

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: CRITICAL SOCIAL & GREEN POLICY 1
Status: Definitive
Code: **5005SOCIO** (114755)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ5
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 20.00
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 100

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	10.000
Workshop	10.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2,500 word policy analysis informed by critical social policy theory.	100.0	

Aims

1. To provide a critical analytic overview of the development of British social policy, to date, with specific reference to issues of gender, 'race', nation, class, age, disability, sexuality and relevant environmental concerns.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 understand and distinguish between different theories, ideologies and discourses of social policy, both 'mainstream', critical & 'green';
- 2 Demonstrate awareness of critical social policy perspectives (including 'green') with deeper knowledge of at least one of these;
- 3 Be aware of critical responses to the impact of 'third way' discourses on social policy provision;
- 4 Reflect upon the twin themes of 'control' versus 'need' and 'universalism' versus 'diversity' within social policy analysis and practice;

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Essay 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

*The development of 'mainstream social policy analysis and practice'.
Critical perspectives which critique the mainstream based on such social divisions as class, 'race', gender, 'disability', age, sexuality and their interconnections.
The implications of the emerging development of 'green concerns' within the field of social policy.*

Learning Activities

Lectures and workshops.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Levitas, R.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	The Inclusive Society?: Social Inclusion and New Labour
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan.
ISBN	

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

Publisher	Basingstoke, Palgrave Macmillan.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Williams, F.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Social Policy: A critical introduction
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	Cambridge, Polity
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Swain, J. et al.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Controversial Issues in a Disabling Society.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Buckingham, Open University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Critical Social Policy Journal.
Publishing Year	0
Title	
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Journal of Social Policy.
Publishing Year	0
Title	
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Lavalette, M. & Pratt, A.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Social Policy
Subtitle	Theories, Concepts and Issues
Edition	3rd Edition
Publisher	London, Sage.
ISBN	

Notes

This module provides a critical overview of social policy analysis and practice to date, with particular emphasis on the contemporary, and specific attention to the interconnected issues of class, gender, 'race', age, 'disability', sexuality and environmental concerns.