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Social Work (Minor Track)

The Social Work Minor Track outlined in this document is universally applicable to all undergraduate (UG) programs operating across Amity University Maharashtra. Integrating this 18-credit minor track into the diverse UG curricula provides students with a crucial academic foundation that directly aligns with global sustainability and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, foundational courses such as Contemporary Development Studies (SW1201) introduce critical frameworks for sustainable, people-centered development, while Gender Studies (SW1301) systematically address indicators related to the gender index and women's empowerment, advancing SDG 5 (Gender Equality). Furthermore, modules within Introduction to Rural and Urban Development (SW1401) and Social Policy and Planning (SW1601) prepare students to evaluate health, housing, and structural inequalities, reinforcing the university's commitment to fostering inclusive, resilient communities and sustainable societal progression.

Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Credits
1	**SW1101**	**Introduction to Social Work**	**3**
2	**SW1201**	**Contemporary Development Studies**	**3**
3	**SW1301**	**Gender Studies**	**3**
4	**SW1401**	**Introduction to Rural and Urban Development**	**3**
5	**SW1501**	**Understanding Social Exclusion**	**3**
6	**SW1601**	**Social Policy and Planning**	**3**
		Total Credits	18

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SW1101 Introduction to Social Work

Unit I

Social service tradition in Indian culture, Religious roots of Charity and Philanthropy, Role of Institutions like Family, Caste group and the Panchayat in meeting the Human needs.

Unit II

The concepts of Social service, Social change, Social reform, Social work, Social Welfare, Social action, Social development.

Unit III

Emergence and the development of professional social work in India and the west- an historical view.

Unit IV Social work principles:

Ethics and values of social work as a profession.

Unit V

Social work education in India, Historical growth and the present status. Social work professional association – general orientation

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SW1201 Contemporary Development Studies

(Contemporary Ideologies for Social Change)

Unit I: Introduction

Neo – liberalism, globalization, post – modernization, feminism, multiculturalism, ideology for sustainable and people centered development, ideology for non – governmental organizations.

Unit II: Contemporary Ideologies of Social Work profession:

Marginalization of vulnerable groups, limitations of professional social work, emerging ideologies of professional social work, spirituality and social work, personal attributes of a social worker.

Unit III: Social Reformers:

Baba Amte, Medha Patkar, B. R. Ambedkar, Jyotiba Phule.

Unit IV: Social Reform Movements:

Narmada Bachao Andolan, Chipko Andolan, Naxalbadi Movement.

Unit V: Social movements:

Social movements in North Eastern India – sp. Ref to Assam – students movement, movement related to problems of natural and man – made displacements, ethnic identity.

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SW1301 Gender Studies

Unit I: women in India

Status of women in India: historical perspective (during Vedic period, medieval period and pre-independent India) status of women in independent India. Women empowerment: Meaning, Definition, need for social work services.

Unit II: Gender Sensitization

Gender issues and evidence of gender discrimination-Key indicators: sex ratio, infant mortality rates, age at marriage, literacy rate: enrolment and dropout rates in schools, education of women at different levels. Employment: organized and unorganized sectors, gender index, improved self-esteem of girls and women.

Unit III: Some major issues relating to women in India society

Female feticide and infanticide

Declining sex ratio

Rape and sexual abuse

Dowry and domestic violence

Female infant mortality, girl child mortality and maternal mortality

Women, politics and representation

Unit IV: Women and law

Legal enactments under the British rule, constitutional Safeguards for protective clauses for women. Current legal position regarding marriage, dowary, divorce, problem of violence against women outside home and inside home, Legal provisions: equal remuneration, equal opportunity, women and property right.

Unit V: Welfare programmes for women

Welfare programmes for women: centre and state level-hostel for working women, employment and income generation programme. Department of women and child development: Women training centres, institutions for rehabilitation of women and girls Programmes. Women related rural development programmes. Micro credit and women Self Help Groups.

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SW1401 Introduction to Rural and Urban Development

UNIT I

Introduction to Rural Society. Characteristics of Rural society. Problems – Issues faced by the rural poor such as indebtedness, Bonded labour, Low wages, Unemployment.

UNIT II

Government programmes, policies for rural development.

Panchayat raj system and rural development.

UNIT III

Characteristics of Tribal Society –

Economic, Social, Political and Cultural -Problems of Tribal Life.

Problems faced by Tribal Community. Government Programmes for Tribal Development. Social Work Practice in Tribal Development

UNIT IV

Introduction to urban community. Characteristics of urban community. Problems- issues faced by urban community. Government programmes for urban development.

UNIT V

Role of social worker in tribal and rural development programmes.

Role of Non- governmental organization in rural and tribal development.

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SW1501 Understanding Social exclusion

Unit I –

Introduction to the Concept

- Emergence of the social exclusion
- Defining social exclusion
- Dimensions of social exclusion

Unit II

Social Exclusion in India

- Social exclusion of dalit, and tribal communities
- Politics of exclusion and marginalization
- Social movements against exclusionary practices- historical and contemporary
- Contemporary politics for inclusion

Unit III

Inclusion Policies and Processes

- Social inclusion policy and programmes
- Ideological challenges to inclusion
- Social legislations on social inclusion
- Role of civil society organizations to address

social exclusion

Unit IV

Action for Inclusion

- Skills in identifying social exclusion practices
- Mobilizing people for social change

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SW1601 Social Policy and Planning

UNIT I

Social policy : Definitions, concept and evolution of social policy . Indian social policy process.

UNIT II

Social Policies of the Government. Social welfare programmes for weaker sections.

Social security.

UNIT III

Child welfare programmes. Youth welfare programmes. Women welfare programmes.

Welfare of the aged. Family welfare programmes.

UNIT IV

Sectorial policies. Education, Health, Housing, Population. Salient features of policies.

UNIT V

Planning. Social planning process in India. Machinery and monitoring. Micro planning process.