SOWK 230A - Community Development.
3 Credits – 3 hours per week

Course Description

This course will introduce the student to the broad range of opportunities available in the Human Services field. Additionally, the course will introduce the student to basic professional counselling skills, preparing them to enter a professional helping role.

Instructor

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Office Hours

Monday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tuesday: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Thursday: 4:00 PM– 5:00 PM
Friday: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Hours of Instruction

Friday 12:00 PM - 2:50 PM
Room SYNCEN 110

Required Resources

Brown, J. & Hannis, D. (2022). *Community development in Canada (3rd* ed.). Toronto, ON: Pearson
        Canada Inc.

McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015). *Community organizing theory and practice*: Upper Saddle River, NJ:
        Pearson Education Inc.

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall be able to:

- Describe the function of communities within the Canadian context.
- Define community development and define its history and the various types and models.
- Examine personal values in working with a diverse population.
- Determine how community values, social and political issues impact community development.
- Identify essential skills for a community development worker.
- Describe some basic strategies for community mobilization.
- Demonstrate knowledge of empowerment and the role of community development in Aboriginal communities.
- An introduction to international community development, historically and current context.

- Describe the basic evolution of the Canadian welfare state and the future of community development.

Discussion Reflection Questions Assignment Due September 27, 2022	10%
Midterm Exam October 18, 2022	30%
Group Project Due Nov. 22, 2022	30%
Final Exam TBA (during Exam Period December 8th - 19th)	30%
TOTAL	**100%**

A grade of C- is required for progression.

Discussion Question Reflection

Both textbooks include discussion/critical thinking questions in each chapter. Students will choose a chapter that interests them and write a response to be submitted to the instructor and briefly presented in class. Students must have their chapter selected by September 24th.

Student will receive written instructions in class. Chapter selection due by September 27, 2022. Weight 10%

Midterm Exam

This will be a 3 hour, in class midterm exam covering all chapters discussed in the textbooks and any other additional material covered in class.

In class midterm exam on October 18th, 2022. Weight: 30%

Group Project: Community Development in the RMWB

Students will work in assigned groups of 4 – 5. Each group will select a social issue that they are passionate about, and a community agency (within the RMWB) that is currently working to address the chosen issue. Students will spend a *minimum of 3 hours* either: attending an event organized by the agency, volunteering with the agency and/or interviewing agency representatives. Students will then create a 45 minute presentation for the class.

Student will receive written instructions in class. Due on November 22th, 2022. Weight 30%

Final Exam

The final exam will be scheduled during the final exam period (December 8th – 19th, 2022). This will be a 3 hour exam covering all chapters discussed after the midterm and any other additional material covered in class.

Date TBA (Final exam period: December 8th – 19th, 2022). Weight: 30%

Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
Excellent	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	

Good	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
Satisfactory	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
Progression	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
Minimum Pass	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

Proposed Schedule:

Wk	Date	Topics	Assigned reading
1	**Sept. 6**	Importance of Community; introduction to Community Development; History of Community Development	Brown, J. & Hannis, D (2012) Chapters 1, 2 and 3
2	**Sept. 13**	Building Relationships in the Community; Skills for Working in Communities	Brown, J. & Hannis, D (2012) Chapters 5 and 7
3	**Sept. 20**	A Look at Communities; Systems Thinking and the Kaleidoscopic Community	McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015) Chapters 1 and 2
4	**Sept. 27**	**Chapter Selection Due for the Discussion Question Reflection** Living and Working in Communities; Varieties of Community Organizing	McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015) Chapters 3 and 4
5	**Oct. 4**	The Community Organizing Cycle; Building an Effective Leadership Team	McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015) Chapters 5 and 6
6	**Oct. 11**	Indigenous Community Development	Brown, J. & Hannis, D (2012) Chapter 9
7	**Oct. 18**	**Midterm Exam**	**Midterm Exam**
8	**Oct. 25**	Participatory Research; Planning and Implementation	McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015) Chapters 7 and 8
9	**Nov. 1**	Management and Evaluation; Organizational Structures, Budgeting and Funding	McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015) Chapters 9 and 10
10	**Nov. 8**	Power and Empowerment; Navigating the Political Labyrinth	McKnight, J. & Plummer, J. (2015) Chapters 11
11	**Nov. 15**	Social Welfare and the Future of Community Development Exam Review	Brown, J. & Hannis, D (2012) Chapter 11
13	**Nov. 22**	**Group Presentations Due** Group Presentations	Group Presentations
14	**Nov. 29**	Group Presentations	Group Presentations
Final	**Dec.8-16**	**Final Exam**	**Final Exam**

Please Note: *Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.*

Performance Requirements and Student Services

Student Responsibilities

As a student, it is your responsibility to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the required forms, including the Withdraw Course or Program or a Change of Registration form. Please refer to the important dates listed in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and the Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and the Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is helpful for two reasons: First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is an excellent way to keep informed of matters relating to the course administration (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your learning and performance in this course. It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Absent students are responsible for the material covered in those classes, and students must ensure they are ready for their next class, including completing any missed assignments and notes.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered responsible adults and should adhere to the principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty takes many forms:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as their own,
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating),
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work,
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications,
- The willful distortion of results or data,
- Substitution in an examination by another person,
- Submitting unchanged work for another assignment, and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies. To ensure your understanding of plagiarism, you may be required to complete an online tutorial and submit the certificate of completion.

Online Learning

Technology and internet connectivity will impact your online learning experience. You may be required to watch online videos, take online quizzes, or participate in live online classes. Live/virtual courses will be hosted in Microsoft Teams or Zoom. For all course delivery types, you will access your course resources on Keyano's learning management system: Moodle (iLearn). Login in using your [Keyano username and password](). Keyano College operates in a Windows-based environment, and having access to the correct tools for online learning is essential. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

Internet Speed

Minimum download and upload speeds of 10 Mbps. Recommended download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of 10 Mbps (if you are sharing your internet at home). You can check your internet speed with [Speedtest by Ookla]().

Computer System Requirements

Microsoft Windows	Apple (Mac)
Minimum Requirements:	**Minimum Requirements:**
1. Windows 10 Operating System or above	1. Mac Operating System 10.14 (Monterey) or above
2. 4GB of RAM	2. 4GB of RAM
3. 10GB available hard drive storage space	3. 10GB available hard drive storage space
a. Install the Microsoft Office 365 suite (~3GB) *	a. Install the Microsoft Office 365 suite (~3GB) *
4. Microphone, webcam, and speakers (All modern laptops have these three accessories built-in.)	4. Microphone, webcam, and speakers (All modern laptops have these three accessories built-in.)
5. Windows has built-in anti-virus/malware software. It is essential to install system updates to keep your device secured regularly.	5. Mac has built-in anti-virus/malware software. It is important to install system updates to keep your device secured regularly.
*Microsoft Office 365 is free to Keyano students.	*Microsoft office 365 is free to Keyano students.
Recommended Upgrades	**Recommended Upgrades**
• 8GB of RAM	• 8GB of RAM
• Regularly back up or synchronize your files, locally or with a cloud-based storage option.	• Regularly back up or synchronize your files locally or with a cloud-based storage option.
OneDrive is the cloud-based storage option free to students after the setup of KeyanoMail and Microsoft 365.	OneDrive is the cloud-based storage option free to students after the setup of KeyanoMail and Microsoft 365.
Tablets, iPads and Chromebooks are **not** recommended: they may not be compatible with the testing lockdown browsers and Microsoft Office 365.	

Specific Department Requirements

Business and OA programs require Windows 10.
Other programs may utilize Windows-based tools as well.

Computer Software

Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 and Read & Write for free using Keyano credentials.

Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or course materials; this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc., on any platform. Thus, no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course-related content without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The Academic Integrity Policy provides additional information on Keyano College's expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

ITS Helpdesk

If you have issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing its.helpdesk@keyano.ca or calling 780-791-4965.

COVID-19 We are subject to provincial, and municipal bylaws, and policies. These decisions may change pending further direction from the Alberta Chief Medical Officer, Alberta Health Services, and other provincial guidelines. To protect yourself and others, get immunized, wash your hands, wear a mask, keep your distance (2m/6 ft) and remain home when feeling unwell. For the most recent COVID-19 information, please refer to albertahealthservices.ca/COVID.

Specialized Supports The Student Services Department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There is a variety of student support available at Keyano. All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The College is closed on statutory holidays. If you require support outside of regular business hours, please inform the support service team, and they will do their best to accommodate your needs.

Accessibility Services provides accommodations for students living with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities or who suspect a disability can meet with an Access Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact the department to request accommodations for the following semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact the department as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility supports and disability-based funding, please book an appointment by emailing us at: accessibility.services@keyano.ca.

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students and technology training and support to enhance learning. You can meet with an Access Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies. In addition, you can schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing: accessibility.services@keyano.ca

Wellness Services offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators provide a safe and confidential environment for you to seek help with personal concerns. Our Wellness Navigator offers support with basic needs such as housing, financial and nutritional support, and outside referrals when needed. Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in group sessions that address topics including mindfulness and test anxiety throughout the academic year. Individual appointments can be made by emailing wellness.services@keyano.ca.

Library Services: provides students with research, information, and education technology supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to help you online and in person throughout the semester. Librarians offer individual and small group appointments booked using the online Book A Librarian calendar. The Library also provides research and subject guides to help you with your studies. To view a subject or course-specific guide, check out the complete list of online Subject Guides. To start your research and access citation guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), visit the Research Help page. The Library's collections (including print and online materials) are searchable using OneSearch. The Library offers a Loanable Technology collection to support students accessing and using technology. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing, visit the Library's Loanable Technology webpage. For a detailed list of library resources and services, go to www.keyano.ca/library. For all inquiries, please email askthelibrary@keyano.ca or chat with us online.

Academic Success Centre: The Academic Success Centre at Keyano College (CC-119) provides **free** academic support services to registered students, such as tutoring, writing support, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. Academic Content Specialists are available in Mathematics, Science, Trades, Power Engineering, Upgrading/College Prep, Human Services, English, Humanities, and more. Students are encouraged to visit the Academic Success Centre to discuss study strategies and academic concerns. For additional information, please email Academic.Success@keyano.ca.

Academic Success Coach: The Academic Success Coach is located in the Academic Success Centre and works with students to develop academic success plans, time management skills, study strategies, and homework plans. For additional information, please email Academic.Success@keyano.ca.
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