

Module Title Social Policy and Social Work Practice Keywords Social Policy, Welfare, Social Work Practice	Reference SS2026 SCQF Level SCQF 8 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created March 2004 Approved September 2004 Amended January 2010 Version No. 4
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Prerequisites for Module

Satisfactory completion of Stage 1 modules or equivalent.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the ability to understand contemporary society within a social policy context and its relationship to social work practice.

Learning Outcomes for Module

The specific child centred components of the module reflect the knowledge requirements within the Key Capabilities in Child Care and Protection (Scottish Executive, 2006)

Indicative Student Workload

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
Lectures	36
Seminars	12

Directed Study

40

Private Study

62

Mode of Delivery

A combination of lectures, discussion, seminars and student centred learning.

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Understand a range of social policies and their impact on contemporary social issues and problems.
2. Understand the relationship between social policy and social work practice.
3. Apply themes from social policies, law and human growth and behaviour to social work practice.

Indicative Module Content

Historical antecedents of social policy. Relationship between social policy and social work practice. Key concepts in policy formulation and analysis. Models of welfare provision. Philosophical and ideological underpinning of social policy. Social policy, including; Children and Families, Education, Community Care, Vulnerable Adults, etc.

Assessment Plan

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2
Component 2	3

Learning Outcome 3 is assessed by a case study

Learning Outcomes 1 and 2 are assessed by an essay

Indicative Bibliography

1. Hothersall, S. and Bolger, J., Eds. 2010. Social Policy for Social Work, Social Care and the Caring Professions: Scottish Perspectives, Farnham: Ashgate.
2. Cunningham, J. and Cunningham, S., 2012. Social Policy and Social Work: An Introduction. Exeter: Learning Matters
3. Kennedy, P., 2013. Key Themes in Social Policy. Routledge: Abingdon.