

BSc (Hons) Social Work - SH344

1. Objectives

Given the increasing opportunity and demand for social workers at both national and international level, a full-time BSc (Hons) Social Work degree programme is being proposed. The programme aims at providing school-leavers (those who want to develop a career in Social Work) with the opportunity to join for a three-year full-time degree-level qualification in Social Work.

The learning outcomes of the programme are as follows:

- (i) to develop knowledge and skills in the practice of social work methods. Specifically, produce social work practitioners who are accountable, reflective and function in a self-critical manner, sensitive to cultural diversity and impact of injustice and inequality on individuals;
- (ii) to create understanding of theories about human development and behaviour, management science and social research methodology and incorporate these into social work practice and social policy;
- (iii) to produce graduates with high level of transferable skills in critical reasoning and problem-solving, as well as more generic skills such as time management, communication, problem solving skills, and able to perform at regional and international levels; and
- (iv) to broaden the knowledge on international and comparative studies within social welfare.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree Programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

Credit at 'O' Level in English Language and at least two Passes at Advanced Level.

4. Programme Duration

After successful completion of Year 2, students wishing to leave the Programme may be awarded the Diploma, which would earn them a total of 74 credits.

	Normal	Maximum
Diploma:	2 years	3 years
Degree:	3 years	5 years

5. Minimum Credits Required for Diploma and Degree Award – 74 and 119 respectively.

N.B. Given that this particular programme is a professional degree for school leavers, it has more credits than normal degree programmes so as to accommodate the lack of prior professional experience in social work.

Breakdown as follows:

	CREDITS FROM				
	Core Modules	Electives	GEMs	Dissertation	Total
Diploma	62	6	6	-	74
Degree	92	15	6	6	119

6. Credits per Year

Minimum 18 credits, Maximum 48 credits, subject to regulation 4.

7. Assessment

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2 to 3-hour duration (normally a paper of 2 hour duration for modules carrying less or equal to three credits, and 3 hour paper for modules carrying six credits) and on continuous assessment done during the semester or year.

Written examinations for all modules, will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for GEMs (unless otherwise stated). Relevant information will be provided to the students prior to delivery of the modules.

The continuous assessment will count for 10-40% of the overall percentage mark of the module, except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

Continuous assessment may be based on laboratory work, seminars and/or assignments and should include at least 1 class test.

A minimum of at least 30% should be attained in each of continuous assessment and written examination, with an overall total of 40% for a candidate to pass a module.

Special examinations (e.g. class tests) will be arranged at the end of semester 1 or semester 2 for exchange students who have registered only for one semester. In case of yearly modules, credits will be assigned on a pro-rata basis.

8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation

Final copy: To be specified by the Department.

9. Repeat and Termination of Registration

If the CPA of a student is < 40 for an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which **Grade C** or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat **only once** over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

- (i) the CPA < 40 at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or
- (ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

10. Modules of Special Nature

A student can take a maximum of 9 credits of Self-Study Subjects and Independent Study, subject to approval of the Department and Faculty Board.

11. List of Modules - BSc (Hons) Social Work

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
<u>CORE</u>			
PSYC 1005Y(1)	Introductory Psychology	3+0	6
SWRK 1004Y(1)	Preparation for Social Work Practice	3+0	6
SWRK 1007Y(1)	Political Systems & Economic Principles	3+0	6
SOCI 1004(1)	Understanding Society	D.E.	3
SOC 1002(1)	Sociology of the Family	D.E.	3
SWRK 1003(1)	Introduction to Social Work Research	3+0	3
STAT 1010(1)	Introductory Statistics	D.E.	3
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology	O.E.	3
SWRK 1006(1)	Study Visits (during vacation)	60 hrs	1
SWRK 2001Y(3)	Social Work Practice Theory I & II (Clinical and Macro Practice)	3+0	6
SCPL 2001Y(3)	Social Policy & Comparative Welfare	3+0	6
SWRK 2002Y(3)	Socially Disadvantaged Populations and Intercultural Social Work	3+0	6
MGT 2079Y(3)	Organisation Management & Project Development	3+0	6
SWRK 2004(3)	Strategic Planning of Social Services Workshop	-	1
SWRK 2000(3)	Social Work Practice Placement I	-	3
SWRK 4002(5)	Social Work Practice Placement II	-	3
SCPL 3001Y(5)	Social Policy and Administration: Health and Social Security	3+0	6
SWRK 3002Y(5)	Mediation and Advocacy and Social Work in Penal Services	3+0	6
SWRK 3006(5)	Child Welfare Services	D.E.	3
SWRK 3208(5)	Ageing and Society	D.E.	3
SOCI 3208(5)	Criminality & Deviance	3+0	3
SWRK 4001Y(5)	Globalisation and International Social Work	3+0	6
SWRK 4000(5)	Dissertation	-	6
<u>ELECTIVES</u>			
SCPL 2002Y(3)	Family Policy and Adolescent's Reproductive Health	3+0	6
SWRK 2003Y(3)	Counselling and Family Therapy	3+0	6
SOCI 3105(5)	Urbanisation & Community	3+0	3
SOCI 3103(5)	Researching Criminals and Victims	3+0	3
SWRK 3003Y(5)	Social Work in Mental Health Care and Chemically Depended Clients	3+0	6
SWRK 3004Y(5)	Community Safety and Managing Community Service Orders	3+0	6
LAWS 4001(5)	Law Related to Welfare and Vulnerable Groups	3+0	3
SCPL 4101(5)	Housing Policy	3+0	3
<u>GEMS</u>			

12. Programme Plan - BSc (Hons) Social Work

YEAR 1

Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
PSYC 1005Y(1)	Introductory Psychology	3+0	6
SWRK 1004Y(1)	Preparation for Social Work Practice	3+0	6
SWRK 1007Y(1)	Political Systems & Economic Principles	3+0	6
SOCI 1004(1)	Understanding Society ¹	D.E.	3
SOCI 1002(1)	Sociology of the Family ²	D.E.	3
SWRK 1003(1)	Introduction to Social Work Research ²	3+0	3
STAT 1010(1)	Introductory Statistics ¹	D.E.	3
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology ²	O.E.	3
SWRK 1006(1)	*Study Visits (during vacation)	60 hrs	1
ONE GEM		-	3

YEAR 2

Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
SWRK 2001Y(3)	Social Work Practice Theory I & II (Clinical and Macro Practice)	3+0	6
SCPL 2001Y(3)	Social Policy & Comparative Welfare	3+0	6
SWRK 2002Y(3)	Socially Disadvantaged Populations and Intercultural Social Work	3+0	6
MGT 2079Y(3)	Organisation Management & Project Development	3+0	6
SWRK 2004(3)	@Strategic Planning of Social Services Workshop	-	1
SWRK 2000(3)	Social Work Practice Placement I	-	3
ELECTIVES	CHOOSE ONE		
SCPL 2002Y(3)	Family Policy and Adolescent's Reproductive Health	3+0	6
SWRK 2003Y(3)	Counselling and Family Therapy	3+0	6
ONE GEM		-	3

YEAR 3

Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
SCPL 3001Y(5)	Social Policy and Administration: Health and Social Security	3+0	6
SWRK 3002Y(5)	Mediation and Advocacy and Social Work in Penal Services	3+0	6
SWRK 3006(5)	Child Welfare Services ¹	D.E.	3
SWRK 3208(5)	Ageing and Society ²	D.E.	3
SOCI 3208(5)	Criminality & Deviance ¹	3+0	3
SWRK 4001Y(5)	Globalisation and International Social Work	3+0	6
SWRK 4002(5)	Social Work Practice Placement II	-	3
SWRK 4000(5)	Dissertation	-	6

ELECTIVES	CHOOSE 9 CREDITS		
SOCI 3105(5)	Urbanisation & Community ²	3+0	3
SOCI 3103(5)	Researching Criminals and Victims ²	3+0	3
SWRK 3003Y(5)	Social Work in Mental Health Care and Chemically Depended Clients	3+0	6
SWRK 3004Y(5)	Community Safety and Managing Community Service Orders	3+0	6
LAWS 4001(5)	Law Related to Welfare and Vulnerable Groups ¹	3+0	3
SCPL 4101(5)	Housing Policy ¹	3+0	3

Note:

- (1) Offering of electives would be subject to availability of resources and critical mass. The Department, subject to Faculty Board's approval, may offer additional electives.
- (2) ¹ - Module taught and examined in Semester 1.
- (3) ² - Module taught and examined in Semester 2.
- (4) SWRK 2000(3) and SWRK 4002(5) are each a eight weeks full-time placement during year two and year three vacation time – a report for each placement should be submitted, at the end of the placement, which would be marked over 100.
- (5) *- The study visits will be assessed through Seminar Presentation only. Students will be provided with a Guide for the Visits of Observation.
- (6) @ - Students will be required to conceptualise a Strategic Plan as an assignment which would be assessed over 100 marks.

13. Outline Syllabus

CSE 1010e(1) - INTRODUCTION TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT and Computers; Stepping in the Computer; Input and Output Devices; Secondary Storage; Programming; Systems Software; Applications Software; Systems Development; Computer Networks; The Internet; Computer Security; Software Utilities; Issues and Trends in IT.

LAWS 4001(5) - LAW RELATED TO WELFARE AND VULNERABLE GROUPS

Examination of the key social welfare legislation in Mauritius - Social Aid Act - Social Welfare Act - Protection from Domestic Violence - Child Protection - Juvenile Offenders - Legislation governing NGOs - Special and Derogations in relation to handicapped persons.

MGT 2079Y(3) - ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Principles of Organisation and Management Concepts. The Development of Management Theories. An overview of the functions of management. Organisation Structure. An introduction to the role of the individual departments of an organisation. Human resources; marketing; production and finance, etc. Issues in human resource management; Motivation, leadership and communication. Manpower planning and recruitment and selection. Training and development. Performance appraisal. Industrial relations, health and safety. Supervisory skills from a gender perspective. Social responsibilities of management. Project development - concepts; project development process and skills – justification, feasibility and sustainability; writing the proposal, performance indicators. Project implementation; evaluation and reporting. Impact assessment.

PSYC 1005Y(1) - INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology: historical roots and modern perspectives; sensation and perception; learning; memory; cognition and motivation; intelligence; personality; introduction and key issues in human development; research design and methods; physical development; cognitive development; personality and social development; identity development; moral development; adulthood and ageing.

SCPL 2001Y(3) - SOCIAL POLICY AND COMPARATIVE WELFARE

Origin, formation and development of social policy in Mauritius (with reference to the growth of social welfare, fiscal and occupational welfare; Re-distributive Justice and ethical issues in Social Policy: concepts of social needs, social rights, and social justice. Social Planning and Social Development. Welfare Regimes; Feminist Critiques on Welfare Regimes; West-European Welfare States: UK, Sweden, Germany; East-Asian Welfare States: Hong Kong, Singapore, and Taiwan; Comparative Social Protection; Positioning Mauritius in a Global Welfare Economy.

SCPL 2002Y(3) - FAMILY POLICY AND ADOLESCENTS' REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Family Policy objectives and functions; approaches to the development of family policy. Issues in family policy. Families past and present - transformation in family and gender relations. Public debates and private lives; Sexuality and family. Divorce and separation and family policy; Single parenthood and family policy. Stepfamilies; parents and children rights and duties; adoption; work and the family. Family policy in a long life society. Comparative perspectives. Gender, Sex and Sexuality, Adolescence, Adolescent Sexual Behaviour, Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health, Gender and Sexual Health, Adolescents' Sexual and Reproductive Health Services, Comparative Adolescents' Sexual and Reproductive Health Policies.

SCPL 3001Y(5) - SOCIAL POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Health Systems; Financing Health; Provision and Use of Health care services; Administration of Health care system; Allocations and Distribution of Resources in Health; Evaluation of the health care system using case studies from both developed and developing countries. Income Maintenance and Social Security; Financing and Funding of Social Security; Public Assistance and Safety nets; Gender and Social Security; Comparative approach to social security.

SCPL 3006(5) - INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION

Definition and concepts related to public policy and administration; Public policy process, Public policy and administrative issues related to: housing, environment, and transport, Public Services and Management, Public policy analysis.

SCPL 4101(5) - HOUSING POLICY

Homelessness, Affordability and Availability, Incentives and Reforms, Housing Environment; Housing and Marginalisation; Housing and Safety; Ownership, Tenure and Social Mobility.

SOCI 1002(1) - SOCIOLOGY OF THE FAMILY

Evolution of structures and functions of the family in both industrial and pre-industrial societies. Problems within marriage and family. Changing gender roles and relationships. Study of the family from different theoretical perspectives.

SOCI 1004(1) - UNDERSTANDING SOCIETY

The Sociological Perspective, Culture and Social Structure, Socialisation, Social Stratification, Gender Inequality, Aging and Medicine, The Family, Education, Urbanisation, Social Change.

SOCI 3103(5) - RESEARCHING CRIMINALS AND VICTIMS

The processing of the suspect/offender/criminal, sources of crime, official statistics, victimisation surveys, self-report studies, public reporting, the dark figure of crime, usefulness of criminal statistics.

SOCI 3105(5) - URBANISATION AND COMMUNITY

Population Growth and Urbanisation, the growth of cities, the urban landscape, metropolitan areas, urban communities, the decline of the community thesis, planning and urban environments.

SOCI 3208(5) - CRIMINALITY AND DEVIANCE

Problem of defining deviance. Examination of theories of deviance and criminality. Mechanisms of control and punishment and their impact. Labelling and deviant careers. Deviant subcultures.

STAT 1010(1) - INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS

Published data. Data collection. Surveys and other quantitative methods. Presentation of data. Frequency distribution measures of central tendency. Dispersion and skewness. Correlation and regression. Time series analysis. Index numbers (special reference to social statistics).

SWRK 1003(1) - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH

Research Process, Sources and Resources, Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection, Computer Aided Data Analysis Software – SAS or SPSS / Atlas-ti or NUDIST, Research Ethics, Communicating research findings.

SWRK 1004Y(1) - PREPARATION FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

Origin and development of social work. The philosophical foundations - social justice, values and principles. Professional growth and development. Role and functions of social work. Human behaviour and the social environment. Concept of social functioning. Ecological and systems perspectives. The general method and ethical practice - the professional relationship; the process of the general method knowledge and skills; Recording. Skills and approaches to practice - empowerment; strengths perspective. Evidence based practice.

SWRK 1006(1) - STUDY VISITS

Study visits to selected Social Service Organisations will be organised to familiarise the students with the social service institutions in Mauritius. The students will be provided with a Guide for the Visits of observation and seminars will be presented on the visits.

SWRK 1007Y(1) - POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES

Political Systems: The Mauritian Political System will be examined in the light of other systems in the world. Monarchical, Constitutional or fully Presidential regime. The Head of State. The Electoral System – First Past the Post and Proportional Representation; Fair and Free elections. The Party System. Legislature and Executive – Control or Domination? The Independence of the Judiciary. A Free Press. Respect for Fundamental Rights and Liberties.

Economic Principles: The fundamental ideas and terminology microeconomics and macroeconomics. Economic Problems Demand, Supply and the Market. Elasticity of Demand; Costs and Production; Market Structure; National Income Accounting; Unemployment and Inflation; Balance of Payments, Exchange Rate and International Trade.

SWRK 2000(3) - SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE PLACEMENT I

Six weeks of full time practice placement normally to be undertaken during the university vacation in year two.

SWRK 2001Y(3) - SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE THEORY I & II - CLINICAL AND MACRO PRACTICE

Clinical practice purpose and components; Casework /clinical practice and social work functions. Casework Practice theory. Clinical assessment and intervention. Interventions with individuals handling difficult life course and oppressive conditions. Crises and brief intervention. Macro practice concepts. Social Work Profession and Civil Society. Civil Society and the community. NGO's and CBO's - Community as the client system. Method of working with communities. Community work practice theory. Power relations and community empowerment-building community leadership. Social Work intervention both before and after natural calamities and disasters and human made disasters.

SWRK 2002Y(3) - SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED POPULATIONS AND INTERCULTURAL SOCIAL WORK

Perspectives on social disadvantage: Race, Gender, Disability, and Sexuality; Social Stigma and Discrimination; Assessment: Individual and Community; Developing Interventions for socially disadvantaged populations; Linking with resources and networks; Overcoming Barriers; Approaches to Multiculturalism Understanding Cultural roots; Implications of Diversity in Social Work; Socially Disadvantaged and Citizenship; Dealing with Ethnic Conflicts; Social Integration and Assimilation.

SWRK 2003Y(3) - COUNSELLING AND FAMILY THERAPY

Evaluate the key psychological perspectives and assumptions in the development of counselling practice. The module combines practical work and selected counselling skills where participants will engage in exploratory practical activities meant to help them reflect on the nature of counselling. Major concepts and theories; therapist use of self in family therapy; family evaluation; family life cycle and family dynamics in treatment; issues in treatment; marital therapy; Interventions.

SWRK 2004(3) - STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES WORKSHOP

Strategic Planning - aims and objectives. The methods and process of strategic planning.

SWRK 3002Y(5) - MEDIATION AND ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL WORK IN PENAL SERVICES

Mediation and Social work; the goals and the process of mediation. Ethical considerations. Advocacy - definition, goals and targets; knowledge base; assessment; advocacy strategies and tactics. Legislative advocacy.

Aims and objectives of social work within correctional services for adults, children and juveniles. Social Work in the Court setting; Role and functions within closed institutions and deinstitutionalised services. Concept of Probation; aims and process; process of aftercare, rehabilitation and reintegration.

SWRK 3003Y(5) - SOCIAL WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT CLIENTS

Classification of mental health disorders; Child Psychopathology; Borderline personalities; Schizophrenic disorders; Depression, and others. Mental health care services and policy; social work tasks and functions in mental health care. Working in multidisciplinary teams. Deconstructing chemical dependency; exploration of theories of alcohol /chemical substance addictions; Pharmacological and physiological factors; Psychoactive substances; commonly used drugs and chemicals and their effect; treatment planning and monitoring detoxification and treatment settings - individual and group counselling; Working with client system and dealing with co-dependency.

SWRK 3004Y(5) - COMMUNITY SAFETY AND MANAGING COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS

Community Safety. Goals and objectives; Assessment; examination of origins and causes of unsafe community environment and conditions; strategies for promotion of community safety; comparative perspectives.

The concept and philosophy of community service orders. Selection process; structuring the community service order system; Involving the community and managing community participation; evaluating effectiveness. Reporting and monitoring progress of the community service. Rehabilitation and reinsertion. Environmental social work.

SWRK 3006(5) - CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Childhood and dependency. Child welfare as a domain of social work practice. Social work roles and tasks in child welfare. Child health and survival; healthcare, nutrition, day care and residential services. School social work. Child protection. Adoption. Management of child welfare services. Macro policy and child well-being. Research and advocacy. Comparative child welfare.

SWRK 3208(5) - AGEING AND SOCIETY

Concept of Ageing and retirement. Analysis of human ageing and issues related to ageing; examination of trends in ageing population; problems related to ageing and social response; social security and integration of the elderly. Health and well-being and quality of life.

SWRK 4000(5) - DISSERTATION

At the end of the third year of the programme, the students will be required to submit a project dissertation. The title of the dissertation has to be approved by the Department of Social Studies and a Project Supervisor identified by the Programme Co-ordinator. The dissertation length should be in the range of 10000–12000 words.

SWRK 4001Y(5) - GLOBALISATION AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL WORK

Globalisation and Regionalisation; Global forces and Global Welfare Issues; Human Interaction in the global environment; Internationalisation of Social Work; Spirituality and Social work. Comparative perspectives on Social Work; Social work in international organisations and global civil societies; Working with Refugee.

SWRK 4002(5) - SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE PLACEMENT II

Six weeks of full time practice placement normally to be undertaken during the university vacation in year three. The Placement must necessarily be undertaken with an organisation where the students have never worked/or been on placement before.