STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 086

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN SOCIAL WORK
PAPER - I

SYLLABUS
(Effective from the academic year 2011 - 2012)

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY FOR SOCIAL WORK

CODE :11SW/RC/RM1 05   **CREDIT : 5**
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                                        TOTAL TEACHING HOURS : 65

OBJECTIVES

- To enable students to have an in depth knowledge and practice of social work research.
- To develop in them an ability to apply statistical packages to analyse their data.
- To enable students to carry out scientific research in their field of practice and on any other area of research.

Unit   1
Scientific Method
1.1 Basic orientation towards Scientific Method
1.2 Scientific Method - Features – purpose – assumptions. Growth of scientific knowledge and methods.
1.3 Purpose of Research in generalist practice – Research and generalist practice process – Values and Ethics in Research and Practice

Unit   2
Problem Formulation
2.1 Deciding and developing Research questions
2.2 Conceptualization and Operationalisation
2.3 Hypothesis Formulation
Unit   3
Research Designs and Research Methodology
3.1 Diagnostic – Descriptive – Explorative – Experimental – Quasi – Experimental – Survey – Evaluative – Single Subject Design – Action research – Participatory Research – Needs assessments - Programme evaluation – Evaluation of Practice
3.2 Selecting the participants in the Research – Types of Sampling Methods

Unit   4
Tools and Method of Data Collection
4.1 Quantitative and Qualitative Data
4.2 Construction of Instruments – Methods of establishing reliability and validity
4.3 Primary and Secondary Data

Unit   5
Organisation and Analysis of Data and Report Writing
5.1 Organizing the qualitative and quantitative Data
5.2 Analysis of quantitative data – Descriptive statistics and Practice Evaluation – Use of Inferential Statistics in Analysis - Use of computer software in data analysis
5.3 Analysis of Qualitative Data
5.4 Preparation and presentation of research report.

Unit   6
Statistical tools – Computer application
6.1 Descriptive Statistics – Frequency distribution – measures of central tendency and dispersion – measures of association – Descriptive Statistics and Practice evaluation
6.2 Inferential statistics – Sources of error and the role of inferential statistics – Types of hypothesis – Significance level – Statistical Power – Chi-square, T-test, F-test, ANOVA, Correlation and Regression

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ADVANCED SOCIAL WORK THEORY, TRAINING AND PRACTICE

CODE :11SW/RC/AS1 05   **CREDIT : 5**
                                                              L T S : 4 1 4
                                     TOTAL TEACHING HOURS : 65

OBJECTIVES

- To understand and critically analyze the theories in Social Work and appreciate their implications in practice.
- To become aware of the social policies and their role in Social Work practice.
- To recognize the role of Social Work in policy making.
- To understand the evolution & development of Social Work Education and develop the students ability in curriculum development.
- To encourage students to critically respond to current issues.

Unit   1
Social Work
An overview from inception to date – Emerging Social Work trends – International Social Work.
Philosophy of Social Work – Values, Ethics and Principles in Social Work, Code of Ethics in Social Work.

Unit   2
Theories, Models and Approaches of Social Work
Remedial, Task Centered Model, Life Model, System Based Approach, Psychosocial Approach, Behavioral Approach, Strategic Family Therapy, Family Strengths Perspective, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy, Narrative Therapy.

Unit   3
Advanced Social Work Practice
Empowerment Based Generic Process of Social Work Practice, Critical Practice in Social Work, Feminist Issues and Practices in Social Work, Social Development Theory, Communication Theory / Role theory in Social Work, Crisis Intervention, Existentialism and Social Work, Radical Social Work.

Unit 4

Social Work Education

Curriculum Planning and Development at different levels – Theory and Field Work – Field Work Supervision and Evaluation – Social Work Research – Creative Literature in Social Work Education. Review of UGC Reports and Recommendations.

Unit 5

Social Policy

Planning and development – Levels of policy making. Role of Social Work in Policy Making.

Unit 6

Current Issues in Social Work – (Not for external examination)

A term paper on current issues may be presented for internal valuation

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SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM

CODE :11SW/RC/PT1 10   **CREDIT : 10**

OBJECTIVES

- To encourage students to undertake action research in Social Work or any Social Work intervention that can be researched.
- To develop the ability to integrate theory and practice.
- To develop skills in formulating a practicum, plan and execute Social Work Intervention and report writing.

200 Hours of Field Work and submission of a Practicum Report

The Practicum shall be based on the field of research. It shall be a report on the intervention carried out in the field of research and the outcome.

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DISSERTATION AND VIVA VOCE

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Dissertation   : 150   Viva Voce : 50

Guidelines

➢ **Page Limit :** The Dissertation shall be from 60 to 100 pages typed in font size 12, with 1½ Line Spacing in A4 Size Paper.

➢ **Title of the Dissertation   :**
Each dissertation contain the following certificate : 'Dissertation submitted to Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai – 86, in partial fulfillment of the requirement for the Degree of Master of Philosophy in Social Work by *name of the candidate,* Department of Social Work, *Place, Month, Year.*

➢ **The dissertation shall contain**
- Contents Page
- Certificate of the Supervisor, Declaration and Acknowledgement by the Candidate.
- Introductory chapter includes Background of the study, Review of Literature, Scope & significance
- The methodology chapter includes Objectives of the study, definition of concepts, research methodology, tool and method of data collection, data processing and chapterisation.
- The analysis chapter includes the analysis and interpretation of data.
- The final chapter shall contain 'Summary of findings and Conclusions'.
- Bibliography / References shall be given in the alphabetical order.

➢ **Submission**
- Each student shall submit two copies of the dissertation to the Head of the Department on the date specified by the Controller of Examinations. One copy of the dissertation will remain with the college library.

➢ **Guidelines for Evaluation**

- Background to the Study / Review of Literature	15
- Methodology and presentation of the theme	20
- Analysis	30
- Style, format and neatness in presentation	10
- Dissertation	150
- Viva Voce	50
Total	200

The dissertation will be valued by the guide and an external examiner. Each one will evaluate the dissertation for a maximum of 75 marks. An aggregate of the two marks will be the final marks awarded for the dissertation out of total of 150 marks. Viva voce will be conducted by a panel of internal and external examiners. for a maximum of 50 marks.