

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY
Status: Definitive
Code: **4503SWCBAP** (108579)
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health
Teaching School/Faculty: City of Liverpool College

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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*
- 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:

Evaluation of Green Paper	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

Course Material	Book
Author	Adams, R.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Social Policy for Social Work'

Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Palgrave
ISBN	

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

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

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

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.