Master of Arts in Social Work
Program code: 137011

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Sociology and Social Work (College of Social Sciences) offers a M.Sc. program in **Social Work**. English is the language of instruction and research. The aim of this program is to prepare graduates for leadership in professional social work practice within the areas of Clinical Practice, Planning and Administration. It signifies achievement of professional competence in Social Work. The program offers thesis option.

According to the University Council decision dated 4/2/2007, Thesis students admitted with effect from September 2007 are exempted from the comprehensive examination.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

42 TOTAL COURSE CREDITS

9 COMPULSORY COURSES (3 credits each)

1370-501 Social Welfare Policy & justice
1370-502 Social Work Research Methods
1370-503 Social Statistics & Data Analysis

15 COMPULSORY SUBDISCIPLINE COURSES

Student should obtain (15) credits in one of the following fields of specialization.

Track 1: DIRECT PRACTICE (3 credits each)

1370-504 Advanced Practice with Individuals and Families
1370-506 Advanced Practice of Group work
1370-508 Advanced Practicum I
1370-510 Applied Clinical Practice Evaluation
1370-512 Advanced Practicum II

Track 2: MACRO PRACTICE (3 credits each)

1370-505 Advanced Practice with Organizations and Communities
1370-507 Advanced Administrative Skills for Social Work Practice
1370-509 Advanced Practicum I
1370-511 Program & Services Evaluation
1370-513 Advanced Practicum II

9 ELECTIVE COURSES* (3 credits each)

Track 1: DIRECT PRACTICE:

A student has to take minimum of one course from this group

1370-514 Solution Focused & Brief Therapy

1370-516 Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
1370-518 Crisis & Trauma Intervention

Track 2: MACRO PRACTICE:
A student has to take minimum of one course from this group
1370-515 Social Work Supervision, Consultation and Leadership
1370-517 Macro Social Work Practice & Policy Advocacy
1370-519 Strategic Risk Management in Agencies

*Students may substitute up (3) credit hours from compulsory subdiscipline or elective courses, or any approved courses offered by Kuwait University, with the approval of the Program Director.

9 COMPULSORY COURSES

1370-597	Thesis	(0)
1370-598	Thesis	(0)
2000-599	Thesis	(9)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1370-501: SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY & JUSTICE
CR: 3

This course serves as an introduction to the profession of social work and equips the student with the foundational knowledge, values, and skills to begin to engage in all the content areas covered in subsequent required courses. The course offers students the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge about social welfare policy- making processes and promote an understanding of social justice, and their impact on the social service delivery system.

1370-502: SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS
CR: 3

Introduction to quantitative and qualitative social work research skills fundamental to the development and critical use of information relevant to social work practice decision-making and evaluation at case, program, and policy levels. Social research ethics, development of research questions, sampling, measurement, research design, data collection and analysis.

1370-503: SOCIAL STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS
CR: 3

At the end of this course, students will be able to apply univariate and bivariate statistics and analysis of variance to analyze data obtained from social work practice settings. Students will learn to formulate research questions and hypotheses, choose the appropriate statistical analyses, conduct these analyses, using SPSS, interpret their findings, and communicate their results clearly and effectively to both scholarly and social work practice audiences.

1370-504: ADVANCED PRACTICE WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
CR: 3 PR: 1370-501

This advanced practice course provides students with theories and skills for working with individuals from an advanced generalist. The content will include an overview of several different models of interventions for individuals and families with a focus on intervention skills and techniques.

1370-505: ADVANCED PRACTICE WITH ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITIES
CR: 3 PR: 1370-501

This course focuses on interventions in social agencies, institutions and neighborhoods of the community and society to enhance the quality of life. It prepares students to engage in an integrated practice focused on utilizing community and social systems to support and empower individuals, families, and communities and envision, and work towards social justice goals.

1370-506: ADVANCED PRACTICE OF GROUP WORK
CR: 3 PR: 1370-501

Group work is the foundation of many treatment approaches in human services. This course enables student of social work to gain knowledge of the varied components of group work practice including group dynamics, leader roles and functions, and group process. Likewise, forms of groups and types of skills are taught in order to develop competency in areas of screening, leading sessions, and evaluating group progress.

1370-507: ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS FOR SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE
CR: 3 PR: 1370-501

This course focuses on building general skills in community assessment to help students design an intervention strategy including mission, goals, objective, budget, logic model, and evaluation.

1370-508: ADVANCED PRACTICUM I
CR: 3 PR: 1370-502, 504

The focus of this field practicum is on clinical social work with individuals, groups, couples and families. The purpose of the clinical practice concentration is to provide students with values, knowledge, and interventions skills appropriate to clients' levels of bio-psychosocial functioning.

1370-509: ADVANCED PRACTICUM I
CR: 3 PR: 1370-502, 505

The focus of this field practicum is on social work administration and planning. The purpose of the practice is to provide students with skills in administration and planning in human service organizations.

1370-510: APPLIED CLINICAL PRACTICE EVALUATION
CR: 3 PR: 1370-503

Building upon the foundation social work research course, this advanced curriculum course focuses on the research process within the context of clinical social work practice. Emphasis is on developing the knowledge and skills required to critically assess empirically-based evidence for practice and design ethical and feasible approaches to practice evaluation.

1370-511: PROGRAM & SERVICES EVALUATION
CR: 3 PR: 1370-503

Program evaluation is an applied form of research which involves the systematic collection of information about the activities, characteristics, and outcomes of programs. Program evaluations are conducted for a range of purposes, which may include making judgments about a program, improving program effectiveness and/or informing decisions about future program development. There are many different approaches to evaluation.

1370-512: ADVANCED PRACTICUM II
CR: 3 PR: 1370-508

The focus of this field practicum is on advanced clinical social work with individuals, groups, couples and families. The purpose of the clinical practice concentration is to provide students with values, knowledge, and interventions skills appropriate to clients' levels of bio-psychosocial functioning.

1370-513: ADVANCED PRACTICUM II
CR: 3 PR: 1370-509

The focus of this field practicum is on social work administration and planning. The internship addresses the continued application of behavioral and practice theory to practice at an advanced level as related to administration and planning in human service organizations.

1370-514: SOLUTION FOCUSED & BRIEF THERAPY
CR: 3 PR: 1370-506

This course is designed as a seminar to provide students with a basic understanding in solution-focused brief therapy. The content will include the history of the SFBT approach within the framework of systems and cognitive approaches, research related to the approach with different

populations, as well as heavy emphasis on skill development and practice.

1370-515: SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISION, CONSULTATION AND LEADERSHIP
CR: 3 PR: 1370-507

This course provides an overview of models and specific skills used in social work supervision and consultation which are appropriate to both clinical and community practice settings. Interactional and structural theoretical perspectives inform the framework for supervision introduced in this course.

1370-516: COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY
CR: 3 PR: 1370-506

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is one of the most practiced therapeutic skill sets today. CBT is defined as the integration of Cognitive and Behavioral therapies designed by greats like Ellis, Beck, Watson and Skinner.

1370-517: MACRO SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE & POLICY ADVOCACY
CR: 3 PR: 1370-507

Policy analysis, development, and implementation are presented as components of social work practice, as are community development, social action, and social planning.

1370-518: CRISIS & TRAUMA INTERVENTION
CR: 3 PR: 1370-506

This course presents theories, strategies, and skills and an overall introduction to clinical crisis intervention. Models for assessing and responding to crises are presented.

1370-519: STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT IN AGENCIES
CR: 3 PR: 1370-507

Relationship between mission and risk management, agency internal systems and controls, liability, volunteer program management, board orientation and training, principles of enlightened risk taking, and protecting inventory and fixed assets.

1370-597: THESIS
CR: 0

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CR: 0

2000-599: THESIS
CR: 9