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Course Unit Program
Seminar: Introduction to Social Problems

Academic Year 2023/2024

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Seminar: Introduction to Social Problems (L4405)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

1st

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

1st Semester



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8. Class type and workload (work time)

Theoretical classes:	30,00
Practical classes:	
Theoretical-Practical Classes	
Tutorial Guidance:	20,00

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora INÊS CASQUILHO DUARTE MARTINS

12. Assistants

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Identify the main contemporary social problems.

Explain the ethical-political values that serve as matrix to the signaling of social problems and social action plans.

Diagnose problems and operationalize social indicators in order to outline appropriate social responses to the needs of various segments of the population, crossing for this purpose knowledge, methods and scales of analysis.

15. Specific Objectives

- Identify and understand the main social problems of today.
- Know and critically analyze a diversity of social problems.
- Understand the importance of social diagnoses and intervention strategies of Social Work in the context of social problems.
- Foster an interventive and proactive attitude in the promotion of social rights and citizenship.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Learn to search for relevant information for each problem under analysis, reflecting critically;
- Understand the diversity and heterogeneity of social problems and the need for Social Work intervention
- Know and use diagnostic and planning tools for intervention, aiming at social development;
- Understand the importance of public policies, the promotion of social rights and citizenship in the intervention of the social worker.



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17. Teaching Methodology

Expositive method combined with the active method with reflection and debate on the subject of and recommended reading texts.

18. Course Unit Program

1 - Introduction to social problems

1.1 - Concept and definitions of Social Problem

1.2 - Theoretical perspectives on social problems

1.3 - Identify, diagnose and investigate social problems today

1.4 - The use of critical thinking in the analysis and critical reflection on social problems

2 - Strategies for action against social problems

2.1 - Objectives and strategies in response to needs and social problems

2.2 - Introduction to social diagnosis: concepts and methodologies

3 - The diversity and heterogeneity of contemporary social problems: socio-demographic problems; poverty, income asymmetries, unemployment and job insecurity; social problems in the area of education, in the area of childhood and youth, in the area of aging, in the area of health; ideological social problems; environmental and technological problems.

4 - Redefine the social problems in the framework of social policies and social rights and citizenship for social development

19. Assessment Methods

Two written tests.

One group work and presentation in class according to the teacher's instructions.

20. Didactic Resources

Computer;

Projector;

Powerpoint presentations;

Documentation and bibliography recommended by the teacher.

21. Sustainability Objectives

SGD 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere

SGD 4 - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

SDG 8 - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

SGD 10 - Reduce inequality within and among countries

22. Keywords

Social Problems

Social Intervention

Social Diagnosis

Social Development



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23. Main Bibliography

Author(s): Hermano Carmo (Ed.)
Title: Problemas sociais contemporâneos
Edition: 1ª Edição Year: 2001
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Universidade Aberta

Author(s): Anthony Giddens
Title: Sociologia
Edition: 9ª Edição Year: 2013
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian

Author(s): Maria José Aguilar Idáñez e Ezequiel Ander-Egg
Title: Diagnóstico social: conceitos e metodologias
Edition: 3ª Edição Year: 2007
Local: Porto
Publisher: REAPN

24. Complementary Bibliography

Author(s): Joaquim Fialho (Coord.)
Title: Manual de Intervenção Social
Edition: 1ª Edição Year: 2021
Local: Lisboa
Publisher: Sílabo

Author(s): Allen Rubin e Earl R. Babbie
Title: Research Methods for Social Work
Edition: 7ª Edição Year: 2011
Local: Belmont, CA
Publisher: Brooks-Cole - CENGAGE Learning



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