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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Contexts of Social Work Practice: Law, Sociology and Social Policy

Reference	SS4035	Version	4
Created	August 2019	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	September 2009	SCQF Points	15
Amended	August 2019	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

Drawing from the disciplines of law, sociology and social policy, the module introduces and develops the conceptual frameworks and applied knowledge necessary for a critical understanding of the dynamic legal, social, political and institutional contexts of contemporary social work practice.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Conceptualise critically the basis of the Scottish legal context in relation to social work practice
- 2 Critically appraise the social processes and structures that impact upon the lived experience and opportunities of individuals and groups in relation to social work practice
- 3 Critically analyse social policy in relation to contemporary social issues and apply to social work practice.

Indicative Module Content

Institutions and sources of law. Parental responsibilities and rights. Children's Hearing System. Sociological perspectives. Identity, practice and everyday life. Class, race and gender inequality. Social institutions and power. Key concepts in social policy. Models of welfare provision. Ideological underpinning of social policy. Relationship between social policy and social work practice.

Module Delivery

The module is delivered in taught mode, by lectures, interactive seminars, case studies and directed study.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	64	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	86	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Coursework Weighting: 100% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: The coursework will take the form of an essay linked to a common case study.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text****Coursework**

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	A
B	B
C	C
D	D
E	E
F	F
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module None, in addition to course entry requirements.
 Corequisites for module None.
 Precluded Modules None.

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