Welfare Science
(offered by the Department of Social Work)
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1 General Information

- This subject may only be taken for the BA degree.
- Students who passed Welfare Science must pass the practical work for Social Work (SCK103) before they register for Social Work at second-year level.
- Credit for a degree is granted for either:
  (i) WFS101 and 102 (or WSC100) or SCK101 and 102
  (ii) WFS301 or SCK301
  (iii) WFS302 or SCK302
  (iv) WFS303 or SCK303
  (v) WFS304 or SCK304
  (vi) WFS305 or SCK305

2 Transitional Arrangements

Students who failed WFS101 or 102 must repeat the module by registering for SCK101 or SCK102 respectively.

3 Syllabus

NB
All modules in this subject are offered as YEAR MODULES.

FIRST-LEVEL MODULES

SCK101W Welfare science and policy
Purpose: to enable students to develop knowledge, skills and competencies to understand social welfare policy and social problems, and to apply it to different contexts.

SCK102X Introduction to social work and the helping process
Purpose: to enable students to develop basic understanding of the nature, scope and complexity of the social work profession, the people-centred approach, and the helping process.

SECOND-LEVEL MODULES

See Social Work

THIRD-LEVEL MODULES

WFS301L Social case work
Prerequisite: WFS101, 102 (or SCK101, 102), SCK201-204
Co-requisite: WFS302, 304
Purpose: to enable students to demonstrate an understanding of the person-centred approach, values and skills of social casework, assessment and evaluation of social casework, their own development as social workers.

WFS302M Social group work
Prerequisite: SCK201
Co-requisite: WFS301, 304
Purpose: to enable students to demonstrate an understanding of group work in the helping professions, theoretical approaches to group work, developmental phases in group work, administration of group work, the integration of research in the evaluation and observation of groups.

WFS303N Community work
Prerequisite: SCK201
Co-requisite: WFS305
Purpose: to enable students in the helping professions to gain knowledge and understanding of a participatory approach to working with communities, project facilitation and management.

WFS304P Practical work in social case and group work
Prerequisite: SCK201
Co-requisite: WFS301, 302
Purpose: to enable students to apply the understanding gained in modules WFS301 and WFS302 by means of workshops, practice sessions, individual and group supervision and simulated practical situations.
WFS305Q  Practical work: community work

Prerequisite: SCK201
Co-requisite: WFS303

Purpose: to enable students in social work to demonstrate the understanding gained in module WFS303 of participatory project facilitations and management with communities by means of workshops, practice sessions, individual and group supervision, and simulated practical situations.