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Course Unit Program
Elective 1 - Organizational Contexts in Social Work

Academic Year 2025/2026

1. Organic Unit

Higher Institute of Social Work

2. Course

SOCIAL WORK

3. Cycle

1st

4. Course Unit

Elective 1 - Organizational Contexts in Social Work (L4530)

5. Scientific Area

6. Curricular Year

2nd

7. Type of Curricular Unit / Semester

2nd Semester

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8. Class type and workload (work time)

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

9. ECTS Credits

6,00

10. Scientific Area Coordinator

11. Regent

Prof. Doutora CRISTINA MARIA RAMOS COELHO

12. Assistants

Prof. Doutora CLAÚDIA MARIA SERPA GARCIA

13. Teaching Language

Portuguese

14. General Objectives

Develop an analytical and critical reflection on the contexts of professional practice of Social Work in contemporary organizations

15. Specific Objectives

- Build a conceptual perspective on organizations and social projects combined with an empirical view of professional insertion;
- Identify elements and processes related to the global methodology of intervention in articulation with organizational contexts;
- Develop a critical and entrepreneurial perspective of Social Work in organizations and provide students with tools for this purpose.

16. Skills to be acquired

- Knowing concepts and typologies specific to organizational contexts in social intervention;
- Knowing how to identify and place functions associated with professional practice from different profiles;
- Knowing how to identify professional skills through reflective analysis of the methodological and ethical-political challenges facing the profession;
-Know how to value human relationships and teamwork in the face of constraints and professional dilemmas;
-Recognize professional practice sp

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17. Teaching Methodology

- Theoretical presentation of the subject by the teacher;
- Analysis and interpretation of documents by students;
- Discussion on the subject taught and on practical cases, namely based on the students' research work on contexts of professional practice in organizations

18. Course Unit Program

1. Concept and types of organizations
1.1 Dimensions and organizational design
1.2 Organizations in contemporary times
2.Contexts and areas of professional intervention
2.1 Profile and functions of the social worker
2.2 Areas and sectors of professional intervention
3. Professional practice in organizations
3.1 Object of practice and professional objectives
3.2 Management, Strategic Planning and Quality
3.3 Inter-institutional relations and stakeholders - the different interests
3.4 Organizational assessment and learning
4. Human relations and communication
4.1 Solving problems and making decisions - ethical behavior
4.2 Teamwork and leadership
4.3 New ideas, creativity spirit of initiative

19. Assessment Methods

2 individual tests
1 Individual or subgroup work
Exhibition in the classroom
Active participation in debates
Other elements of evaluation.

20. Didactic Resources

Power point
Movies/Documentaries
Support material

21. Sustainability Objectives

The U.C. Organizational Context in Social Work 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-Ensure equal opportunities in the university education.3-Respect for Social and Environmental Responsibility.4-Importance of Partnerships for the Implementation of the Goals SDG 2023, UN.

22. Keywords

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Organizations
professional insertion
Skills
Stakeholders

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23. Main Bibliography

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Title: Introducción al Trabajo Social
Edition: 4ª Year: 2008
Local: Madrid
Publisher: Alianza Editorial
ISBN Code:

Author(s): DAFT, Richard, L; MURPHY, Jonathan; WILLMOTT, Hugh
Title: Organization:theory and design
Edition: 8 th Year: 2003
Local: United Kingdom
Publisher: United Kingdom
ISBN Code:

Author(s): MONTÃNO, Carlos
Title: A natureza do Serviço Social
Edition: 2ª Year: 2009
Local: São Paulo
Publisher: Cortez editora
ISBN Code:

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Author(s): CARIA, Telmo; PEREIRA, Fernando
Title: Trabalho social profissional no terceiro setor
Edition: 1ª Year: 2014
Local: Viseu
Publisher: Psicosoma
ISBN Code:

Author(s): SCHIEFER, Ulrich, et al.
Title: MAPA -Manual de planeamento e avaliação de Projectos
Edition: 1ª Year: 2006
Local: Estoril
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