

MODULE CODE: ECED7001
TITLE: Political: Influences on Inequality and Diversity
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AIM(S)

- To critically explore the social and the political landscape and how this influences social policy in relation to inequality and diversity in society.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Engage in in-depth study of the contexts which impact upon the development and implementation of social policy, social justice, equity, equality, diversity and inclusion within EU, UK and Wales.
- Critically explore the drivers of social policy, appraising key theorists who explore models for inclusive policy.
- Critically evaluate the role of practitioners in a multi-disciplinary field, in relation to the development of policy with the consideration of ethical issues.
- Critical understanding of how society might change to become more equal, inclusive and sustainable.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

- An exploration of what policy/legislation mean for the individual, community and society and how this reflection individualisation or welfareism. An understanding of the political actors who contribute, with varying levels of power, to the making of laws and policies within Wales, UK, Europe and Globally. An exploration of the role of lobbyists, interest and pressure groups. Looking at the increasing role of user and carer participation in the commissioning of services, the barriers and challenges of user and carer involvement, and the benefits, to developing more inclusive, responsive and sustainable services.
- Exploration of how social power is embodied within a range of policies, laws and strategies that support social inclusion within society. A consideration of the barriers and challenges to initiating and sustaining change. A critical examination of the processes of social reproduction and change through social constructionist perspectives, and a critical examination of the role of social change in building inclusive and sustainable communities. Explore the complexity of the social and political environment within which policy decisions are made locally, nationally, regionally and globally. This includes, for example, an exploration of issues such as disability, sexual orientation, age, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex and poverty.

- A critical exploration of how legislation and policy influences practice in a multi-disciplinary arena, including a consideration of the debate surrounding moral versus legal issues, such as: consent to medical treatment; civil rights and child protection issues.

LEARNING AND TEACHING STRATEGY

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	10%
Independent learning	270	90%
Placement learning		
TOTAL	300	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Written Submission	3000 words	40%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Written Submission	2250 words	30%

Assessment Component 3

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Seminar Presentation	15 minutes	30%

Assessment Summary

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

READING LIST

Module Code	ECED7001	
Module Title	Political: Influences on Inequality and Diversity	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Baylis, J, Smith S and Patricia Owens, (2014) <i>The Globalisation of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations</i> , Abingdon: OUP.	☐
Essential	Heffernan R (2016) <i>Developments in British Politics 10</i> , London: Palgrave.	☐
Essential	Held, D. & Kaya, Ayse. (2007) <i>Global Inequality: Patterns and Explanations</i> , Cambridge: Polity.	☐
Essential	Jansson BS (2016) <i>Social Welfare Policy and Advocacy: Advancing Social Justice through 8 Policy Sectors</i> .	☐
Essential	McAuley JW (2003) <i>An introduction to Politics, State and Society</i> , London: Sage.	☐
Essential	Yeates N (2014) <i>Understanding Global Social Policy</i> , London: Policy Press.	☐
Further	Clark A (2012) <i>Political Parties in the UK</i> , London: Palgrave.	☐
Further	Dorling, D (2013) <i>Injustice: Why Social Inequality Persists</i> , Bristol: The Policy Press.	☐
Further	EHRC (2012) Equality and Human Rights Commission Annual Report and Accounts 1 April 2011-31 March 2012 (House of Commons Papers), London: EHRC. Gugler, J. (2004) <i>World Cities beyond the West: Globalization, Development and Inequality</i> , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.	☐
Further	Emens, E.F & Stein M, A. (2013) <i>Disability and Equality Law (The Library of Essays on Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law)</i> London: Ashgate.	☐
Further	Kennedy, P (2013) <i>Key Themes in Social Policy</i> , Abingdon: Routledge.	☒
Further	Levitas, R. (2005) <i>The Inclusive Society? Social Exclusion and New Labour</i> , Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.	☐
Further	Percy-Smith, J (2000) <i>Policy Responses to Social Exclusion: Towards Inclusion?</i> Buckingham: Open University Press.	☐
Further	Pierson, J (2010) <i>Tackling Social Exclusion</i> , London: Routledge.	☐
Further	Smith A & Spencer MG (2012) <i>Wealth of Nations</i> , London: Worsdworth.	☐