

Diploma/BSc (Hons) Social Work Practice – SH414 (Part-Time Programme)

1. Objectives

The Diploma/BSc (Hons) Social Work Practice programme aims to prepare students for generic professional social work practice in line with the International Code of Ethics for social workers. The programme intends to provide students wishing to embark on a career in social work with up-to-date theoretical knowledge, skills and techniques in social work. It incorporates research skills for evidence-based social work practice as well as for further research in the field of social work. Students will be able to link their learning to practice through the development of reflective and reflexive abilities essential for effective social work intervention with culturally diverse populations and socially oppressed groups and communities among others.

2. General Entry Requirements

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

3. Programme Requirements

Credit in English Language at SC/GCE 'O' Level or equivalent.

Preference will be given to candidates having relevant experience in social work as volunteers and/or practitioners.

Note: Holder of a Diploma in Social Work awarded by the University of Mauritius may be directly admitted to the 3rd year/level of the programme. They may, however, be required to complete specific modules from Year/Level 1 and Year/Level 2 of the programme to achieve the objectives of the programme and be up-to-date with current market needs.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Diploma:	2 years	4 years
Degree:	4 years	7 years

5. Minimum Credits Required for Award:

Degree:	108
Diploma:	61

The programme is a professional training course whereby students engage in professional practice after training. Therefore the programme incorporates more credits.

	Core Modules	Electives	Dissertation	Total Credits
Diploma	58	03	-	61
Degree	33	06	8	108

6. Credits per Year

As per University Regulations.

7. Assessment

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

Some modules may be assessed by continuous assessment alone.

The continuous assessment will count for 20-40 % of the overall percentage mark of the module, except for a module where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

Continuous assessment may be based on seminars and/or assignments and should include at least(2) assignments either/or tests for yearly modules. For semester modules, course work will comprise of either one of the following:- seminars, class tests or assignments.

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination.

Students are required to submit work for continuous assessment by due dates. Failure to do so will normally incur penalties.

Study visits and professional social work practical placements modules are not examined but assessed through the submission of a report.

8. Submission Deadline for Projects:

Final copy: Last week day of March of the Academic Year by 4.00 p.m at latest.

As per UOM regulations, students will be required to upload their dissertations through the Turnitin platform.

9. List of Modules – Diploma/BSc (Hons) Social Work Practice

YEAR 1

Module Code Core	Module Title	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits
PSYC 1010Y(1)	Introduction to Psychology	3 + 0	6
SWRK 1011Y(1)	Political and Economic Development context of Social Work in Mauritius	3 + 0	6
SWRK 1004Y(1)	Preparation for Social Work Practice	3 + 0	6
SWRK 1002Y(1)	Social Work Theory – Micro and Macro Practice	3 + 0	6
COMS 1013Y(1)	Communication Skills for Social Workers	1½ + 0	3
SOCI 1105(1)*	Introduction to Sociology	3 + 0	3
SWRK 1006(1)**	Study Visits	30 hrs	1

YEAR 2

Module Code Core	Module Title	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits
SCPL 2001Y(3)	Social Policy & Comparative Welfare	3 + 0	6
SWRK 2005Y(3)	Management of Social Services & Project Development	3 + 0	6
SWRK 2002Y(3)	Socially Disadvantaged Populations and Intercultural Social Work	3 + 0	6
SWRK 2006Y(3)	Social Work Research Methods and Analysis	3 + 0	6
SWRK 2000(3)**	Social Work Practice Placement – 1	Six weeks	3
Electives	Choose any one of the following		
SCPL 2003(3)*	Family Policy	3 + 0	3
SWRK 2105(3)*	Substance Abuse, HIV&AIDS and Social Work	3 + 0	3

Note on Electives: Offering of elective is subject to availability of resources and critical mass. The Unit may introduce other new electives subject to approval by Department and Faculty Board.

NOTE: Explanations

- (1)* Modules taught in Semester 1 and examined at the end of Semester 1.
 (2)** Modules taught in Semester 2 and examined at end of Semester 2.

YEAR 3

Module Code Core	Module Title	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits
SCPL 3001Y(5)	Social Policy and Administrative: Health and Social Security	3 + 0	6
SWRK 2007Y(3)	Rights-based Social Work Practice, Mediation and Advocacy in Social Work	3 + 0	6
SWRK 3008Y(5)	Counselling and Family Therapy	3 + 0	6
SWRK 2008Y(3)	Crime and Deviance and Criminal Justice Social Work	3 + 0	6
SWRK 3106(5)*	Social Work Practice with Groups	3 + 0	3
	Choose any one of the following		
SCPL 3006(5)	Child Welfare Services	3 + 0	3
SWRK 3106(5)*	Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Welfare	3 + 0	3

YEAR 4

Module Code Core	Module Title	Hrs/Wk L + P	Credits
SWRK 3001Y(5)	Globalisation and International Social Work	3 + 0	6
SWRK 4000(5)	Dissertation		8
Electives	Choose any one of the following		
SCPL 3101(5)*	Housing Policy	3 + 0	3
SWRK 3208(5)	Ageing and Society	3 + 0	3
Total Credit			105