Language Institution and its activities; World languages: language families, the place of Turkish among world languages; Characteristics of Turkish: phonetic, morphological, and syntactic features; spelling rules; punctuation marks; Correspondence: CV, petition, letter, business letter, telegram.

ATA101 Atatürk's Principles and Revolutions I (2+0) 2 ECTS: 2

The decline of the Ottoman society and state system and the reform movements; the fragmentation of the Ottoman Empire and the beginning of the National Struggle; Mustafa Kemal's organization of the national struggle in Anatolia; the opening of the First Turkish Grand National Assembly; military and political developments between 1920-1922; revolutions and their reactions; establishment of the constitutional system; internal and foreign politics during the Republic period; basic characteristics of the Turkish revolution and the intellectual movements that influenced it; innovations in law, education, economy, and social life; the evaluation of Atatürk's principles ideologically.

INGU101 English I (2+0) 2 ECTS: 2

Pronouns; Prepositions: Place, Time, Movement; Singular and plural nouns: Countable and uncountable nouns; Tenses: Present tense, present continuous, past tense; Modals: Will, Should, Should not, Must, Must not, Can; Comparative structures; Pronouns: Personal pronouns, possessive pronouns; Adjectives; Positive, negative, and question sentences; Conjunctions: And, But, while, because.

RKUL101 University Culture I (0+2) 1 ECTS: 4

By attending seminars and conferences by experts in the field organized within the university, students will be provided with the opportunity to gain knowledge on current topics outside their field of study.

II. SEMESTER (SPRING)**SHZ124 Rights of Disabled People and Social Work (2+0) 2 ECTS: 4**

Conceptual framework for disabilities, classification of disabilities, social work intervention for people with disabilities, contemporary service models for people with disabilities, state policies toward disabilities, and societal attitudes towards disabilities.

SHZ104 Social Work Institutions (2+2) 3 ECTS: 6

This course focuses on observing practices in social work institutions. Students will visit institutions, observe their practices, and gain information about them. After the visits, observations and reports written by students will be discussed in groups.

SHZ106 Social Problems (3+0) 3 ECTS: 5

A social problem refers to an undesirable situation that affects a large segment of society. Solving social problems requires collective responsibility from society. This course aims to help students understand, analyze, and propose solutions to fundamental societal issues such as family violence, divorce, poverty, unemployment, crime, disability, aging, education, and children's problems.

SHZ108 Social Work with Elderly (2+0) 2 ECTS: 4

This course addresses issues faced in old age, the care services, and social services provided for the elderly.

RPSI209 Positive Psychology and Communication Skills Introduction (Elective) (2+0) 2 ECTS: 3

Introduction to positive psychology concepts, its theoretical foundations, the neural basis of social behavior, self-awareness, empathy, psychosocial life skills, motivation and planning, problem-solving skills, anger, aggression, and violence, relationship management, perseverance, healthy decision-making, and negotiation skills.

INGU102 English II (2+0) 2 ECTS: 2

Tenses: Present, Past, Future; Modals: Might, Could, Can, Must, May; Adverbs: Place, Direction, Purpose, Manner; Adjective order, Comparative, Superlative structures; Passive voice in different tenses; Conditional sentences; Noun and adverb clauses; Reported speech.

TURK102 Turkish Language II (2+0) 2 ECTS: 2

This course aims to develop students' skills in correct usage of their native language,

improving their writing and thinking abilities. It covers punctuation, composition rules, writing styles, and involves reading and analyzing various literary works like novels, poetry, and plays. Practical exercises in theater and diction techniques will also be conducted.

ATA102 Atatürk's Principles and Revolutions II (2+0) 2 ECTS: 2

The same content as in Atatürk's Principles and Revolutions I.

RKUL102 University Culture II (0+2) 1 ECTS: 4

Similar to University Culture I, it focuses on gaining knowledge from seminars and conferences on current topics outside students' fields.

II. YEAR

III. SEMESTER (FALL)

SHZ205 Local Governments and Social Work Management (2+0) 2 ECTS: 3

The concept of local government, types of local governments, national legislation related to local governments, their role in social assistance and social services, challenges faced in social work practices, collaboration with NGOs, and the benefits of local government services in social work.

SHZ203 Social Work Practices I (2+8) 6 ECTS: 10

Students will be introduced to social work practice under the supervision of an instructor, with weekly internships at various institutions, observing the practical application of social work.

SHZ235 Introduction to Anthropology (2+0) 2 ECTS: 4

This course provides theoretical information on the principles of anthropology, cultural characteristics, ethnic and racial differences, subsistence patterns, economic systems, family structures, gender and political anthropology.

SHZ207 Social Work Interviewing Principles and Techniques (3+0) 3 ECTS: 5

The interview as a professional communication technique, the impact of cultural differences, interaction and relationships in interviews, psychosocial assessment, evaluation of interviews, and writing reports.

SHZ209 Social Work with Families and Children (Elective) (3+0) 3 ECTS: 4

Interventions aimed at strengthening the family, planned change process within the family, and addressing the needs and problems of children, including neglect and abuse.

ADS211 Sign Language I (Elective) (0+2) 1 ECTS: 3

Introduction to Turkish Sign Language (TSL), hand and finger shapes, body positioning, facial expressions, and communication with hearing-impaired individuals.

IV. SEMESTER (SPRING)

SHZ228 Social Work Legislation (3+0) 3 ECTS: 4

Definition and importance of legislation, social work laws: Law No. 2828 and its importance, Law No. 5395 for the protection of children, Law No. 633 on the Ministry of Family and Social Policies, and other related legal matters.

SHZ200 Social Work Practices II (2+8) 6 ECTS: 8

Social work with individuals, refugees and asylum seekers, disaster and emergency situations, urbanization and social problems, poverty, substance abuse, and research methodology.

SHZ232 Social Structure of Turkey (2+0) 2 ECTS: 4

This course discusses the social structure of Turkey from the Ottoman period to modern times, addressing culture, education, religion, economic systems, and social transformations.

SHZ202 Social Work Ethics (2+0) 2 ECTS: 3

An introduction to moral philosophy and a detailed discussion on major ethical theories such as Kantian ethics, utilitarianism, feminist ethics, and Aristotelian ethics, followed by a focus on professional ethics in social work.

ADS212 Sign Language II (Elective) (0+2) 1 ECTS: 3

Continuation of Sign Language I, with deeper knowledge and exercises related to Turkish Sign Language.

SHZ999 SUMMER INTERNSHIP (0+20 working days) 0 ECTS: 9

A 20-day internship where students will engage in professional practices related to their field of study