

Course Name	Australian Social Policy				
Course ID	12687				
Area & Cat No.	POLI 1012				
Units	4.5	Career	UG	BUGE	No
School	SWP	Campus(es)	Magill, Whyalla	FOE	ASU
Components	Lecture, Tutorial	Mode	Internal/External/ Online	Final Exam	No
Syllabus Plus	Yes				

Prerequisite(s)

Nil

Aim

To analyse the nature of Australian social policies relevant to the human services.

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- give an account of some of the major social policies that shape the delivery of human service provision in Australia;
- apply critical frameworks to selected policy areas and examine the implications for citizenship and human rights
- analyse Australian social policies in both regional and international perspectives;
- recognise the diversity of population interests and power in social policy contests.

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	1.5	1.0	0.5	0.5		0.5	0.5

Syllabus

Themes in the historical development of Australian social policy; issues in policy making process; understanding main policy features and applying a framework of policy analysis to (some of) health, housing, , family, disability and rehabilitation, housing, mobility, social care, policy in relation to older Australians, policy in relation to Indigenous Australians; rural policies; policy activism.

Teaching and learning arrangements

This course will be delivered using the following means:

Internal Mode

Lectures, (13 x 1 hour)

Tutorials, (13 x 1.5 hours).

Assessment

Minor Assignment x 1000-words	15%
Major Assignment x 2000words	50%
Written Participation Indicator x 1500 words	35%

Textbook(s)

Jamrozik, A, *Social Policy in the Post-Welfare State: Australian society in the twenty first century*, Second Edition, Pearson Longman, Melbourne, 2005

References

- Bridgman, P, and Davis, G, *Australian Policy Handbook*, Allen and Unwin, Melbourne, 1998.
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- Mendes, P, *Australian welfare wars: the player, the politics and the ideologies*. UNSW Press. Australia. 2003
- Saunders, P, *The Ends and Means of Welfare: coping with economic and social change in Australia*, Cambridge, Melbourne, 2002.
- Smyth, P, and Cass, B, (eds), *Contesting the Australian Way: States markets and civil society*, Cambridge, Melbourne, 1998.

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