



COURSE DATA

Data Subject

Code	33493
Name	Foundations of social work
Cycle	Grade
ECTS Credits	12.0
Academic year	2024 - 2025

Study (s)

Degree	Center	Acad. Period year
1311 - Degree in Social Work	Faculty of Social Sciences	1 Annual

Subject-matter

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1311 - Degree in Social Work	1 - Foundations of social work	Obligatory

Coordination

Name	Department
MONTALBA OCAÑA, CARMEN	350 - Social Work and Social Services

SUMMARY

The subject *Fundamentals of Social Work* is the first approach of students to the discipline and profession of social work. Its competences are common to other subjects such as *Research, Diagnose and Evaluation in Social Work; Psychology; Sociology; Health and Social Work; Anthropology; Gender Equality and Non-discrimination; Law and Economics*.

This subject is the base for the acquisition of knowledge for the subjects *Methods, Models and Techniques of Social Work* and *Social and Communication Abilities in Social Work*.

Through this subject we will explore the world we live in and the role of Social Work in it together with other characters, situations and realities from our own and from external perspectives.

This experience will provide students with knowledge, skills and abilities needed to become good professionals through cooperative, reflective and continuous work throughout the course, where students will:



- Understand what Social Work is and what it means; how and why it began and its purpose.
- Learn about its values, ethical criteria and basic principles.
- Identify and incorporate knowledge about social problematic that affect so many people, groups and communities and about processes, values and social institutions at stake.
- Use texts and documents to illustrate objective and subjective aspects of reality which will help us widen our knowledge and discover that there is more to human life than what we consider as a reality, in order to reflect on our own representations, conditioning and possibilities of professional action.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Relationship to other subjects of the same degree

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

Other requirements

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

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- Students must have acquired knowledge and understanding in a specific field of study, on the basis of general secondary education and at a level that includes mainly knowledge drawn from advanced textbooks, but also some cutting-edge knowledge in their field of study.
- Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.
- Capacidad para trabajar y valorar de manera conjunta con personas, familias, grupos, organizaciones y comunidades sus necesidades
- Capacidad para actuar en la resolución de las situaciones de riesgo con las personas así como para las propias y las de los colegas de la profesión.
- Capacidad para establecer relaciones profesionales al objeto de identificar la forma más adecuada de intervención.
- Capacidad para intervenir con personas, familias, grupos, organizaciones y comunidades para ayudarles a tomar decisiones bien fundamentadas acerca de sus necesidades, circunstancias, riesgos, opciones preferentes y recursos
- Capacidad para valorar las necesidades y opciones posibles para orientar una estrategia de intervención.
- Capacidad para establecer y actuar para la resolución de situaciones de riesgo previa identificación y definición de la naturaleza del mismo.



- Capacidad para establecer, minimizar y gestionar el riesgo hacia uno mismo y los colegas a través de la planificación, revisión y seguimiento de acciones para limitar el estrés y el riesgo.

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DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Historical Evolution of Social Work

- Historical evolution: Evolution of the ideas and poverty intervention practice. The origins of Social Work: institutions, first conceptualizations, modalities and important figures. Relationship of Social Work with Human Rights and Welfare States.
- Social Work in Spain: Stages: from 1930 to 2010; The process of formalization of the studies of Social Work.

2. Social Work today

- Social Work as a discipline within the framework of Social Sciences: Main theoretical orientations of Social Work; Definitions of Social Work; Aims and objectives of Social Work.
- The professional (individual): Profile and competences of the social worker; Professional identity.
- The professional environment: Areas of performance of social work; Relationship between social workers and other professionals at the workplace.

3. The object and subject of Social Work

- Object of Social Work: Human needs: theoretical conceptions, theories and classifications; Social problems: concepts, characteristics and analysis; Current social problems: trends and social demands.
- The subject of Social Work: The social worker and his/her relationship with persons, groups and communities; The capacity of agency of persons, groups and communities.

4. Ethics and professional deontology of Social Work

- Basic concepts: Basic ethical perspectives and Social Work; Values and ethical principles in Social Work: origins and evolution.
- Ethics and work situation: Current application of codes of professional ethics; problems and ethical dilemmas in professional practice.

**WORKLOAD**

ACTIVITY	Hours	% To be attended
Theoretical and practical classes	120,00	100
Attendance at events and external activities	12,00	0
Development of group work	20,00	0
Development of individual work	13,00	0
Study and independent work	15,00	0
Readings supplementary material	15,00	0
Preparation of evaluation activities	20,00	0
Preparing lectures	50,00	0
Preparation of practical classes and problem	25,00	0
Resolution of case studies	10,00	0
TOTAL	300,00	

TEACHING METHODOLOGY**English version is not available****EVALUATION****English version is not available****REFERENCES****Basic**

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