Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

Social Work Theories (H002071)

Course

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
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Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2019-2020
A (semester 2) Dutch
lecture 30.0 h
seminar 15.0 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020

Master of Science in Social Work and Social Welfare Studies
6 A

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Discretion, Managerialism, Evidence based social work, Social theory, Critical and radical social work, Resistance, The social worker as a happy Sisyfus, Professionalisation

Position of the course
Deze cursus wordt gedoceerd in de master sociaal werk

Contents
• The central notion in the course is 'discretion' which refers to the space to act which social workers develop in relation to policy and rules.
• In the first part of the course we discuss the importance of theory for social work and the social worker as an intellectual.
• In the second part we zoom in on social developments which have a big influence on social work, mainly managerialism and evidence based social work.
• In the third part we discuss different social work theories, with special attention for critical and radical social work.
• In the last part we discuss the social worker as being a 'happy Sisyfus'.

Initial competences
linking course to or preparatory course for master in social work and social welfare studies

Final competences
1 To indicate the importance of the social work perspective for the development of social scientific theories and more specifically educational sciences.
2 To situate the meaning and application of concepts such as discretion, managerialisme, empowerment, ... within the development of social welfare theories and practices. The ability to devise a personal opinion concerning the application of these concepts and implement this opinion in a well-considered manner.
3 To develop a problem thesis concerning social work, taken into consideration the diverse theoretical perspectives on social problems. The ability to recognize the relationship between social work and the social political discussion about the position and goals of social work.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

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Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted.

Teaching methods
- Lecture, seminar

Extra information on the teaching methods
- Teaching language is Dutch (course offering A).
- Incoming exchange students have to take course offering E which has English as teaching language (see www.erasmusfppw.ugent.be for further information).

Learning materials and price
- Reader
- Notes of lessons are available on MINERVA
- Cost: 30 EUR

References

Course content-related study coaching
- Personal feedback (consultation hours for students), personal & collective feedback through Minerva.

Evaluation methods
- end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
- Written examination with open questions

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
- Written examination with open questions

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
- not applicable

Calculation of the examination mark

(Approved)