COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES

HSWR-201 – Trends and Issues in Human Services

Health and Human Services

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2022
Course Outline Review Date: 2025-04-01

Program Area: Child Youth and Family Studies

Description:

HSWR 201 is a critical introduction to the study of Canadian Social Welfare Policy and the structure of social services in Canada. The objectives and context of social welfare are presented and examined using different ideologies and discourses.

Program Information:

This course is required for the Human Service Worker Program.

Delivery Methods: On-campus (Face-to-Face), Online

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 3

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	
Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	45

Course Requisites:

- Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
    - ENFP 12 – English First Peoples 12
    - ENST 12 – English Studies 12
    - ENGL090 – English – Provincial Level

Flexible Assessment: No

Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see https://www.bctransferguide.ca/ or https://transferalberta.alberta.ca . For more transfer credit information, please visit https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columba or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

Textbook Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Chappell, Rosalie. (2014) *Social Welfare in Canadian Society*. (5th ed.). Nelson: Canada ISBN 0-17-616833-8

Haig, J. & MacMillan, V. (2018). *Cites and sources: An APA documentation guide.* (5rd ed.). Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator https://textbook.cotr.bc.ca/ for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.
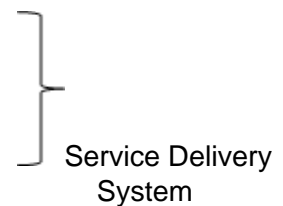
Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- discuss the forces which impact social policy including history, societal values, ideology, politics and administrative structure;
- undertake a critical analysis of a social policy and develop proposals for policy change;
- identify, analyze and critique federal and provincial legislation relevant to social issues;
- explore and discuss how various social service sectors deliver service, secure funding and manage programs in the Canadian social welfare context; and
- examine the impact of structural disadvantage in Canada on women, Indigenous people, seniors, people living in poverty and people with disabilities (for example) and how the Canadian social welfare system meets their needs through a variety of services and programs.

Course Topics:

- Nature of Social Welfare
- Canadian Social Welfare Policy
- History of Social Welfare
- Meeting Social Welfare Needs of Canadians

- Systems Theory
- Service Sectors
- Social Agencies
- Service Providers
- Promoting Change

Service Delivery System

See instructor's syllabus for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

Evaluation and Assessments

Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face)

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Assignments and Class Participation	45%
Midterms	15%
Final Exam	15%
Research Paper	25%
Total	100%

Assessment Type: Online

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Assignments and Online Discussion Forums	45%
Midterms	15%
Final Exam	15%
Research Paper	25%
Total	100%

Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60			<60

Pass requirements: A passing average (60% or higher) on all assignments and evaluations.

Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a "0" on the exam.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at
https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/ and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

Equivalent Course(s) and Course Code Changes

Prior Course Code: HSWR 116

Date changed:

2006

Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.