Title and Code of Course: Spirituality and Social Work

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Credit Point Value:	Number of Lessons	Type of Course:	Method of Evaluation:
6	per Week:	Seminar 🛛	Oral Examination \Box
	2	<u>Lecture □X</u>	In-Class Group
			Presentation
			<u>Other □X</u>

Course Description:

The course begins with the examination of the role of religion in the individuals' life, followed by the mutual interactions of religion and communities. The final unit of the course is the analysis of how different world views (world religions and secular world views) can be utilized in social work.

1. Introduction

2. Definitions: religion, spirituality, their dimensions

The individual and spirituality

- 3. Meaning systems and its consequences on well-being (dualism)
- 4. Plausibility structure and its consequences on well-being (millenarism)
- 5. The phases of individuals' religiosity
- 6. Women and spirituality

Community and spirituality

- 7. Religion and community (church-sect typology)
- 8. Religion and social change (Durkheim, Weber)

World religions and their social consequences

- 9. Christianity
- 10. Islam
- 11. Buddhism and Hinduism
- 12. "Establishing a Religious Entity" (consultation)

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- Wiedmeyer, N. 2013 "Spirituality in Social Work: Therapists' Perspectives on the Role of Spirituality Within their Practice" Retrieved from Sophia, the St. Catherine University repository website: https://sophia.stkate.edu/msw_papers/273