

# Diploma/BSc (Hons) Social Work (Part-Time) – SH410

## 1. Objectives

The BSc (Hons) Social Work aims to prepare students for generic professional social work practice and incorporates the International Code of Conduct and Practice for Social Workers.

Prepare social workers for local and international social work practice.

Prepare students for higher studies in social work and related social sciences.

### Learning Outcomes

(a) Developed commitment to social work mission, values and ethics.

(b) Developed critical appreciation of human and social theories.

(c) Apply research skills in social work context.

(d) Developed knowledge and skills in social work methods and interventions.

## 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.

## 4. Programme Duration

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

## 5. Minimum Credits Required for Awards - Degree - 121

Diploma - 74

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

	Core	Electives	Project	Total Credits
Diploma	68	06	-	74
Degree	98	15	08	121

## 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):

**Some modules may be assessed by continuous assessment alone.**

The continuous assessment will count for 20-30% 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 laboratory work, seminars and/or assignments and should include at least two (2) assignments/tests per module.

**8. Submission Deadline for Projects:**

**Final copy:** To be submitted on the last working day of March of the final academic year.

**9. List of Modules – Diploma/BSc (Honours) Social Work**

**YEAR ONE.**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>CORE</b>			
		<b>L+P</b>	
PSYC 1002Y(1)	Introduction to Psychology	3+0	6
SWRK 1001Y(1)	Political and Economic Development Context of Social Work	3+0	6
SWRK1002Y(1)	Social Work Theory -Micro and Macro Practice.	3+0	6
SWRK 1004Y(1)	Preparation for Social Work Practice	3+0	6
STAT 1010(1)*	Introductory Statistics	3+0	3
SOCI 1002(1)**	Sociology of the Family	3+0	3
SOCI 1105(1)*	Introduction to Sociology	3+0	3
SWRK1006(1)+	Study Visits	60 Hrs	1

**YEAR TWO**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>CORE</b>			
		<b>L+P</b>	
SCPL 2001Y(3)	Social Policy & Comparative Welfare	3+0	6
MGT 2079Y(3)	Organisational Management & Project Development	3+0	6
SWRK 2002Y(3)	Socially Disadvantaged Populations and Intercultural Social Work	3+0	6
SWRK 2003Y(3)	Counselling and Family Therapy	3+0	6
SWRK 2004(3) ++	Strategic Planning for Social Services Workshop	15 Hours	1
SWRK2000(3)+++	Social Work Practice Placement-1	Six weeks	3
SWRK 2104(3)*	HIV/ AIDS and Social Work	3+0	3
SWRK 2010Y(3)	Introductory Social Work Research	1½+0	3
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<b>ELECTIVES</b>		<b>Choose Any one of the following.</b>	
SCPL 2006Y(3)	Family Policy and Reproductive Health Services	3+0	6
SWRK 2009Y(3)	Social work and Disabilities	3+0	6

### YEAR THREE

Module Code	Module Title	Hrs/Wk	Credits
<b>CORE</b>			
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	3+0	3
SWRK 3208(5)**	Ageing and Society	3+0	3
SOCI 3208(5)*	Criminality and Deviance	3+0	3
SWRK 3106(5)*	Social Work Practice With Groups	3+0	3
<b>ELECTIVES</b>			
<b>Choose six credits from the following.</b>			
SWRK 3004Y(5)	Community Safety and Managing Community Service Orders	3+0	6
SWRK 3005Y(5)	Social Work in Mental Health Care	3+0	6
SCPL 3205(5)**	Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Welfare	3+0	3
SOCI 3103(5)**	Researching Criminals and Victims	3+0	3
SOCI 3105(5)**	Urbanisation & Community	3+0	3

### YEAR FOUR

Module Code	Module Title	Hrs/Wk	Credits
<b>CORE</b>			
SWRK 4001Y(5)	Globalization and International Social Work	3+0	6
SWRK 4000(5)	Dissertation		8
<b>ELECTIVES</b>			
<b>Choose three credits from the following.</b>			
SWRK4002(5)***** +++	Social Work Practice Placement -2	Six weeks	3
SCPL 4101(5)*	Housing Policy	3+0	3
SWRK 4102(5)*	Supervision for Social Work Practice.	3+0	3
LAWS 4001(5)*	Laws Related to Welfare and Vulnerable groups.	3+0	3

*Note on Electives: 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.
- (3)\*\*\* Module taught in Semester one but examined at the end of semester two
- (4)\*\*\*\*.This module is compulsory for those without prior social work practice experience.
- (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. There will be no other examination.
- (7) +++ Mode of assessment –placement report.

## **10. Outline Syllabus**

### **YEAR I**

#### **PSYC 1002Y(1) - INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY**

Perception, learning, memory and motivation: language, thought and intelligence; emotional development and maturity. Organisation of personality - projection and/ introjections - self image; self esteem; principles of behaviour - classical and instrumental conditioning. The concept of human growth and sequential development; genetic and environmental factors. Psycho-social and physical development; Stages of physical growth and maturation process; adult development and ageing.

#### **SWRK 1001Y(1) – POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT OF SOCIAL WORK.**

Political History of Mauritius and SADC countries including Seychelles and Madagascar, since independence from colonial rule. 1990's end of Military and single-party rule. Emergence of Multi-party Democracy. Formation of SADCC, the SADC and its various protocols. Rule of law and separation of powers. Free Press. Human Rights practices. A fully executive head of state versus a Constitutional Head. Role of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet, Function of the Parliament. Checking the executive. Question time; The law making process. Independence of the judiciary. SADC member states. Constitutional Guarantees and actual practice.

Economic Development. Introduction to Economic Development-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.

#### **SWRK1002Y(1) - SOCIAL WORK THEORY - MICRO 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 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.

#### **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).

#### **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 1105(1) - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY**

Understanding of patterns of human behaviour and changes in our society. Forms of social structure -- groups, organizations, communities, social categories (such as class, sex, age, or race), and various social institutions- such as kinship, economic, political, or religious- which affect human attitudes, actions, and opportunities;

Culture, socialization practices, social interaction, gender, family and marriage, population, Social Stratification and Schooling.

#### **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.

### **YEAR II**

#### **SCPL 2001Y(3) - SOCIAL POLICY & 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.

#### **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.

#### **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 counseling practice. The module combines practical work and selected counseling skills where participants will engage in exploratory practical activities meant to help them reflect on the nature of counseling. 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 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. The Placement must necessarily be undertaken with an organization other than the students own employment agency. This placement represents 220 hours and includes 10 hours for the preparation of the report and presentations.

**SWRK 2104 (3) HIV/ AIDS AND SOCIAL WORK**

Description of HIV/AIDS and its causes and incidence; global and regional realities and collective efforts to manage and control HIV/AIDS. Understanding the gender and age dimensions of HIV /AIDS. Social work role and tasks in the prevention , management, care and rehabilitation process.

**SWRK 2010Y(3) – INTRODUCTORY SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH**

Research Process, Sources and Resources, Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection, Research Ethics, Communicating research findings.

**SCPL 2006Y(3) - FAMILY POLICY AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**

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. Reproductive health and family policies-global and Mauritius perspectives. Reproductive health gender and age cohorts and sexual health; Protecting vulnerable populations, youth and teenage fertility; Comparative perspectives on adolescent reproductive health.

**SWRK 2009Y (3) - SOCIAL WORK AND DISABILITIES**

Social work role and functions with disabled ; Classification of disabilities and causes; survey of disabled population; understanding impact of disability on identity and psychological perspectives; human rights and disabilities; the law and the disabled person in Mauritius. Survey of resources for the disabled; rehabilitation and empowerment issues; comparative perspectives.

**YEAR III****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.

**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; direct and indirect engagement in advocacy; 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 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.

**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.

**SWRK 3106(5)- SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH GROUPS.**

Introduction to social group work practice; aims and objectives; development of social work groups and the group ; dealing with conflict and developing interpersonal relations; termination and evaluation; Practice domains and types of groups in social work-social groups, therapy groups, counselling , support and grief management.

**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 3005Y(5) - SOCIAL WORK IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

Classification of mental health conditions; Child Psychopathology; Borderline personalities; Schizophrenic disorders; Depression. 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; Pharmacological treatment and effect of community used drugs. Treatment planning and monitoring; Addressing environmental factors and co-dependency.

**SCPL 3205(5) - CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SOCIAL WELFARE.**

Philosophy, Aims and objectives of corporate social responsibility; Social Work perspectives-occupational welfare, industrial social work to CSR. The regulatory framework; corporate social responsibility practice and programs in Mauritius. International Standard for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

**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.

**YEAR IV****SWRK 4000(5) – DISSERTATION**

At the end of the fourth year of the programme, the students will be required to submit a research project. The title of the project has to be approved by the Department of Social Studies and a Project Supervisor identified by the Programme Co-ordinator.

**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 Refugees.

**SWRK 4101(5) - SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE PLACEMENT - 2**

Compulsory for students who joined the programme with no practical experience. The placement represents 220 hours ( includes 10hrs for report writing and presentations).

**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.

**SWRK4102(5) - SUPERVISION FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE**

The Philosophy and objectives of supervision and consultation in social work. Functions and nature of supervisory relationships and ethical considerations. Explanations of issues of power, delegation; supervisor as teacher, administrator and mentor; developing resources and sustainability.

**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.

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