

**GOVERNMENT GENERAL DEGREE COLLEGE, MANGALKOTE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**ADD-ON COURSE:
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK
(ACADEMIC SESSION: 2021-2022)**



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COURSE BACKGROUND

Social work is an academic discipline and practice-based profession that promotes the empowerment of people, social change and development. Social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversity are the pivotal principles of social work practice. Guided by the theories of social work, humanities and social sciences, and indigenous or local knowledges, social work academics and professionals engage individuals and collectivities to address life-challenges and enhance well-being.

A scrutiny of student progression at the Department of Sociology, GGDC, Mangalkote, since inception, suggests that for students graduating with an Honours degree in Sociology, pursuing a post-graduate degree in Sociology or Social Work or preparing for school-level teaching or competitive examinations are the most popular choices. Since, a Masters degree in Sociology does not immediately guarantee a job, unless a student pursues a research degree or prepares for National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professorship, which in turn requires prolonged training; students are sometimes inclined to opt for Social Work in search of better job opportunities. However in the absence of proper information and guidance students are unable to make an informed decision. Considering the vulnerable and under-exposed background of the students of the college, add-on course on 'Introduction to Social Work' would be apt keeping in view the demand for employment or job opportunities in sectors which does not require prolonged academic or technical training.

Since the course is an introduction to the practice of social work, it envisages familiarizing the students with an array of transferable skills such as communication, negotiation and advocacy which in turn will prepare the students at a rudimentary level for informed interventions at various societal levels through NGOs or voluntary associations or not-for-profit organizations. Being an add-on course, it is not an alternative to intensive taught or research programmes in Social Work. It can nonetheless act as a bridge course for students in the 2nd or 3rd year of the degree programme in Sociology to make an informed choice and decide whether to pursue a formal degree in Social Work.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the course are to familiarize the students with:

- i. the core principles which guide the practice of social work
- ii. the foundational approaches which inform social work
- iii. the core areas of intervention of social work professionals
- iv. the ethical values that guide social work practice

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- v. real-life situations through field visits
- vi. the process of writing conceptually-informed and field-based reports

COURSE OUTLINE

UNITS	TOPICS/THEMES	CONTACT HOURS
1	Social Work: <i>What and Why?</i>	2
2	<i>Approaches to Social Work: Psychosocial, Person-centered, Crisis Intervention, Task-Centered, Cognitive Behavioural, Motivational Interviewing, Family Therapy and Systemic Approaches, Solution-focused Therapy</i>	8
3	<i>Areas of Social Work: Children, Youth & Family; Women; Learning Disability; Mental Health; Older People; HIV/AIDS & Sexual Health; Substance Abuse</i>	8
4	Ethical Concerns in Social Work	2
5	Field-Based Report Writing	10
	Total	30

PROJECTED OUTCOMES

The projected outcomes of the course are:

- i. basic familiarity with the approaches and areas of social work practice
- ii. exposure to real-life situations of intervention
- iii. awareness about the ethical values that guide social work practice
- iv. acquaintance with effective report writing that can inform policy decision

CAREER PROSPECTS

Social work is one of the fastest growing professions and has high demand in India and abroad. Those acquiring a higher degree in Social Work can venture into fields as diverse as family and marriage counseling, child protection and counseling, medical and health counseling, gender and disability advocacy, alcohol and drug counseling and so on. This particular value-added/add-on course does not guarantee the transmission of all skills necessary for becoming a trained social work practitioner. However it will familiarize the students interested in pursuing a higher degree in Social Work with an introductory look into the preoccupations of the discipline, necessary to appear in MSW entrance examinations after completing undergraduate programmes in Humanities and Social Sciences.



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- i. Mandatory for all students of the BA Sociology Honours programme. Interested students from other programmes may also apply.
- ii. **The intake capacity is 50.**
- iii. The course will be taught by the faculty members of the Department of Sociology. Online lectures will also be organized with invited resource persons.
- iv. There is no course fee. However all students opting for the course will have to pay for their travel expenses for the field visit component, if any.
- v. Attendance in 80% of the lectures and the field visit is compulsory.
- vi. All students opting for the course will have to submit all assignments and appear in the examinations for successfully completing the course and be eligible to receive the grade card and completion certificate.

PEDAGOGY

- i. ICT-aided Class lectures by faculty members and online lectures by invited experts
- ii. Student presentations (PPT/Paper/Poster) and group discussion

SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES

- i. Introduction to Social Work – Bishnu Mohan Dash (2023), Rawat Publishers.
- ii. The Practice of Research in Social Work – Edited by Rafael J. Engel and Russell K. Schutt (2017), Sage Publications Ltd.
- iii. Social Work: Themes, Issues and Critical Debates, 3rd Edition – Edited by R. Adams, L. Dominelli and M. Payne (2009), Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- iv. How To Be A Social Worker – P. Dunk-West (2013), Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan.
- v. Bachelors of Social Work (Select IGNOU Reading Materials):
<https://egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/15541>



EVALUATION PATTERN

1. **Viva-voce/Oral Presentation (10 marks):** Students will be asked to choose any *one* area of social work and apply any *one approach* to social work mentioned in the course outline in that particular area.
2. **MCQ based Test (20 marks):** Students will have to take a test consisting of ten multiple-choice questions aiming to determine the attainment of course objectives. This will also serve as the student exit survey.

The full mark of the course is 30.

GRADATION PATTERN

Percentage of marks obtained	Grade
90-100	Excellent - A
70-89	Good – B
50-69	Fair – C
40-49	Not Eligible for Certificate - D



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Certificate of Completion

This certificate is awarded to Mr./Missbearing Roll No.....of Semester.....of the session 2021-2022 of the Department of...Sociology...,G.G.D.C.Mangalkote, for successfully completing Add-on Course entitled “INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL WORK” during his/her.....Semester study.

The candidate has fulfilled all requirements and specifications set by the institute.

Grade:

Pinaki Roy
(Head, Department of Sociology.)
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Dr.Debraj Biswal
(IQAC Coordinator)
G.G.D.C. Mangalkote

Dr.Pradipta Kumar Basu
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Grade for the certificate, 90-100% 'A', 70-89% 'B', 50-69% 'C' and 40-49% 'D'

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