

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4003SWBAP** (100589)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 24.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 63.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 177

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	39.000
Seminar	21.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Assignment, 3000 words; an evaluation of a Green Paper. The assignment will require the use of the Internet.	50.0	
Exam	AS2	Seen law exam	50.0	3.00

### Aims

- To introduce students to the discipline of Social Policy.*
- To consider some of the key ideologies that have helped shape Social Policy.*
- To introduce students to the key elements of the legal system*
- To introduce the key principles of legislation for social work practice*

5. To examine the impact of law and social policy upon service users and their significance for social divisions

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of ideology on developments in welfare provision
- 2 Identify key elements of the legal system
- 3 Identify the key principles of the legislation for social work practice.
- 4 Evaluate the impact of law and social policies on users of social services;
- 5 Demonstrate skills in managing problem-solving, gathering information, analysis and synthesis and communication

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay	1	4	5
EXAM	2	3	4

## Outline Syllabus

- 1) *History and Development of the Welfare State (and of social services in particular): the impact of ideology; implementing policy.*
- 2) *The legal system in England and Wales: the basis of legislation; the court system; court practice.*
- 3) *Critiques of welfare provision.*
- 4) *Human rights Act 1998*
- 5) *The law on discrimination and equal opportunity.*
- 6) *Law and policy: children; older people; mental health and criminal justice.*
- 7) *International perspectives.*

## Learning Activities

Lectures will provide core material for further exploration through a programme of seminars based on guided reading. Students will be required to prepare for and present at seminars. They will be asked to assemble a portfolio from media articles. Students will study case examples in preparation for the seen law exam.

## References

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Adams, R.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2002

<b>Title</b>	Social Policy for Social Work'
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	
<b>Publisher</b>	Palgrave
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Alcock, P.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	'Social Policy in Britain'
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd. edn
<b>Publisher</b>	MacMillan
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Alcock,P., Erskine,A., May,M.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2003
<b>Title</b>	'The Students' Companion to Social Policy
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd. edn.
<b>Publisher</b>	Blackwell
<b>ISBN</b>	

<b>Course Material</b>	Book
<b>Author</b>	Brammer,A.
<b>Publishing Year</b>	2007
<b>Title</b>	Social Work Law
<b>Subtitle</b>	
<b>Edition</b>	2nd.
<b>Publisher</b>	Pearson Education
<b>ISBN</b>	

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## Notes

This module provides an introduction to law and social policy, with particular reference to the personal social services, and the users of these services.

Seminars will provide opportunities for formative feedback.