

26142 - English: Specific Language for Social Work I

Syllabus Information

Academic Year: 2020/21

Subject: 26142 - English: Specific Language for Social Work I

Faculty / School: 108 - Facultad de Ciencias Sociales y del Trabajo

Degree: 274 - Degree in Social Work

ECTS: 5.0

Year: 3

Semester: Second semester

Subject Type: Optional

Module: ---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

There exist two assessment methods, i.e. continuous assessment and single assessment.

The continuous assessment comprises:

- Three Use of English tests (30% of final mark)
- One Skills test at the end of the term (50% of final mark)
- One glossary of terms (5% of final mark)
- Two compulsory assignments (15% of final mark)

The single assessment comprises:

- One Use of English and Skills test (80% of final mark)
- Two compulsory assignments (20% of final mark)

All students have the option of taking a non-compulsory speaking test if they wish to improve their final mark. In order for this test to be taken into consideration students must first have passed the written test. All students must hand in their compulsory tasks on the same dates, regardless of their assessment option.

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

The learning process designed for this subject is based on the following aspects:

Due to the applied nature of this subject, all activities have been programmed from a practical perspective considering various situations that simulate real professional practice

In-class activities:

- Brief theoretical introduction to grammar points, relevant stylistic aspects and textual organization.
- Grammar practice.
- Specialized vocabulary practice.
- Skills practice: reading, writing, speaking; listening.

Out of-class activities:

- Self-learning activities available on the subject's website. These are mainly focused on grammar and vocabulary-acquisition practice.
- Communication skills work: communicative tasks that integrate grammatical and lexical aspects with one or more skills.

4.2.Learning tasks

The syllabus includes...

Dynamic, practical sessions, i.e., there are no purely theoretical sessions. Student work is regularly supervised by the lecturer, both in the classroom and outside in tutorial time. Students may also find supporting material in both the bibliography and website for the subject.

4.3.Syllabus

1. Grammar and functional content practised in specific contexts: verb tense revision; the comparative and the superlative; articles; relative pronouns; conjunctions and other link words; the conditional; descriptions; the language of statistics.
2. Practice of specific vocabulary related to the following topics: the Social Work Profession; Poverty; the Family; Stages in Human Development; the Work of NGOs; Social Services; Job Hunting.
3. Integrated communicative skills work: information leaflets; social work reports; *counselling*; presentations; NGO profile; C.V. and cover letters/emails; interviews.

UNIT ONE: Introduction to English for Social Work

- The Welfare State
- The Social Work Profession
- Characteristics of a (Good) Social Worker
- Writing an Information Leaflet about Social Work
- The Fight Against Poverty

UNIT TWO: The Family

- Stages of Human Development
- Members of the Family
- Changing Family Structures
- Parenting Styles
- Social Services for Children
- Offering Counselling about Family Problems

UNIT THREE: Case Study

- Writing a Case Study Report in Social Work
- Describing Personality, Mood and Behaviour

UNIT FOUR: The Role of NGOs

- The Work of Non-governmental Organisations
- Natural Disasters and Crisis Intervention
- Protection of Human Rights
- The Language of Statistics
- The Language of Presentations
- Presenting an NGO
- Writing an NGO profile

UNIT FIVE: Job Hunting in Social Work

- Areas of Professional Specialisation in Social Work
- Social Services in the Community
- Social Services for Migrants
- Social Work Ethics
- Applying for a Job in Social Work
- Understanding Social Work Job Offers
- Writing a CV and a Covering Letter/Email

4.4.Course planning and calendar

Calendar of Class Sessions and Assignment Deadlines

The subject comprises 5 ECTS credits, which involves 125 hours of student work. These 125 hours are organised into different types of activities.

1 In-class sessions: student work is focused on skills practice (**45 hours**).

2 Tests (**5 hours**).

3. Independent student work and self-study time (**75 hours**).

- Independent work: 70 hours.
- Team work: 5 hours

At the beginning of the term, the lecturer will provide information regarding key assessment and assignment dates, both for students who choose the continuous assessment option and those who do not. The deadline for assignments will be the same for all students, regardless of their assessment option.

If students opt for the continuous assessment option then they are expected to attend at least 80% of the class sessions. In addition, regular production of practical tasks is also expected from them.

4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources