

Course Name	Political Economy and Social Policy				
Course ID	013136				
Area & Cat No.	POLI 1009				
Units	4.5	Career	UG	BUGE	No
School	SWP	Campus(es)	Magill	FOE	ASU
Components	Lecture, Tutorial	Mode	Internal/External/ Online	Final Exam	No
Syllabus Plus	Yes				

Prerequisite(s)

Nil.

Aim

To enable the student to develop an understanding of concepts in economic theory, and to analyse their implications for social policy and social welfare services in Australia.

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- identify and analyse some of the major economic approaches and policies that have shaped the Australian economy;
- identify the implications for social welfare policy of various economic approaches and policies;
- identify principles and processes of resource gathering, allocation and redistribution in the changing welfare state;
- assess the impact of political economy on public policies and citizenship
- develop a framework for the analysis of Australian social policies.

By undertaking this course, students will progress in the development of the following qualities:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Graduate quality	Body of knowledge	Lifelong learning	Effective problem solving	Work alone and in teams	Ethical action	Communicate effectively	International perspective
Indicative unit weighting	2.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	-	0.5	-

Syllabus

Classical economics and the market mechanism; Marxist economics; Keynesianism; neo-classical economics; globalisation; Politics and the policy process; State intervention and redistribution of resources; taxation and revenue raising; Macro economics and employment; Welfare policy and social exclusion.

Teaching and learning arrangements

This course will be delivered by internal and external mode using the following means:

Internal Mode (Magill): Lectures, (13 x 1 hour) to give an outline of work to be covered; Tutorials, (13 x 1.5 hours) provide an opportunity for reflection and analysis of materials and assignment preparation.

Online resources will be utilised to provide; course information, noticeboards, lecture notes, digitalised readings and pertinent web-links.

External Mode

The external mode makes extensive use of online resources, including; course information, noticeboards, assessment details, weekly study materials, online discussion and chat pages, digitalised readings and pertinent web-links.

Assessment

Essay Plan x 300 words	10%
Major Essay x 2000 words	40%
Journal x 2000 words	50%

Textbook(s)

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References

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