

INSTITUTO SAN JOAQUIN DE FLORES

COURSE	International Social Work: Costa Rica's Case
CREDITS	
CLASS HOURS	45
CLASS SCHEDULE	
PERIOD	
START AND END COURSE	
PROFESSOR (including email address)	
ATTENTION OF STUDENTS	

DESCRIPTION:

Social Work (SW) is a profession that takes place in spaces of all kinds, especially in dealing with different social situations. Acquires specific particularities according to the historical, social, economic, political and cultural context where it is located.

This seminar aims that students learn more about the development of international Social Work by the recognition of the main characteristics of the Costa Rican Social Work (CRSW) and also about the similarities and differences with the American Social Work (ASW).

Initially, it will be important to investigate about the theoretical, practical, political and ethical foundation of the professional practice in Costa Rica, then about the spaces where the profession is inserted, the "raw" material of our intervention and finally of the characteristics of the education received in CR.

Students will have the responsibility to research about the particularities of the population with which they will have contact: housewives, elderly and disabled people, so they can understand their national situation and the most appropriate intervention practices.

Finally, it will be necessary that the students get very involved in the group discussions, the planning and evaluation of the community activities, express their opinions and get done all the class works.

OBJECTIVES:

GENERAL: Discuss about the main theoretical knots of International Social work to understand the Costa Rican Social Work.

SPECIFICS:

- Identify the context in which Costa Rican Social Work is developed to recognize the main differences and similarities between Costa Rican and American Social Work
- Understand the theoretical, practical, political and ethical foundation of the professional practice in Costa Rica.
- Identify the main characteristics of the spaces where the profession is inserted.
- Amplify the perspective on professional intervention with different population groups.

CONTENTS:

- International Social Work.
- Social Work in Costa Rica.
- Costa Rican context.

- American Social Work.
- Models of Social Work.
- Theoretical and practical foundation.
- Women in Costa Rica, women rights.
- Justice, Welfare, Social Security and Health Care systems in CR.

EVALUATION:

Assignments	%
CRSW scenario (Portfolio): students will analyze at least 3 news about the social context of CR and its relationship with Social Work.	10%
Group work: students will read about the main models of Social Work in Costa Rica.	10%
Group work: Discussion about the similarities and differences between Costa Rican SW and American SW	10%
Workshop Report: write a short essay about the experience with the housewives.	10%
Observation Guide for the IMAS visit.	5%
Visit to IMAS report.	15%
CRSW work fields group research	15%
Class Involvement	15%
Final Essay of the experience in CR.	10%
TOTAL	100%

METHODOLOGY AND SCHEDULE OF ASSESSMENTS::

Session	Date	Time	Topics and Activities
1.	05/ 14	8-12 1-5	Presentation Course Outline What is Social Work? Costa Rican context Introduction to Costa Rican Social Work Group work: Models of Social Work Intervention in Costa Rica.
2.	05/ 21	8-12 1-5	Social Work Foundations Group work: Costa Rican SW – American SW Women Rights (based on the students research) Women in CR. Women in San Joaquin de Flores (Costa Rican Housewives characteristics).
3.	05/ 22	8-12 1-5	Women self care. Workshop Planning: prepare materials and practice presentation. IMAS. Observation guide work.
4.	05/28	1-5	IMAS visit discussion. Social Work "Raw Material" Introduction to CRSW work fields.

5.	05/30	1-5	Justice
	06/04	1-5	Health Care
	06/06	1-5	Social Security and Welfare.

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