

Module Code	ECAY5004
Title	Work, Poverty and Welfare in the Modern World
Date	27/03/2019
Level	5
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	N/A

AIM(S)

- To investigate three significant strands of social policy (welfare, work and poverty) and the relationship between the state, markets and personal life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- analyse the impact of changing patterns of work on social and economic inequality and the changes in welfare provision to respond to this(e.g. minimum wage, tax credits etc.);
- apply social science concepts and perspectives to understand the way in which different Governments create and implement policy with regard to employment and welfare;
- analyse the social consequences of different employment and management practices and policy delivery mechanisms.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- Changes in working practice and employment since 1945 (e.g. Fordism and post-Fordism).
- The development of the welfare state since 1945.
- The cultural production of so-called "welfare dependents".
- New orthodoxies of welfare conditionality, personalised responsibility and paternalism (e.g. Walter Benjamin and Adams, Social Mobility, meritocracy).
- The changing nature of work, worker identities and labour geographies.
- Living wage campaigns in the global city, migrant labour and the casualisation of the "precariat" workforce; and how education impacts upon work, poverty and welfare.
- The relationship between economic policy and the wealthy.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	15%
Independent learning	170	85%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Essay	2800 words	70%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Video Presentation	10 minutes	30%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	
Coursework	70%
Practical	30%
TOTAL	100%

READING LIST

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Module Title	Work, Poverty and Welfare in the Modern World	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Alcock, P. (2006) <i>Understanding Poverty</i> , 3rd edition, Basingstoke: Palgrave	☐
Essential	Atkinson, A.B. (2018) <i>Inequality: What Can Be Done?</i> Harvard University Press	☐
Essential	Dean, H & Platt, L. (2016) <i>Social Advantage and Disadvantage</i> . Oxford University Press	☐
Essential	Pierson, Castles, Pierson, Christopher, & Castles, Francis Geoffrey. (2013). <i>The welfare state reader</i> (2nd ed.). Cambridge: Polity.	☐
Further	Burchardt, T. (2007) 'Welfare: What For?', in J. Hills et al (eds.), <i>Making social policy work : essays in honour of Howard Glennerster</i> , Bristol: The Policy Press.	☐
Further	Hills, J (2014). <i>Good Times, Bad Times: The Welfare Myth of Them and Us</i> , London: Policy Press	☐
Further	Jenkins, S.P. (2011) <i>Changing Fortunes: Income Mobility and Poverty Dynamics in Britain</i> , Oxford: University Press	☐
Further	Lukacher, N. (1982). 'Walter Benjamin's Chthonian Revolution'. <i>Boundary 2</i> , 11(1/2), 41-57. doi:10.2307/303017	☒
Further	Shildrick, MacDonald, Webster, & Garthwaite (2010). <i>The Low-Pay, No-Pay Cycle: Understanding Recurrent Poverty</i> Joseph Rowntree Foundation.	☐
Further	Weis L and Dolby N (2012) <i>Social Class and Education: Global Perspectives</i> , London: Routledge.	☐
Further	Dorling D (2015) <i>Inequality and the 1%</i> , London: Verso.	☐
Further	Stiglitz JE (2013) <i>The Price of Inequality</i> , London: Penguin UK.	☐

