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1.31 Youth & Society, (SSU33011), 5 ECTs

Module Code	SSU33011		
Module Name	Youth & Society		
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS		
Semester taught	Junior Sophister, Semester 1, 2025 / 2026		
Module Coordinator/s	Associate Professor Paula Mayock		
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 Have knowledge of the ways in which 'youth' and 'adolescence' have been conceptualised over time and critical understanding of these concepualisations. Be able to identify key concepts and themes that are relevant to understanding the multiple and diverse aspects of youth experience. Have the knowlege to critically assess popular discourses and dominant debates on young people. Understand how social inequalities impact the life experiences and life chances of young people in general and marginalised youth, in particular. Have worked as part of a group to develop an evidence-based, comprehensive presentation and contribute to the oral delivery of the presentation. Have written a comprehensively researched 2,500 word essay on a topic directly related to one of areas covered in the module. 		
Module Content	This module is interdisciplinary and draws on 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 module interrogates key theoretical approaches to understanding youth in society and considers a range of substantive issues and areas within contemporary research on both 'mainstream' and 'marginalised' youth. There is a strong focus on youth 'at risk', including young people who		

experience homelessness, care experienced youth, and young people who use drugs. Approaches to the study of youth are reviewed and the module examines how social and economic forces shape the lives and experiences of young people



generally and marginalised youth, in particular.

Teaching and Learning Methods¹

Teaching strategies

Presentation of core teaching material in accessible format during lectures using PowerPoint slides and integrating YouTube videos, short Ted Talks and Case Studies.

Encourage the development of critical thinking skills through classroom and group-based discussion during lectures.

Classroom discussion of assigned readings.

'Think, pair, share' classroom-based exercises.

Independent research.

For this module, guidelines for student inputs – which represent the minimum number of hours that students are expected to invest – are as follows:

Class (lecture) attendance and participation: 26 hours

Time spent reviewing instructional material (notes & assigned readings): 28 hours Time spent on further recommended reading and on independently sourcing and reading supplementary material to prepare for essay writing: 30 hours Preparing 400-word commentary on a youth-related issue covered in the media: 6 hours

Drafting and finalising writing of 2,000-word essay for written assessment: 35 hours.

Total 125 Hours

Assessment design

Students are assessed via two modalities: 1) 400-word Written Commentary (30%); 2) End-of-term Essay (70%)

The module's teaching strategies and assessment design will support student learning and the development of critical thinking, which are essential to the completion of the 400-word Written Commentary and to preparing a well-evidenced end-of-term essay. Students are supported to achieve the module's learning outcomes and to prepare their assignments through interactive teaching methods in the classroom and the range of resources and materials made

¹ Trinity-INC provides tips and resources on how to make your curriculum more inclusive.

available to them (in advance of lectures) via Blackboard.

Assessment Details² Please include the following:

- Assessment Component
- Assessment description
- Learning Outcome(s) addressed
- % of total

It is recommended that module coordinators consider assessment types used across the year to ensure varied assessment methods.

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
Written Commentary	400-word written	1, 2, 3, 4	30%
Due: Week 11	commentary on a		
Fri 07.11.25 @	youth-related media		
5.00 pm	article		
End-of-term Essay	2,000-word End-of-	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	70%
Due: Week 17.	term Essay		
Mon 15.12.25 @			
5.00 pm			

² https://www.tcd.ie/academicpractice/resources/assessment/



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Component	Description	Addressed	
Written Commentary	400-word written	1, 2, 3, 4	30%
	commentary on a		
	youth-related media		
	article		
Essay	2,000-word Essay	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	70%

Re-Assessment Details

Inclusive Curriculum

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		TICK
1.	Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and	
	materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with	\boxtimes
	English as a second language, disabilities, significant external	
	responsibilities, students with IT issues / requiring specific	
	accessibility software etc.?	
2.	Have you adapted your resources and teaching materials	×
	taking into account Trinity's Accessible Information	
	Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-	
	info/TIC/materials.php)?	
3.	Does the content of your module address diversity? For	×
	example, including a diverse demographic profile of authors,	
	diversity of ideas and perspectives, or representation (e.g.	
	pictures of conditions on different skin tones), or by	
	acknowledgement of the homogenous context of the	
	discipline/topic?	
4.	Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorpo	rates
	principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum de	sign

The module's learning outcomes are outlined clearly and discussed in detail during the first lecture; they are reviewed half way through the module and again at the end of the module. Module assessment modalities are also set out clearly during the first lecture and revisited at regular intervals.

All teaching material is uploaded to Blackboard in advance of each week's lecture to allow students to review content ahead of attending lectures.

Blackboard content is structured according to weekly lecture content and corresponds clearly with the subject matter of each lecture. Additional learning supports (e.g. detailed reading lists to correspond with the content of each lecture, links to useful web sites) are provided weekly.

Students are communicated with regularly via the Announcement function on

(SEE BELOW)

Blackboard to inform them about relevant College-based learning support services and to remind them about upcoming requirements and deadlines. Module delivery is designed to support learning through the use of different types of media, including illustrations, visual imagery and video. Interactive web tools are used where available to communicate information. All audiovisual material used has captions.

The module uses a number of assessment methods, including in-class group presentations and written assignments.

When required and where possible, flexibility in time is offered to students to complete assessments.

Written feedback is provided to students on all assessment components of the module via Blackboard. Students can request individual meeting to get feedback. Written and verbal feedback aims to reinforce the positive features of their work and to provide constructive guidance on how to improve

Indicative Reading List (approx. 4-5 titles)

- Furlong, A. (2013) *Youth Studies: An Introduction.* Abingdon: Routledge. Shelfmark: PL-571-883
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- Lalor, K., deRoiste, A. & Devlin, M. (2007) *Young People in Contemporary Ireland*. Dublin: Gill and Macmillan. Shelfmark: LEN 301.43P72
- ** A detailed reading list will be provided each teaching and learning week to correspond with the topic(s) covered during the lectures **

Module Pre-requisite

None

Module Co-requisite

None

Are other
Schools/Departments
involved in the
delivery of this
module? If yes,
please provide
details.

No



1.31 Youth & Society, (SSU33022), 10 ECTs

Module Code	SSU33022		
Module Name	Youth & Society		
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS		
Semester taught	Junior Sophister, Semester 1, 2025 / 2026		
Module Coordinator/s	Associate Professor Paula Mayock		
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 Have knowledge of the ways in which 'youth' and 'adolescence' have been conceptualised over time and critical understanding of these concepualisations. Be able to identify key concepts and themes that are relevant to understanding the multiple and diverse aspects of youth experience. Have the knowlege to critically assess popular discourses and dominant debates on young people. Understand how social ineqalities impact the life experiences and life chances of young people in general and marginalised youth, in particular. Have worked as part of a group to develop an evidence-based, comprehensive presentation and contribute to the oral delivery of the presentation. Have written a comprehensively researched 2,500 word essay on a topic directly related to one of areas covered in the module. 		
Module Content	This module is interdisciplinary and draws on 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 module interrogates key theoretical approaches to understanding youth in society and considers a range of substantive issues and areas within contemporary research on both 'mainstream' and 'marginalised' youth. There is a strong focus on youth 'at risk', including young people who experience homelessness, care experienced youth, and young people who use drugs. Approaches to the study of youth are reviewed and the module examines how social and economic forces shape the lives and experiences of young people generally and marginalised youth, in particular.		



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Classroom discussion of assigned readings.

'Think, pair, share' classroom-based exercises.

Independent research.

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Class (lecture) attendance and participation: 26 hours

Time spent reviewing instructional material (notes & assigned readings): 30 hours

Time spent on further recommended reading: 60 hours

Independent sourcing, reading and synthesising of relevant supplementary materials to prepare for assessment: 70 hours

Conducting research to inform class presentation and working with group members to prepare the presentation: 30 hours

Drafting and finalising 2,500-word essay for written assessment: 60 hours.

Total: 276 HoursAssessment design

Students are assessed via two modalities: 1) Group Presentation (30%); 2) End-of-term Essay (70%)

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Presentation Due: Week 11. Tues 04.11.25 In-class Presentations	Group Presentation during class	1, 2, 3, 4	30%
End-of-term Essay Due: Week 17. Mon 15.12.25 @ 5.00 pm	2,500-word End-of- term Essay	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	70%

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
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Written Commentary	800-word written commentary on a youth-related media article	1, 2, 3, 4	30%
Essay	2,500-word Essay	1, 2, 3, 4, 6	70%

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Module Pre-requisite

None

Module Co-requisite

None

Are other
Schools/Departments
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details.

No



1.32 Ageing and Intergenerational Relations, (SSU34002), 5 ECTS

Module Code	SSU34002
Module Name	Ageing and Intergenerational Relations
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS
Semester taught	Junior Sophister, Semester 1, 2025 / 2026
Module Coordinator/s	Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	LO1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the demographic and structural changes in ageing societies and the implications for social policy and for older people. LO2 Critically and reflectively engage with, and apply, the concepts and theories of ageing to interrogate how ageing is understood and constructed, historically and in contemporary societies. LO3 Recognise, and reflect on, the diversity in the 'ways' of ageing for social groups, and the lived experiences, expectations, and outcomes in relation to
	LO4 Frame and critically analyse the concept of 'generations' and ageing and intergenerational relations in everyday life through engagement with empirical data and literature provided on Blackboard to understand how intergenerational relations can be deployed as a conduit to promote equality and social inclusion for older and younger people. LO5 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the concept of age discrimination and exclusion, and the policy measures taken to counter age inequality in the workplace and society.
Module Content	Evidence indicates that societies are ageing, with the World Health Organisation advising that between 2015 and 2050, the proportion of the world's population aged over sixty will nearly double from 12% to 22% (WHO, 2018). This module will provide students with an opportunity to explore and understand the implications of this demographic change. The module takes a critical, social gerontological approach to understanding how ageing and older age is socially constructed, portrayed, understood, and experienced in everyday life at the

macro and micro level. Students will engage with theories of ageing, and concepts such as intersectionality, inequality and ageism, the life course, generations, and intergenerational relations. The module content will encourage students to challenge stereotyping and to interrogate the diversity of 'ways' of ageing in contemporary societies.

Students will become conversant with theories, literature, and empirical evidence to critically analyse 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 as they age.

Teaching and Learning Methods⁵

Two hours per week, in-person lectorials are scheduled. Students are encouraged to participate in peer-learning and in-class interactive exercises. Group discussions (4/5 students per group) form part of every lectorial as students are encouraged to learn from each other as they reflect on a question posed in class, designed to prompt understanding and creative solutions to social challenges in relation to ageing and intergenerational relations. Promoting and supporting a clear understanding, reflection and a critical mindset in engaging with lecture materials, class discussions/debates, the broad range of materials provided for them (and by students themselves) on Blackboard such as video clips, interviews, TV ads, podcasts, published media, along with academic materials, will assist the students in completing their assignments (reflective peer-reviewed blogs and a critical policy analysis) and meeting LO 1-5.

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Assessment Details⁶ Please include the following:

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- Assessment description
- Learning Outcome(s) addressed
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Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
Reflective Blog 1	150 words on a	1-3	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 6 – Friday	posed question and		
3 rd October @	broad topic area		
9.00pm	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Reflective Blog 2	150 words on a	1-4	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 10 -Friday	posed question and		
31st October @9.00	broad topic area		
pm	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Policy Analysis	1,000-1,500 words	1-5	80%
<u>Due</u> Week 17 –	critical analysis on a		
Wednesday 17 th	chosen policy area		
December_@9.00pm	using module		
	materials- choice of		
	three policy options		

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
Reflective Blog	300 words on a	1-4	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 53: Week	posed question and		
beginning 24 th August	broad topic area		
	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Reflective Blog	300 words on a	1-4	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 53: Week	posed question and		
beginning 24 th August	broad topic area		
	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Policy Analysis	1,000 -1,500 words	1-5	80%
<u>Due</u> Week 53: Week	critical analysis on a		
beginning 24th	chosen policy area		
August	using module		
	materials (choice of		
	three options)		

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Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and	
materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with	Ø
English as a second language, disabilities, significant external	
responsibilities, students with IT issues / requiring specific	
accessibility software etc.?	
Have you adapted your resources and teaching materials	×
taking into account Trinity's Accessible Information	
Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-	
info/TIC/materials.php)?	
Does the content of your module address diversity? For	Ø
example, including a diverse demographic profile of authors,	
diversity of ideas and perspectives, or representation (e.g.	
pictures of conditions on different skin tones), or by	
acknowledgement of the homogenous context of the	
discipline/topic?	

 Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorporates principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum design

Module content is presented in a variety of ways, recognising the diversity in learning styles in our student cohort, for example, each week videos, podcasts, media such as TV advertisements, along with academic journal articles and book chapters are provided to promote learning and engagement. Students are encouraged to share suitable resources that they identify as insightful, thus promoting student-led learning from our diverse student body.

Continuous assessment (x2 peer reviewed blogs) based in the principles of reflective learning, allows students the freedom to demonstrate their own insights and understanding on course topics, and to view their fellow student's blogs recognising the value of peer learning and diversity (students learning from each other).

(i.e. supports engagement and representation of **all** Trinity students, presents information and content in a variety of ways, and offers variety and options of assessment type. See: <u>Universal Design for Learning - AHEAD</u> for more information and guidance, and <u>Inclusive Curriculum - Equality - Trinity College Dublin (tcd.ie)</u> for insights from Trinity students)



Indicative Reading List (approx. 4-5 titles)

Latest pertinent publications from journals incl, Ageing and Society, Canadian Journal of Ageing, Journal of Ageing Studies, Social Inclusion, Intergenerational relations.

- Biggs, S. Hendricks, J. and Lowenstein, A (2020). Critical approaches to Social Gerontology. New York: Routledge.
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Module Pre-requisite

Module Co-requisite

Are other
Schools/Departments
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delivery of this
module? If yes,
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details.

Guest lecturers such as academic researchers, policy experts, and NGO's are invited to lecture with students.



1.32 Ageing and Intergenerational Relations, (SSU34012), 10 ECTS

Module Code	SSU34012			
Module Name	Ageing and Intergenerational Relations			
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS			
Semester taught	Junior Sophister, Semester 1, 2025 / 2026			
Module Coordinator/s	Dr Catherine Elliott O'Dare			
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate	LO1 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the demographic and structural changes in ageing societies and the implications for social policy and for older people.			
<u>Attributes</u>	LO2 Critically and reflectively engage with, and apply, the concepts and theories of ageing to interrogate how ageing is understood and constructed, historically and in contemporary societies.			
	LO3 Recognise, and reflect on, the diversity in the 'ways' of ageing for social groups, and the lived experiences, expectations, and outcomes in relation to health, care, finance, leisure, and work.			
	LO4 Frame and critically analyse the concept of 'generations' and ageing and intergenerational relations in everyday life through engagement with empirical data and literature to understand how intergenerational relations can be deployed as a conduit to promote equality and social inclusion for older and younger people.			
	LO5 Demonstrate a broad critical understanding of the concept of age discrimination and exclusion, and the policy measures taken globally and nationally to counter age inequality in the workplace and society.			
Module Content	Evidence indicates that societies are ageing, with the World Health Organisation advising that between 2015 and 2050, the proportion of the world's population aged over sixty will nearly double from 12% to 22% (WHO, 2018). This module will provide students with an opportunity to explore and understand the implications of this demographic change. The module takes a critical, social gerontological approach to understanding how ageing and older age is socially constructed, portrayed, understood, and experienced in everyday life at the macro and micro level. Students will engage with theories of ageing, and concepts such as intersectionality, inequality and ageism, the life course,			



generations, and intergenerational relations. The module content will encourage students to challenge stereotyping and to interrogate the diversity of 'ways' of ageing in contemporary societies.

Students will become conversant with theories, literature, and empirical evidence to critically analyse 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 as they age.

Teaching and Learning Methods

Two hours per week, in-person lectorials are scheduled. Students are encouraged to participate in peer-learning and in-class interactive exercises. Group discussions (4/5 students per group) form part of every lectorial as students are encouraged to learn from each other as they reflect on a question posed in class, designed to prompt understanding and creative solutions to social challenges in relation to ageing and intergenerational relations. Promoting and supporting a clear understanding, reflection and a critical mindset in engaging with lecture materials, class discussions/debates, the broad range of materials provided for them (and by students themselves) on Blackboard such as video clips, interviews, TV ads, podcasts, published media, along with academic materials, will assist the students in completing their assignments (reflective peer-reviewed blogs and a critical policy analysis) and meeting LO 1-5.



Assessment Details ⁷
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Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description Addressed		
Reflective Blog 1	250 words on a	1-3	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 6 – Friday	posed question and		
3 rd October @9.00pm	broad topic area		
	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Reflective Blog 2	250 words on a	1-4	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 10 -Friday	posed question and		
31st October	broad topic area		
@9.00pm	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Policy Analysis	2,000-2,500 words	1-5	80%
<u>Due</u> Week 17 –	critical analysis on a		
Wednesday 17 th	chosen policy area -		
December @9.00pm	choice of three policy		
	options		

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
Reflective Blog	250 words on a	1-3	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 53: Week	posed question and		
beginning 24 th August	broad topic area		
	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Reflective Blog	250 words on a	1-3	10%
<u>Due</u> Week 53: Week	posed question and		
beginning 24 th August	broad topic area		
	(read, observe,		
	reflect, write, post)		
Policy Analysis	2,000-2,500 words	1-5	80%
<u>Due</u> Week 53: Week	critical analysis on a		
beginning 24th	th chosen policy area -		
August	August choice of three policy		
	options		

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Module Pre-requisite

Module Co-requisite

Are other
Schools/Departments
involved in the
delivery of this
module? If yes,
please provide
details.

Guest lecturers such as academic researchers, policy experts, and NGO's are invited to lecture with students.



1.33 Global Social Policy (SSU33802), 5 ECTs.

Module Code	SSU33802			
Module Name	Global Social Policy			
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS			
Semester taught	Junior Sophister, Semester 2, 2025 / 2026			
Module Coordinator/s	Prof Nicola Carr			
	By the end of this module, students will be able to:			
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key theories, concepts, and debates in Global Social Policy Explain how social problems and policy responses are shaped by global, regional, and national interconnections. Analyse the roles of international organisations, governments, NGOs, and global social movements in shaping welfare policy. Critically evaluate the limits of methodological nationalism and apply a transnational perspective to the study of social policy. Assess how globalisation and structural changes (e.g. migration, economic integration, cross-border governance) influence welfare provision and outcomes. Apply theoretical frameworks to examine real-world policy issues in areas such as health, education, migration, crime and justice, and social protection. Interpret and assess evidence on the global diffusion of social policy ideas and models, including their adoption, adaptation, and resistance. 			
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Module Content

This module introduces students to the field of **Global Social Policy**, examining how social problems and welfare issues transcend national borders in an increasingly interconnected world. The policies of one country can directly or indirectly affect the wellbeing of citizens in others, and students will gain knowledge of these shared challenges alongside the competencies needed to analyse and respond to them. The module provides a foundation in theory, social policy change, and policy outcomes, situating national systems within wider global contexts. Traditionally, social policy research has been rooted in **methodological nationalism**, focusing narrowly on domestic welfare institutions and local actors. Global Social Policy challenges this perspective by focussing on the **extra-national and transnational arenas** where policy is made, contested, and implemented. Adopting a transnational lens, students will explore the roles of international organisations, states, NGOs, advocacy networks, and global social movements in shaping welfare arrangements and influencing access to services worldwide.

The module examines how social policy issues are increasingly understood as **global in scope**, **cause**, **and impact**, highlighting responses by both state and non-state actors. Students will investigate the effects of structural social and economic changes, such as cross-border migration, flows of goods and ideas, transnational forms of governance, and multilateral cooperation. Drawing on comparative and international examples, key policy areas such as social security, provision, health, crime and security will be explored.

Teaching and Learning Methods⁸

The module adopts a **blended and interactive approach**, combining lectures, guided readings, case study work, and independent learning. The design encourages both theoretical engagement and applied analysis, enabling students to develop critical understanding and transferable skills.

⁸ Trinity-INC provides tips and resources on how to make your curriculum more inclusive.



Lectures will provide an overview of key theories, concepts, debates, and empirical evidence in Global Social Policy and introduce comparative and transnational perspectives, Lectures will be delivered with supporting slides, recommended readings, and illustrative case material.

Small group discussions in lectures will allow students to interrogate lecture material, apply theories to real-world cases, and debate contrasting perspectives. Activities may include group debates, policy brief exercises, and role-play (e.g. simulating decision-making by governments or international organisations).

Group Presentations will develop skills in teamwork, oral communication, and

Assessment Details⁹ Please include the following:

- Assessment
 Component
- Assessment description
- LearningOutcome(s)addressed
- % of total

It is recommended that module co-ordinators consider

Assessment	Assessment	LO	Addressed	% of total
Component	Description			
Group	In groups of 3–5,	•	Demonstrate a	30%
Presentation.	students will		critical	
Due Date:	research and		understanding of	
Week 27.	deliver a 20-minute		the key theories,	
Fri 27.02.26	presentation	concepts, and		
	analysing a	debates in Global		
	contemporary	Social Policy		
	issue in Global	Explain how		
	Social Policy. The	social problems		
	case study should		and policy	
	focus on one		responses are	

⁹ https://www.tcd.ie/academicpractice/resources/assessment/

policy analysis.



assessment types		thematic area (e.g.		shaped by global,	
used across the year		global migration,		regional, and	
to ensure varied		child welfare,		national	
assessment methods.		health, crime and		interconnections.	
		justice, or	•	Apply theoretical	
		education) and		frameworks to	
		critically examine		examine real-	
		the issue.		world policy	
		Following the		issues in areas	
		presentation, each		such as health,	
		group will facilitate		education,	
		a 10-minute Q&A		migration, crime	
		discussion with		and justice, and	
		peers,		social protection.	
		demonstrating the	•	Interpret and	
		ability to		assess evidence	
		communicate		on the global	
		complex ideas and		diffusion of	
		engage in informed		social policy	
		debate.		ideas and	
				models,	
				including their	
				adoption,	
				adaptation, and	
				resistance.	
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	Essay (2,000)	For this assignment	•	Demonstrate a	70%
	Due Date:	students will be		critical	
	Week 35.	provided with a		understanding of	
	Mon 20.04.26	choice of four		the key theories,	

essay topics based		concepts, and	
on material		debates in Global	
covered in the		Social Policy	
lectures.	•	Explain how	
		social problems	
		and policy	
		responses are	
		shaped by global,	
		regional, and	
		national	
		interconnections.	
	•	Analyse the roles	
		of international	
		organisations,	
		governments,	
		NGOs, and global	
		social	
		movements in	
		shaping welfare	
		policy.	
	•	Critically	
		evaluate the	
		limits of	
		methodological	
		nationalism and	
		apply a	
		transnational	
		perspective to	

	the study of	
	social policy.	
•	Assess how	
	globalisation and	
	structural	
	changes (e.g.	
	migration,	
	economic	
	integration,	
	cross-border	
	governance)	
	influence welfare	
	provision and	
	outcomes.	
•	Apply theoretical	
	frameworks to	
	examine real-	
	world policy	
	issues in areas	
	such as health,	
	education,	
	migration, crime	
	and justice, and	
	social protection.	
•	Interpret and	
	assess evidence	
	on the global	
	diffusion of	
	social policy	



	ideas and	
	models,	
	including their	
	adoption,	
	adaptation, and	
	resistance.	

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
Group Presentation		As above	30%
will revert to			
individual recorded			
presentation.			
Essay (2,000 words)	As above	As above	70%



Inclusive Curriculum

	PLEASE
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Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and	
materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with	×
English as a second language, disabilities, significant external	
responsibilities, students with IT issues / requiring specific	
accessibility software etc.?	
Have you adapted your resources and teaching materials	Ø
taking into account Trinity's Accessible Information	
Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-	
info/TIC/materials.php)?	
Does the content of your module address diversity? For	Ø
example, including a diverse demographic profile of authors,	
diversity of ideas and perspectives, or representation (e.g.	
pictures of conditions on different skin tones), or by	
acknowledgement of the homogenous context of the	
discipline/topic?	
Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorpc	rates

Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorporates
 principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum design

(i.e. supports engagement and representation of **all** Trinity students, presents information and content in a variety of ways, and offers variety and options of assessment type. See: Universal Design for Learning - AHEAD for more information and guidance, and Inclusive Curriculum - Equality - Trinity College Dublin (tcd.ie) for insights from Trinity students)



Indicative Reading List

(approx. 4-5 titles)

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in Global Social Governance, London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Module Pre-requisite

None

Module Co-requisite

None

Are other

Schools/Departments

involved in the

delivery of this

module? If yes,

please provide

details.

No



1.33 Global Social Policy (SSU33702), 10 ECTs

Module Code	SSU33702
Module Name	Global Social Policy
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS
Semester taught	Junior Sophister, Semester 2, 2025 / 2026
Module Coordinator/s	Prof Nicola Carr
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key theories, concepts, and debates in Global Social Policy Explain how social problems and policy responses are shaped by global, regional, and national interconnections. Analyse the roles of international organisations, governments, NGOs, and global social movements in shaping welfare policy. Critically evaluate the limits of methodological nationalism and apply a transnational perspective to the study of social policy. Assess how globalisation and structural changes (e.g. migration, economic integration, cross-border governance) influence welfare provision and outcomes.
	 Apply theoretical frameworks to examine real-world policy issues in areas such as health, education, migration, crime and justice, and social protection. Interpret and assess evidence on the global diffusion of social policy ideas and models, including their adoption, adaptation, and resistance.



Module Content

This module introduces students to the field of Global Social Policy, examining how social problems and welfare issues transcend national borders in an increasingly interconnected world. The policies of one country can directly or indirectly affect the wellbeing of citizens in others, and students will gain knowledge of these shared challenges alongside the competencies needed to analyse and respond to them. The module provides a foundation in theory, social policy change, and policy outcomes, situating national systems within wider global contexts. Traditionally, social policy research has been rooted in methodological nationalism, focusing narrowly on domestic welfare institutions and local actors. Global Social Policy challenges this perspective by focussing on the extra-national and transnational arenas where policy is made, contested, and implemented. Adopting a transnational lens, students will explore the roles of international organisations, states, NGOs, advocacy networks, and global social movements in shaping welfare arrangements and influencing access to services worldwide.

The module examines how social policy issues are increasingly understood as **global in scope**, **cause**, **and impact**, highlighting responses by both state and non-state actors. Students will investigate the effects of structural social and economic changes, such as cross-border migration, flows of goods and ideas, transnational forms of governance, and multilateral cooperation. Drawing on comparative and international examples, key policy areas such as social security, provision, health, crime and security will be explored.

Teaching and Learning Methods¹⁰

The module adopts a **blended and interactive approach**, combining lectures, guided readings, case study work, and independent learning. The design encourages both theoretical engagement and applied analysis, enabling students to develop critical understanding and transferable skills.

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Lectures will provide an overview of key theories, concepts, debates, and empirical evidence in Global Social Policy and introduce comparative and transnational perspectives, Lectures will be delivered with supporting slides, recommended readings, and illustrative case material.

Small group discussions in lectures will allow students to interrogate lecture material, apply theories to real-world cases, and debate contrasting perspectives. Activities may include group debates, policy brief exercises, and role-play (e.g. simulating decision-making by governments or international organisations).

Group Presentations will develop skills in teamwork, oral communication, and policy analysis.

Assessment Details¹¹ Please include the following:

- AssessmentComponent
- Assessment description
- LearningOutcome(s)addressed
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It is recommended that module co-ordinators consider

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presentation	concepts, and
analysing a	debates in Global
contemporary	Social Policy
issue in Global	Explain how
Social Policy. The	social problems
case study should	and policy
focus on one	responses are
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¹¹ https://www.tcd.ie/academicpractice/resources/assessment/



assessment types		thematic area (e.g.		shaped by global,	
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to ensure varied		child welfare,		national	
assessment methods.		health, crime and		interconnections.	
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		the issue.		world policy	
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		peers,		social protection.	
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		ability to		assess evidence	
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		complex ideas and		diffusion of	
		engage in informed		social policy	
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	including their	
	adoption,	
	adaptation, and	
	resistance.	

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
Group Presentation		As above	30%
will revert to			
individual recorded			
presentation.			
Essay (3,000 words)	As above	As above	70%



Inclusive Curriculum

	PLEASE		
	TICK		
 Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and 			
materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with			
English as a second language, disabilities, significant external			
responsibilities, students with IT issues / requiring specific			
accessibility software etc.?			
Have you adapted your resources and teaching materials	Ø		
taking into account Trinity's Accessible Information			
Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-			
info/TIC/materials.php)?			
Does the content of your module address diversity? For	Ø		
example, including a diverse demographic profile of authors,			
diversity of ideas and perspectives, or representation (e.g.			
pictures of conditions on different skin tones), or by			
acknowledgement of the homogenous context of the			
discipline/topic?			
Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorpo	rates		
principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum design			
(i.e. supports engagement and representation of all Trinity students, presents			
information and content in a variety of ways, and offers variety and options of			
assessment type. See: Universal Design for Learning - AHEAD for more			
information and guidance, and Inclusive Curriculum - Equality - Trinity College			

<u>Dublin (tcd.ie)</u> for insights from Trinity students)



Indicative Reading List

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Module Pre-requisite

None

Module Co-requisite

None

Are other

Schools/Departments

involved in the

delivery of this

module? If yes,

please provide

details.

No



1.34 Quantitative Methods for Social Policy, (SSU34052), 5 ECTs

Module Code	SSU34052
Module Name	Quantitative Methods for Social Policy
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS
Semester taught	Semester 2, Junior Sophister, 2025 / 2026
Module Coordinator/s	Dr. Philip Curry
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 On completion of this module students should be able to: Comprehend the main forms of quantitative social research Locate quantitative datasets for use in secondary analysis Evaluate the quality of quantitative data Select and use univariate and bivariate statistics to analyse survey and other forms of quantitative data.
Module Content	This module focuses on the analysis and interpretation of quantitative data to answer questions about the social world. Common sources of such data are surveys, official records and governmental census. The bulk of this module involves practical instruction in the statistical analysis of such data using univariate and bivariate techniques. How and where to access quantitative data and the evaluation of data quality are also covered. The material is divided into following units:
	Unit 1: Quantitative measurement Unit 2: Quantitative Social Research Unit 3. Sources of Quantitative data Unit 4. Univariate statistics Unit 5. Crosstabulations Unit 6: Comparing means Unit 7. Covariance Unit 8. Assessing Data Quality
Teaching and Learning Methods ¹²	This module is delivered through a combination of live lectures, Q and A, online materials and in-class workshops using real-world examples and datasets.

 $^{^{12}}$ <u>Trinity-INC</u> provides tips and resources on how to make your curriculum more inclusive.



Assessment Details¹³ Please include the following:

- Assessment Component
- Assessment description
- Learning Outcome(s) addressed
- % of total

It is recommended that module coordinators consider assessment types used across the year to ensure varied assessment methods.

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total
Data Analysis exercise DUE: Week 33. Fri 10.04.26	1200-word data analysis of a provided real-world dataset.	1,3,4	80 %
Data source DUE: Week 28, Fri 06.03.26	Locate a dataset and identify appropriate research questions.	2	20 %

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total
Data Analysis exercise	1200-word data analysis of a provided real-world dataset	1,3,4	80 %
Data source	Locate a dataset and identify appropriate research questions	2	20 %

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Inclusive Curriculum

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 Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with English as a second language, disabilities, significant external responsibilities, students with IT issues / requiring specific accessibility software etc.? 	Ø
 Have you adapted your resources and teaching materials taking into account Trinity's Accessible Information Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-info/TIC/materials.php)? 	Ø
 Does the content of your module address diversity? For example, including a diverse demographic profile of authors, diversity of ideas and perspectives, or representation (e.g. pictures of conditions on different skin tones), or by acknowledgement of the homogenous context of the discipline/topic? 	Ø
Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incornor	rates

 Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorporates principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum design

Mathematical equations are presented in an accessible digital format and explained in both mathematical notation and plain simple English. Individual support in completing learning assignments is provided to students in-class, on Blackboard, by e-mail and privately with academic staff. This module provides multiple means of representation including videos, online resources and PowerPoint lectures.

Slides and other materials are provided in advance of lectures in an accessible format which can be further manipulated by students.

Indicative Reading List **Field, A. (2024). Discovering Statistics using SPSS (6th Ed.). Sage: London.

(approx. 4-5 titles)

Clark, T., Foster, L., Sloan, L. and Bryman, A. (2021) Bryman's Social Research Methods (6^{th}). OUP, Oxford.

Eichhorn, J. (2022) Survey Research and Sampling (1st Ed). Sage. deVaus, D. (2013) Surveys in Social Research (6th). Routledge.



1.34 Quantitative Methods for Social Policy, (SSU34042), 10 ECTs

Module Code	SSU34042		
Module Name	Quantitative Methods for Social Policy		
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS		
Semester taught	Semester 2, Junior Sophister, 2025 / 2026		
Module Coordinator/s	Dr. Philip Curry		
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 On completion of this module students should be able to: Comprehend the main forms of quantitative social research Locate quantitative datasets for use in secondary analysis Evaluate the quality of quantitative data Select and use univariate and bivariate statistics to analyse survey and other forms of quantitative data Using simple scaling techniques to create multi-item measures of variables. Develop statistical models of social phenomenon using simple applications of Multiple Regression and other multivariate techniques. 		
Module Content	This module focuses on the analysis and interpretation of quantitative data to answer questions about the social world. Common sources of such data are surveys, official records and governmental census. The bulk of this module involves practical instruction in the statistical analysis of such data using univariate, bivariate and multivariate techniques. How and where to access quantitative data and the evaluation of data quality are also covered. The material is divided into following units: Unit 1: Quantitative measurement Unit 2: Quantitative Social Research Unit 3. Sources of Quantitative data Unit 4. Univariate statistics Unit 5. Crosstabulations Unit 6: Comparing means Unit 7. Covariance		
Teaching and Learning	Unit 8. Assessing Data Quality Unit 9: Scaling analysis Unit 10: Multiple Regression Unit 11: Regression diagnostics / Other multivariate techniques		
Methods ¹⁴	This module is delivered through a combination of live lectures, Q and A, online		

 $^{14}\,\underline{\text{Trinity-INC}}$ provides tips and resources on how to make your curriculum more inclusive.

materials and in-class workshops using real-world examples and datasets.

Assessment Details¹⁵ Please include the following:

- Assessment Component
- Assessment description
- Learning Outcome(s) addressed
- % of total

It is recommended that module coordinators consider assessment types used across the year to ensure varied assessment methods.

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total
Data Analysis exercise DUE: Week 33. Fri 10.04.26	2000-word data analysis of a provided real-world dataset	1,3,4,5,6	80 %
Due: Week 28, Fri 06.03.26	Locate a dataset and identify appropriate research questions	2	20 %

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total
Data Analysis exercise	2000-word data analysis of a provided real-world dataset	1,3,4,5,6	80 %
Data source	Locate a dataset and identify appropriate research questions	2	20 %

¹⁵ https://www.tcd.ie/academicpractice/resources/assessment/



Inclusive Curriculum

	PLEASE TICK
 Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with English as a second language, disabilities, significant external responsibilities, students with IT issues / requiring specific accessibility software etc.? 	Ø
 Have you adapted your resources and teaching materials taking into account Trinity's Accessible Information Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-info/TIC/materials.php)? 	Ø
 Does the content of your module address diversity? For example, including a diverse demographic profile of authors, diversity of ideas and perspectives, or representation (e.g. pictures of conditions on different skin tones), or by acknowledgement of the homogenous context of the discipline/topic? 	Ø

 Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorporates principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum design

Mathematical equations are presented in an accessible digital format and explained in both mathematical notation and plain simple English. Individual support in completing learning assignments is provided to students in-class, on Blackboard, by e-mail and privately with academic staff. This module provides multiple means of representation including videos, online resources and PowerPoint lectures.

Slides and other materials are provided in advance of lectures in an accessible format which can be further manipulated by students.

Indicative Reading List

(approx. 4-5 titles)

**Field, A. (2024). Discovering Statistics using SPSS (6th Ed.). Sage: London.

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Eichhorn, J. (2022) Survey Research and Sampling (1st Ed). Sage. deVaus, D. (2013) Surveys in Social Research (6th). Routledge.