

Columbia College
Community Development and Advocacy (HSPD250)
Lecture 1
Course Outline

Semester Dates: May 21, 2018 to June 23, 2018

Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

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Class Time: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (Sat.)

Room: 4-157

Credit: 3

Prerequisite: None

Note: It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator. Please note that when a holiday falls during the week, your class will be rescheduled for the Friday of that week. Students are required to make arrangements to be present at the rescheduled class.

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to enable students to acquire the skills needed to participate in achieving constructive social change through the process of community involvement and advocacy. Both theories and practical applications will be discussed with a focus on the values of community work and power, and how social structures are developed, maintained and changed. Students will be encouraged to actively engage in community involvement for this course.

Learning Outcomes:

As a result of active participation in these sessions, a student can expect to:

- Understand and explain the social, physical, and political needs that communities serve.
- Describe different types of communities and the functions that they serve.
- Identify the main features of community development and practice.
- Describe three perspectives on community organizations, including policy and administration, community development, and types of community organizations and analyze the implications of this information.
- Apply the Theory of Change Logical model to create community change to benefit marginalized groups
- Understand the role of advocacy in the community development process
- Describe the general systems theory and the implications of this perspective for building relationships in community practice.
- Understand the different ways to get involved in the community.
- Describe community development as a process and assess the role played by the professionals in this process.
- Identify and explain the various skills, strategies, and approaches needed in community work. Compare and contrast the three different categories of community intervention.

Course Format:

This course uses a variety of teaching/learning methods including discussion, personal reflection, experiential exercises, student presentations, role-plays, group activities and especially case studies. Our faculty aims to create a learning environment where the learner is actively engaged in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving. The classroom provides you with a place where you can learn with and from others in a cooperative and collaborative manner.

You are expected to take a very active part in class discussions and take responsibility for your own learning. Be a positive and co-operative team member. Columbia College uses a facilitation model of instruction where the facilitator's role is to facilitate your learning. The expectation is that you will come to class prepared with pre-class homework completed. Your facilitator will engage you in activities that are based on your completed homework and readings. Your enthusiastic and positive approach in the classroom will create an atmosphere that will help every student develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are needed for success.

How you conduct yourself in our classes will, to a large extent, mirror your conduct in society and your future work site. For example, if you have a tendency to ask questions, challenge the ideas of others in a respectful manner, draw out the best from your colleagues, and encourage both group development and task accomplishment in this class, it is likely you will do the same at work. A high level of student involvement and developing professionalism is expected in the classroom as you work towards your goal.

Required Textbooks and Equipment:

Brown, J. & Hannis, D. (2012). *Community Development in Canada* (2nd ed.). Toronto, ON: Pearson Canada Inc.

Haig, J., MacMillan, V., & Raikes, G. (2017). *Cites & Sources; an apa document guide* (5th ed.). Toronto, ON: Nelson Education Ltd.

Students may access this source from the College and from home.

ProQuest Nursing and Allied Health, Canadian Business and Current Affairs, and Canadian Newsstand

- <http://proquest.umi.com/login>
Username: cc-library
Password: welcome

GALE InfoTrac Custom Journals

- <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/calq145?db=SP00>
Password: cclibrary09

Further Recommended Readings and Resources:

N/A

Homework Assignment Due for the First Class:

- Read this course outline and prepare to discuss in class.
- Read chapters 1 and 2 in your text, *Community Development in Canada*.
- Write down at least three (3) questions from the assigned readings that you would find beneficial to discuss in class.
- Prepare for a test on the assigned Chapter readings.

Evaluation - Assessment of Student Performance:

The final grade in the course will be based on the following elements. Wherever possible facilitators will use rubrics to assess your performance and offer feedback.

Title of Assignment/Examination	Due Date	Weight
Daily Tests	Classes 1 through 5	20%
Writing Assignment A	Class 2	15%
Writing Assignment B	Class 3	15%
Writing Assignment C	Class 5	15%
Final Exam	Class 5	35%

Please note that all homework and assignments are due at the beginning of each class.

Grading:

Grades for each component will be added together at the end of the semester. The final total will be translated to the Columbia College's 4.0 grading scale as follows:

Marking and Grading Conversion:

Description	Letter Grade	Grade Points	Percentage Scale	
Excellent	A+	4.0	100	95
	A	4.0	94	90
	A-	3.7	89	85
Good	B+	3.3	84	80
	B	3.0	79	75
	B-	2.7	74	70
Satisfactory	C+	2.3	69	65
	C	2.0	64	60
	C-	1.7	59	55
Poor	D	1.0	54	50
Failure	F	0.0	49	0

Please note that to pass this course you must earn at least a "D" (a minimal pass), hand in all assignments, and write the final exam.

Submission and Completion of Assignments:

You are expected to submit assignments by the due date. Any late assignments may be assessed a marking penalty of 5% per day. If you are unable to submit an assignment on the due date, you must request an extension **before** the due date by filling out an *Application for Assignment Extension form (SSPP-F012)* that is to be submitted to the Department Chair for approval. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802 – Main Office and from Department Chairs.

Requesting an Examination Deferral:

If you are requesting an exam to be deferred, you must submit an Application for *Deferred Examinations form (SSPP-F012)* to the Department Chair **within 48 hours of the missed examination date and time**. Applications for deferred examinations will only be considered due to medical or personal emergency. A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation may be required. This form is available on Columbia's website, Bldg. 802-Main Office and from Department Chairs. There is a fee for Exam Deferral.

Attendance Requirements:

Columbia College believes that students are committed to their program and learning experiences. However, it is understood that there are times when students may be absent. Any absences can be viewed as a potentially serious disruption of the learning process and necessary achievement of the learning objectives. Being late is also considered unacceptable as it interferes with the learning opportunities of others. Unavoidable absences or lateness must be reported to the course facilitator in advance. Please refer to Columbia College's *Attendance Policy and Regulations (ADM-P151)* for detailed information on Attendance Requirements.

Academic Integrity:

Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from Columbia College.

There is no tolerance for academic dishonesty and any student caught plagiarizing is subject to serious sanctions as outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this policy and avoid any behavior that could possibly be seen as cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting, or putting into question the integrity of one's academic work.

Student Conduct:

It is the responsibility of each student to uphold the expectations and responsibilities outlined in the *Student Code of Conduct Policy (ADM-P229)*, *Columbia College's Commitment to Human Rights and Diversity Policy (ADM-P079)*, and any additional requirements established by your program.

Generally, each student will:

- be respectful and courteous toward others;
- demonstrate appropriate and supportive communication skills, and coach, assist, advise and otherwise support other students in their studies;
- manage any personal stress and conflict in a positive and resourceful manner, and assist others to do the same;
- be dressed in a manner appropriate for their workplace or learning environment, as established by the program;
- conduct themselves in a professional manner with regard to their communication with others and their behavior in class;
- conduct themselves with academic integrity in all of their learning activities, tests, exams, and assignments
- keep up with day-to-day classroom and course expectations.

Important Dates:

Description	Date
Last to add/drop courses	5 school operating days from the start of the semester OR before the third scheduled class, whichever is greater
Last day to withdraw without academic penalty	50% or less of the semester has been completed
Final Examination	A final exam may take many formats. If a final exam is scheduled, it will be taken in an assigned room under the supervision of a Test Proctor. <u>Students must be on time as they will not be permitted to enter once the exam has started.</u> Exam schedules are available in each building on a bulletin board, as well as online at www.columbia.ab.ca/exams . <u>It is the student's responsibility to check this exam posting.</u>

Appeals:

Please refer to the *Student Appeal Policy (ADM-P177)*.

Students with Temporary or Permanent Disabilities or Medical Condition:

Students with temporary or permanent disabilities or medical condition may apply for accommodations. To be considered for an accommodation, a student must register with Columbia College's Accessibility Services by making an appointment with an Accessibility Services Advisor – Main Office – Bldg. 802 or emailing accessibilityservices@columbia.ab.ca. The Department Chair or facilitator is not able to provide you with any accommodations without you taking this step. Please refer to Columbia College's website to review *the Accommodation Policy and Handbook (ADM-P188)*.

Student Support:

Students should be aware that Life Coaching, Career and Accessibility Services, and Student Support Services (i.e. tutoring, academic strategists, etc.) are provided by Columbia College. Inquire how to request these services at the Main Office in building 802. It is the student's responsibility to discuss their specific learning needs with the appropriate service provider.

Class Schedule/Overview:

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Any changes or cancellations will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to check the email address you have given to the school on a daily basis for any messages from the Department Chair/designate, facilitator or College Administration. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the information contained in the Course Outline and to clarify any areas of concern with the facilitator.

Class Session	Topics	Pre-Class Readings
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction and course overview • Importance of Community • Introduction to Community Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters 1 & 2
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Community Development • Perspectives on Community Development • Building Relationships with the Community • Tentative: Community Guest Speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters 3, 4, 5 • Writing Assignment A Due
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process of Community Development • Skills for Working in Communities • Tentative: Community Guest Speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 6 & 7 • Writing Assignment B Due
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Case Studies • Aboriginal Community Development • Tentative: Community Guest Speaker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter, 8 & 9 •
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Community Development • Social Welfare and the Future of Community Development • Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 10 & 11 • Writing Assignment C Due
	<i>Final Exam – 3 hrs.</i>	•

Appendix 1 Assignment Outlines

Daily Tests

Due Date: Each class from classes 1 through 5

Weight: 20%

Students will be expected to read the assigned chapters in the text and other assigned readings and be prepared to write a graded test based on these reading assignments

Writing Assignment A

Due: Class 2

Weight: 15%

Choose one of the following topics for your Writing Assignment A:

Topic 1: Functions of a community

Explain 5 different functions of communities and provide examples of how you see evidence of these functions in your own community (or in Calgary as a whole).

Topic 2: Stigma and High Transience

Discuss how stigma and high transience weaken communities. What activities have you seen (or can you do) in a community to counteract the weakening impact that stigma and high transience can have?

Topic 3: Community Development

In what way did Moses Coady influence community development in Canada? How would Moses Coady apply Community Economic Development strategy to create a sustainable housing initiative? Name and discuss at least two considerations that you would keep in mind.

Writing Assignment B

Due: Class 3

Weight: 15%

Choose one of the following topics for your Writing Assignment B:

Topic 1: General Systems Theory

General Systems Theory sees all living and non-living matter as systems, and each part of the system is part of a whole to achieve a goal. How do relationships play a part in community development work? Name and discuss two ways you might develop and sustain relationships in your work as a community worker?

Topic 2: Conflict

Why might there be conflict in working toward a goal in community work? Name and describe three strategies you might use to manage conflict as a community worker in the field?

Writing Assignment C

Due: Class 5

Weight: 15%

What is advocacy? Why is it important to advocate for marginalized people? Name and discuss three strategies you may use to advocate for marginalized people?

Writing Assignment Expectations (for all writing assignments):

- **Objective:** The objectives of the two writing assignments are to critically apply concepts, ideas, and procedures to facilitate higher level learning. The assignments are designed so students can demonstrate depth of knowledge related to the course content.
- **Focus:** Each assignment is designed to apply knowledge from the chapters and class discussions.
- **Format:** All assignments will be double-spaced. Do not include title pages. Include your name at the top of each page. A minimum of one inch margins on each side. 12 point Times New Roman font is preferred. Each assignment should have a minimum length of 500 words but is not to exceed 750 words. Students will be evaluated according to the attached rubric: Short Answer Writing Response Marking Rubric.

How to avoid plagiarism

The simplest way to avoid plagiarism is to reference any sources properly (using both in-text, parenthetical citations in the body of your assignment and a 'References' page at the end). While it is commonplace to build upon the knowledge of others, it is necessary to clearly state the sources and foundations of that knowledge. Referencing must conform to the APA referencing formats outlined in the 'Citations' resource book.

Final Exam

Due Date: Class 5

Weight: 35%

Students will be required to write a final exam covering the content of classroom learning and assigned text and other readings. Students will be evaluated based on Reflective Writing Rubric.

**Appendix 1
Assignment Rubrics**

**Columbia College
Critical Writing Response Marking Rubric
Revised Jan. 2018**

Student's Name	Course Code	Date	Facilitator/Evaluator's Name		
	A 10-9	B 8-7	C-D 6-5	F 4-0	Score
Quality of Response Content/Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates reflection, insight, and accurate interpretation of assignment. • States main idea/opinion clearly. • Provides support for the main idea through numerous, relevant sources and/or references to the course readings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates reflection and accurate interpretation of assignment. • States main idea /opinion clearly. • Provides support for the main idea through number of relevant sources and/or references to the course readings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited response to assignment. • Partly identifies main idea/opinion. • Attempts some support for the main idea, but it is limited in applicability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates limited response that is hard to follow. • Main idea/opinion not identified. • Uses little to no references to support opinion. 	
Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores issue thoroughly and with insight, developing a clear, original position with persuasive examples. • Demonstrates sound logic. • Demonstrates excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores issue well, developing an original position with and good examples. • Demonstrates good logic. • Demonstrates very good critical thinking and problem solving skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines the issue, but explores it inadequately. • Uses examples inconsistently and/or examples are lacking. • Demonstrates weakness in logic. • Demonstrates weak critical thinking and problem solving skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defines issue inadequately, demonstrating a simplistic view. • Lacks logic. • Demonstrates poor critical thinking and problem solving skills. 	

	A	B	C-D	F	Score
	10-9	8-7	6-5	4-0	
Style Expression of Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses highly effective, clearly focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. • Incorporates knowledge of stylistic techniques. • Conveys all ideas with originality and clarity. • Uses rich, accurate and effective word choice. • Consistently demonstrates original, sincere and compelling personal voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly uses effective, well structured, focused, varied sentences, addressing audience and purpose. • Demonstrates use of particular stylistic techniques. • Conveys most ideas with originality and clarity. • Uses accurate and effective word choice. • Mostly demonstrates original, sincere personal voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates limited attempts at creating varied sentences to address audience and purpose. • Often sentences are somewhat awkward. • Little attempt at using stylistic techniques. • Conveys some ideas clearly. • Uses vague, ineffective word choice. • Demonstrates little to no development of a personal voice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses simplistic sentence structures that are awkward and do not address audience and purpose. • No stylistic devices attempted. • Most ideas are not conveyed clearly. • Inadequate word choice. • No evidence of a personal voice. 	
Organization and Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a sophisticated, well developed beginning, middle and conclusion. • Connects all ideas logically. • Uses a variety of carefully crafted sentence structures. • Consistently establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a well-developed beginning, middle, and conclusion. • Connects most ideas logically. • Uses a variety of well-structured sentence • Most of the time establishes appropriate paragraphing and transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates an unfocused beginning, middle and a simple conclusion. • Creates answer that is poorly structured. • Uses some sentence variety with errors that begin to interfere with meaning. • Shows faulty paragraphing and lack of transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a limited response with no clear beginning, middle, and conclusion. • Creates confusion in structure. • Uses little to no sentence structure variety. • Many structural errors • Weak to no paragraphing or transition. 	

	A	B	C-D	F	Score
	10-9	8-7	6-5	4-0	
Mechanics, Grammar, Professional Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly error free. Uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources. Meets and exceeds all requirements for an excellent academic response. Meets and exceeds all requirements of the assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A few minor errors in usage, grammar, or mechanics. Generally uses APA citation correctly where applicable for referencing sources. Meets most requirements for a well written academic response. Meets most requirements of the assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, beginning to interfere with the readability and meaning of the paper. Uses APA citation inconsistently and with errors when sources are used. Meets a few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets a few requirements of the assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous errors in usage, grammar, and mechanics, affecting the readability and meaning of the paper. Many errors in APA citation, demonstrating lack of citation knowledge when sources are used. Meets few requirements for an acceptable academic response. Meets little to no requirements of the assignment. 	

Plagiarism: A “0” grade will be given to a paper where significant sections of the paper were copied from other, unattributed sources.

Total Score out of 50:

Facilitator/Evaluator’s Comments: