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SSU11010	Introduction to Psychology	10	Full Year	0	100	None	The course aims to give you insight to psychological theories and research, and how we can use psychology to understand people and their behaviour. This 44-hour module comprises of one (two-hour) lecture each week, across Michaelmas and Hilary terms. In Michaelmas Term, the module will provide a broad introduction to the major areas of study within psychology. Throughout Hilary Term, special attention will be paid to psychological approaches to understanding social processes, such as group interaction and prejudice.

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SSU11051	Introduction to Social Policy Concepts	10	Semester 1	0	100	None	This module equips students to recognise the extent to which ideology, 16 politics and values influence and shape social policy and encouraged to question patterns, assumptions and normative concepts and constructs generated by social policy. Students will explore multiple contexts shaping social policy across international, supra-national, national and local levels. Learners will be given an appreciation of the key skills of rigorous analysis and critical reflection informed by continuously evolving political, ethical, theoretical, and material contexts that shape social policy making. The module is designed to equip learners for a deeper exploration of specific policy issues and debates throughout further studies of social policy.
SSU22042	European Refugee Policy	5	Semester 1	0	100	None	This course examines the legal basis of modern asylum and refugee systems, how these systems operate in practice and how the protection of people who have been forcibly displaced has come to be intertwined with the politics and policies of migration more generally.

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SSU22152	Global Health Policy	5	Semester 1	0	100	Recommended for 3rd and 4th year social work and social policy majors only.	This course will examine the issues of social policy from global as well as historical perspectives. It will also look at the welfare states, comparing welfare solutions, tools and policies across different times and places. Rather than trying to take a snapshot of certain "regimes", this course will compare various systems to create a "library of solutions" from which one could "mix and match" depending on the specific social challenges and contexts.

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SSU33011	Youth & Society	5	Semester 1	0	100	Recommended for 3rd and 4th year social work and social policy majors only.	This module is inter-disciplinary and will draw upon research linked to Youth Studies, Sociology, Criminology, Psychology and Social Policy. The core aim is to provide students with an in-depth, research-based understanding of youth, adolescence, and emerging adulthood. The course will focus on key theoretical approaches to understanding youth in society and will consider a range of substantive issues and areas within contemporary research on both 'mainstream' and 'marginalised' youth, but with a strong emphasis on youth 'at risk', including homeless youth, young people with care experience, and young people who use drugs. Varying approaches to the study of youth will be reviewed and we will explore how social and economic forces influence the lives and experiences of young people generally and marginalised youth in particular.

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SSU33021	Policy Issues in Human Services	5	Semester 1	0	100	Recommended for 3rd and 4th year social work and social policy majors only.	Many social policies are implemented through human services such as education, health and social work. The provision and delivery of services through human service organisations is therefore associated with effective social policy implementation. However, human services organisations operate in complex and dynamic environments where policy issues impacting on service delivery emerge continuously. This module will explore policy issues such as digitalisation, regulation and quality assurance and enhancement. The module will pay particular attention to the impact of policy issues on the availability, retention and skills of human service staff, an essential component of human services delivery. The module will encourage students to identify and communicate the interconnections between the policy issues explored, highlighting the need for critical thinking to develop nuanced policy solutions to these issues.

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SSU11052	Introduction to Social Policy in Action	5	Semester 2	0	100	None	This module will focus on social policy in action. The role of frameworks for understanding the process of policy making will be introduced. Current frameworks for understanding the policy making process will be considered. Recent developments in selected applied policy issues will be described. Related policy initiatives will be assessed to consider how elements of the stages model feature in the selected initiatives.
SSU11092	Critical Analysis & Argument Development	5	Semester 2	0	100	None	This module aims to develop students' core social policy skills, including critical analysis, argument development and the use of an evidence-informed approach. The module introduces students to key social policy issues including activation policy, universal basic income and the gender pay gap. Students are challenged to practice and develop the skills they have learnt by engaging critically with these topics. Students are supported to critically appraise how explanations of and solutions to social issues may be influenced by analysis of evidence and competing perspectives

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SSU22121	Poverty, Welfare and Justice	5	Semester 2	0	100	None	Underpinned by the idea of the right to a 'basic minimum', welfare states are a major feature of many societies. Ostensibly a major role of the welfare state is to ensure redistributive justice, alleviate poverty and de-commodify basic needs from reliance on the labour market. Over the course of this module, and focusing on both Irish and international examples, students will explore whether or not welfare states have been successful in meeting these tasks.

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SSU22142	Citizens Participation in Research & Policy	5	Semester 2	0	100	None	Citizen science is becoming the umbrella term for a suite of participatory research approaches and it is increasingly being recognised as a valuable source of information for policy making. Citizen science has been defined as "the general public engagement in scientific research activities when citizens actively contribute to science either with their intellectual effort or surrounding knowledge or with their tools and resources" (Socientize, 2014, p. 8). This module explores the theoretical foundations and various applications of citizen science and other relevant participatory research approaches, their emerging relevance in the European research landscape, and the challenges and opportunities they face in the development, implementation and evaluation of policy. The module will use a project-based approach to facilitate active engagement of students in the co-design of citizen science/participatory research ideas to advance social policy and to participate in ongoing citizen science initiatives with a critical focus on policy.

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SSU33802	Global Social Policy and Comparative Welfare States Course Sem 2	5	Semester 2	0	100	None	This course will examine the issues of social policy from global as well as historical perspectives. It will also look at the welfare states, comparing welfare solutions, tools and policies across different times and places. Rather than trying to take a snapshot of certain "regimes", this course will compare various systems to create a "library of solutions" from which one could "mix and match" depending on the specific social challenges and contexts.

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SSU34002	Ageing & Intergenerational Relations	5	Semester 2	0	100	Recommended for 3rd and 4th year social work and social policy majors only.	Evidence indicates that societies are ageing, and that older and younger people are sharing places and spaces for longer than ever before, in the workplace and society.

This module takes a critical, social and cultural gerontological approach to understanding how ageing and older age is socially constructed, understood and experienced in everyday life.

Students will engage with theories of ageing, and concepts such as intersectionality, inequality and ageism, and intergenerational relations to challenge stereotyping and to interrogate the diversity in the 'ways' of ageing in contemporary societies.

How ageing is constructed in a particular place in time, and how these understandings underpin, and shape policy solutions is at the core of this module.

Students will become conversant with theories, literature and empirical evidence to interrogate contemporary policy developments nationally and internationally in relation to ageing, Finally, students will critically engage with the current international and national policy solutions designed to promote and achieve an equitable and inclusive society for all citizens, in tackling age inequality and discrimination. |

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