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Course Unit Program
SOCIAL SERVICE PHILOSOPHY AND DEONTOLOGY

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

3rd

4. Course Unit

SOCIAL SERVICE PHILOSOPHY AND DEONTOLOGY (I2005)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	20,00
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	10,00
Tutorial Guidance:	

9. ECTS Credits

10,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora TERESA PAULA GARCIA RODRIGUES DA SILVA

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Propose and develop a reflection around the philosophical and deontological assumptions and foundations, in order to clarify the rational dimension applied in the ethical and axiological fields of Social Work intervention.

Deepen reflection around the issue of Man, as a personal and relational being and, structurally, ethical.

15. Specific Objectives

Enable the perception of the different forms of rationality present in contemporary ethics, based on the return to the subject, pointing out the main frames of reference in which professional practices are carried out.

Provide essential theoretical and conceptual instruments for carrying out a reflective itinerary on the ethical and deontological practices of Social Work, starting from the centrality of Man, as a relational being and member of the organizations in which he participates.

16. Skills to be acquired



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Enable the perception of the different forms of rationality present in contemporary ethics, based on the return to the subject, pointing out the main references in which professional practices and research be innovative.

Provide essential theoretical and conceptual instruments for carrying out a reflective itinerary on the ethical and deontological practices of Social Work, starting from the centrality of Man, as a relational being and member of the organizations in which he participates.

17. Teaching Methodology

Participated exhibition, through the practice of an active and dialogical pedagogy, involving the debate of themes/problems, the presentation of results from significant readings, reflections and research, translating into itineraries of "knowledge", promoting critical attitudes, free and reflective.

18. Course Unit Program

- 1- Philosophy, ethics and axiology
2. Action, ethical action and the human condition
3. Classical Ethics: happiness and virtue
4. Modern ethics and notion of duty:
5. The meanings of post-modernity and professional ethics
6. Social Work and applied ethics
7. The meaning of person in professional intervention
8. The helping relationship
9. Acting ethically - decisions, dilemmas and ethical challenges
10. Professional Deontology in Social Work
11. New values and professional identity

19. Assessment Methods

Establishment of an agreement between the teacher and the doctoral candidate on the work to be carried out and presented in the classroom.

Prior submission by the doctoral student to the professor and other doctoral students of a plan relating to the work proposed to be presented.

Presentation by the doctoral student of the work carried out.

Presentation and structuring of the debate held in the session and drawing conclusions.

20. Didactic Resources

Visuals: photographs, graphics and charts.

Technological: videos, presentations, digital platforms

21. Sustainability Objectives

The Professional Ethics curricular unit aims to contribute to sustainability in the following areas:

- 1 - Substantially increase the number of young people and adults with relevant qualifications, including technical and professional skills, for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.
- 2 - Ensuring equal opportunities in university education
- 3 - Respect for cultural diversity. Social and environmental responsibility. Ethical values and commitments.



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22. Keywords

Social Work
Ethic
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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): BANKS, Sara (org)
Title: Ética y valores en el Trabajo Social
Edition: Year: 1997
Local: Barcelona
Publisher: Paidós Iberica

Author(s): Bauman, Zygmunt
Title: Soy acaso el guardián de mi hermano. La sociedad individualizada.
Edition: Year: 2001
Local: Buenos Aires
Publisher: Catedra

Author(s): ALONSO, Augusto Hortal
Title: Ética general de las Professions
Edition: 3ª Year: 2010
Local: Bilbao
Publisher: Universidad Jesuitas

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): GARCIA, Tomás
Title: Fundamentos del trabajo social
Edition: Year: 2009
Local: Madrid
Publisher: Alianza Editorial

Author(s): ROBERTIS, Cristina de
Title: Fundamentos del trabajo social: ética y metodologia
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Local: Valência
Publisher: Nau LLibres



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