

WELF 2002 COMMUNITY WORK & DEVELOPMENT

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101632

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Description This subject introduces theories and skills in community work and community development. There will be an exploration of the range of ways the term "community" is used and an analysis of the assumptions, values, goals and visions behind community work will be discussed. The subject will explore the breadth and scope of community work at a local, state and global level. The subject will provide an opportunity to develop an understanding of the environmental, political, economic and cultural issues relevant to community work practice.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Social Work

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Equivalent Subjects WELF 1001 - Community Work and Community Development

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Critically analyse the notion of 'community'.
2. Apply theories and practice models used in community work.
3. Outline the skills required for effective community work practice.
4. Articulate an awareness of the construction and assumptions underpinning current practices of community development.

Subject Content

What is community work/ community development?

Ideologies, values and visions underlying community work.

Theories informing community work.

Models of community work practice - community development, social planning, community and social action. Applications in a Social Justice framework.

Skills required in community work and community development practice.

Community work in a globalised world.

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Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Presentatio	500 words (nominal - this item may be a creative and variable product)	20	N	Individual	N
Report	1,500 words	50	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Ife, J. (2016). *Community Development in an Uncertain World*. Port Melbourne: Cambridge

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Liverpool

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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