





OUTLINE OF NEW SOCIAL POLICY MODULES FOR 2025 / 2026

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Social Citizenship for the 21st Century, SSU44192, 10 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU44192
Module Name	Social Citizenship for the 21st Century
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS
Semester taught	Senior Sophister, Semester 2
Module Coordinator/s	Professor Virpi Timonen
Module Learning	Students will be able to –
Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	LO1 Think critically about social citizenship: what social citizenship has meant in the past, and the challenges it faces now. Example 1: demonstrate differences in how concepts like freedom and equality are applied to citizens vs. others. Example 2: examine established social citizenship concepts - such as rights, welfare and recognition - in environmental policy contexts.
	LO2 Communicate effectively the tensions inherent in the established definitions of social citizenship. Example 1: outline how employment and earned incomes relate to the traditional understanding of social citizenship, and the challenges of combining these with environmental justice. Example 2: explain the connections between care, reproduction and social citizenship in their traditional framing, and the challenges involved in orienting caring citizenship towards non-human life.
	LO3 Reflect on what constitute responsible actions in view of the challenges to citizenship that are emerging at societal and global level. For example, describe technology's influence on how humans relate to social, environmental, and political concerns, and how this shapes the meaning of citizenship.
	LO4 Recognise challenges that communities, citizens and those currently excluded from social citizenship face, thereby developing awareness of the need to rethink citizenship locally, nationally, and globally.



Module Content

When it was first introduced, social citizenship was a radical idea: people should have civil, political, and social rights. Over time, social citizenship has come under criticism for a variety of reasons, often related to unequal access to social rights due to policies that advantage some groups (e.g., labour market insiders) and exclude others (e.g., immigrants). Over recent decades, growing environmental justice concerns have eroded the idea of social citizenship understood as rights to social protection that focus exclusively on human needs. At a time when security is threatened on many different levels - ranging from personal income security to climate turbulence and wars - what meaning can secure and sustainable social citizenship have?

This module is an invitation to reconceptualise social citizenship to make it fit - or at least fitter - for the 21st century. Students will engage with aspects of social citizenship that are unequal, unsustainable, and in need of a rethink. We will consider inequalities associated with socioeconomic status, gender, ethnicity, nationality, and their intersections, in conjunction with global challenges that require new approaches to social citizenship. The module focuses on five topics:

1 Defining social citizenship:

Who is a (social) citizen? How do freedom, equality and justice connect to social citizenship? Is global or universal social citizenship possible?

2 Environmental social citizenship:

What are the key tensions between social policies and environmental policies? What are the challenges involved in bringing these policy fields together to care for both people and non-human species and entities?

Is it possible to take future human generations and non-human entities into account in policymaking, thereby implicating them in *future-oriented* social citizenship?

3 Participatory and inclusive social citizenship:

Traditionally, social citizenship has been closely intertwined with paid employment. How can we address challenges relating to the nature of work within growth-oriented economies that need to be made ecologically and socially sustainable? How does employment connect with social citizenship today and in the future?

What are the implications of technology for social citizenship? Does technology open new possibilities for inclusion, or does it pose profound challenges for the possibility of belonging and participation?

4 Caring and reproductive social citizenship:

How could the joys and burdens of care be divided more equally? How can we rethink care relations so that they are more sustainable, rewarding and inclusive? What would *caring* social citizenship entail?

What would *reproductive* social citizenship look like in a world where ultra-low fertility is a concern in many countries, while population growth globally will continue to stretch environmental sustainability in the medium term?

5 Secure social citizenship:

What is the meaning of security, social or otherwise, in situations where militarism and war have become more widespread and even seemingly normalised? How do social citizenship and restitutive justice relate to displaced people and damaged environments?

Teaching and Learning Methods¹

The in-person classes focus on understanding and applying the key concepts. Following a short didactic introduction, each class will involve elements of group work, designed to reinforce understanding of concepts and frameworks relevant to social citizenship.

These discussions are also intended to support the completion of assessments (journal entries). The journal entries – analysing and applying what has been learned in class and through independent study and observations - can be based on assigned and additional readings, or they can relate to instances where the student identifies issues, developments and practices relevant to citizenship in their own surroundings (such as local community settings).

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

The final classes are dedicated to roundtable discussions that form the basis for the 4th journal entry summarising and evaluating shared learning, in the form of three (or more) key points that group members identify from their learning.

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. The module will be assessed through journal entries that the students make throughout the module, choosing three (for 10 ECTS) of the above five topic areas. This involves engaging with the assigned readings and discussion that relate to the topics and connecting them with the idea of social citizenship. The journal entries can be as practical and applied as the student chooses, or entirely literature focused, as long as they demonstrate relevance for social citizenship. Students can also combine these two approaches or alternate between them. For example, the first journal entry could focus on literature and concepts, the second entry could be a case study of caring citizenship in a community setting familiar to the student, and the third entry could combine literature on employment and citizenship with commentary on a local scheme that seeks to offer employment opportunities. Students are encouraged to draw on research and current developments relating to politics, sociology, anthropology, economics, socioenvironmental studies, science and technology studies, and other fields. They are equally encouraged to be attuned to developments, practices and initiatives in their own communities, in the media, and globally. Students will receive formative feedback on the first journal entry.

The final assessment component for students taking 10 ECTS draws on roundtable discussions in small groups (approx. 3-6 participants in each) where the students share and compare their learning gained through the earlier journal entries. Each roundtable formulates three or more key learnings pertinent to social citizenship that emerged from their discussion. Following the discussion, each student independently writes a summative reflection on the key points identified in their roundtable discussion.

The maximum limits of word count indicated in the Table are inclusive of references but do <u>not</u> include words in tables, graphs, figures, illustrations or similar ways of supporting the text in the journal entries.

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total for 10 ECTS
Journal entry 1	1,000 -1,500-word	1-4	20
DUE: WEEK 25	entry on chosen topic		
Wed 11 th of Feb	area		

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



'26			
Journal entry 2	1,000 - 1,500-word	1-4	20
DUE: WEEK 27	entry on chosen topic		
Wed 25th of Feb	area		
'26			
Journal entry 3	1,000 - 1,500-word	1-4	20
DUE WEEK 33	entry on chosen topic		
Tues 7 th of Apr '26	area		
Journal entry 4	2,000 – 2,500-word	1-4	40
Roundtable Disc	summative reflection		
<i>Due</i> : Week 35	on key points from		
Wed 22 nd April	roundtable discussion		

Re-Assessment	
Details	

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total for 10 ECTS
Journal entry 1	1,000 -1,500-word entry on chosen topic area	1-4	20
Journal entry 2	1,000 - 1,500-word entry on chosen topic area	1-4	20
Journal entry 3	1,000 - 1,500-word entry on chosen topic area	1-4	20
Journal entry 4	2,000 – 2,500-word summative journal entry	1-4	40



Inclusive Curriculum

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 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
3. Does the content of your module address diversity? For example, including a diverse demographic profile of autho 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?	
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Indicative Reading List (approx. 4-5 titles)

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Module Pre-requisite

Module Co-requisite

Are other
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delivery of this
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Social Citizenship for the 21st Century, SSU44202, 5 ECTS, 2025 / 2026



Module Content

When it was first introduced, social citizenship was a radical idea: people should have civil, political, *and* social rights. Over time, social citizenship has come under criticism for a variety of reasons, often related to unequal access to social rights due to policies that advantage some groups (e.g., labour market insiders) and exclude others (e.g., immigrants). Over recent decades, growing environmental justice concerns have eroded the idea of social citizenship understood as rights to social protection that focus exclusively on human needs. At a time when security is threatened on many different levels - ranging from personal income security to climate turbulence and wars - what meaning can secure and sustainable social citizenship have?

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Teaching and Learning Methods³

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Assessment Details⁴ 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.

The module will be assessed through journal entries focusing on two of the above five topic areas (for 5 ECTS). This involves engaging with the assigned readings and discussion that relate to the topics and connecting them with the idea of social citizenship. The journal entries can be as practical and applied as the student chooses, or entirely literature focused, as long as they demonstrate relevance for social citizenship. Students can also combine these two approaches or alternate between them. For example, the first journal entry could focus on literature and concepts, and the second entry could combine literature on employment and social citizenship with commentary on a community scheme offering employment or volunteering opportunities. Students are encouraged to draw on research and current developments relating to politics, sociology, anthropology, economics, socioenvironmental studies, science and technology studies, and other fields. They are equally encouraged to be attuned to developments, practices and initiatives in their own communities, in the media, and globally. Students will receive formative feedback on the first journal entry.

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Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total for 5
Component	Description	Addressed	ECTS
Journal entry 1	1,250 - 1,500-	1-4	50 %
DUE WEEK 27	word entry on		
Wed 25 th of Feb	chosen topic area		
'26			
Journal entry 2	1,250 - 1,500-	1-4	50 %
DUE WEEK 35	word entry on		
Wed 22 nd April	chosen topic area		
'26			

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Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total for 5
Component	Description	Addressed	ECTS
Journal entry 1	1,250 -1,500- word entry on chosen topic area	1-4	50 %
Journal entry 2	1,250 - 1,500- word entry on chosen topic area	1-4	50 %

Inclusive Curriculum

	PLEASE TICK
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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

- 8. Highlight at least two ways which your course/module incorporates principles of inclusivity and accessibility into the curriculum design
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Quantitative Methods for Social Policy, SSU34052, 5 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU34052
Module Name	Quantitative Methods for Social Policy
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS
Semester taught	Semester 2
Module Coordinator/s	Dr. Philip Curry
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 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



Methods⁵

Teaching and Learning 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.

Assessment Details⁶ 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	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

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
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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9. 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
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12. 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

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

Eichhorn, J. (2022) Survey Research and Sampling (1st Ed). Sage.

deVaus, D. (2013) Surveys in Social Research (6th). Routledge.



Quantitative Methods for Social Policy, SSU34042, 10 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU34042
Module Name	Quantitative Methods for Social Policy
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS
Semester taught	Semester 2
Module Coordinator/s	Dr. Philip Curry
	On completion of this module students should be able to:
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 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 Unit 8. Assessing Data Quality Unit 9: Scaling analysis Unit 10: Multiple Regression Unit 11: Regression diagnostics / Other multivariate techniques



Teaching and Learning Methods⁷

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.

Assessment Details⁸ 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	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

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment	Assessment	LO	% of total
Component	Description	Addressed	
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

Inclusive

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Curriculum

	PLEASE TICK
13. 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
14. 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
15. 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

16. 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

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Social Policy In Action, SSU22191, 5 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU22191		
Module Name	Social Policy In Action		
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS		
Semester taught	Senior Fresh, Semester 1, 2025 / 2026		
Module Coordinator/s	Dr Catherine Conlon and Mr Mike Allen (Focus Ireland)		
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 On successful completion of this module, students should be able to: Delineate the key stages involved in the policy making process. Explain how key stages in the policy making process feature in Housing and Homeless Policy. Independently analyse other specific policy initiatives to identify specific elements involved in each policy making stage featuring within that initiative. Assess how adequately frameworks offered within policy science capture policy action through case study on Housing and Homelessness. Work as part of a group to develop an integrated, coherent presentation and contribute to oral delivery in class Use the conventions of essay writing to explain the stages model of policy making illustrated with reference to applied policy examples. 		
Module Content	This module aims to give students an insight into basic frameworks and models to systematically analyse the process of policy making which they can then apply to specific policy issues as part of a group project and an individual essay. The module use the case study of Housing and Homeless Policy contributed by Mr Mike Allen of Community Partners, Focus Ireland. This module looks at social policy <i>in action</i> . It considers how social policy is devised and implemented, asking: how do issues come onto the agenda? Who are key policy actors? How do principles and ideologies encountered in the first semester feature in policy responses? What are the key national and supra-national institutions framing policy, and how is policy reviewed and evaluated? Students gain an insight into models for analysing the policy making process. They are provided with a case study on housing and homeless policy by a leading policy actor in this area. Policy approaches and instruments in place within the Irish, EU and select international contexts addressing housing and homelessness will be presented to which students can apply the analytical models introduced. This module will equip students for deeper exploration of further specific policy		



issues and debates as they progress in their study of social policy

Teaching and Learning Methods⁹

Lectures, tutorials, practical classes involving students analysing a policy initiative in groups

Guidelines for student inputs to the module are detailed below and represent the minimum number of hours that students are expected to invest:

Large group lectures attendance and participation: 20 hours

Small group tutorial attendance and participation: 10 hours

Time spent reviewing instructional material (notes & assigned readings): 40 hours

Time spent on further recommended reading: 40 hours

Independent sourcing and reading of relevant supplementary materials to prepare for assessment: 40

Researching current social policy issues to inform class discussion and written assessment: 30

Preparation of oral presentation for assessment: 20 hours

Drafting and finalising writing of essay for written assessment: 30 hours

TOTAL: 230

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Re-Assessment Details

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20. 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: <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)

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- Alcock, P., Haux, T., May, M. and Wright, S. (2016) *The Students Companion to Social Policy*. Chichester: Wiley.
- Considine, M., and Dukelow, F., (2017) Irish Social Policy. A Critical Introduction. 2nd Edition. Bristol: Policy Press.
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Module Pre-requisite

Module Co-requisite

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Social Policy In Action, SSU22291, 10 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU22291	
Module Name	Social Policy In Action	
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS	
Semester taught	Senior Fresh, Semester 1, 2025 / 2026	
Module Coordinator/s	Dr Catherine Conlon and Mr Mike Allen (Focus Ireland)	
Module Learning Outcomes with	On successful completion of this module, students should be able to: 6. Delineate the key stages involved in the policy making process.	
embedded Graduate Attributes	 Explain how key stages in the policy making process feature in Housing and Homeless Policy. Independently analyse other specific policy initiatives to identify specific elements involved in each policy making stage featuring within that initiative. Assess how adequately frameworks offered within policy science capture policy action through case study on Housing and Homelessness. Work as part of a group to develop an integrated, coherent presentation and contribute to oral delivery in class Use the conventions of essay writing to explain the stages model of policy making 	
Module Content	This module aims to give students an insight into basic frameworks and models to systematically analyse the process of policy making which they can then apply to specific policy issues as part of a group project and an individual essay. The module use the case study of Housing and Homeless Policy contributed by Mr Mike Allen of Community Partners, Focus Ireland.	
	This module looks at social policy <i>in action</i> . It considers how social policy is devised and implemented, asking: how do issues come onto the agenda? Who are key policy actors? How do principles and ideologies encountered in the first semester feature in policy responses? What are the key national and supra-national institutions framing policy, and how is policy reviewed and evaluated? Students gain an insight into models for analysing the policy making process. They are introduced to a range of current social policy issues and instruments in place within the Irish, EU or international context to which they can apply these analytical	

frameworks in lectures, tutorials and readings.

Tutorials follow a workshop format where students think with the materials in lectures to consider readings assigned. Students will present in tutorials once during the module demonstrating their application of a component of the framework to a policy initiative of their choice. Presentations prompt peer discussion and learning and contribute to 10% of assessment of the module.

This module will equip students for deeper exploration of specific policy issues and debates as they progress in their study of social policy and experience of applying a framework for policy analysis to a policy area of their choice.

The final component of assessment (90%) will involve students writing an individual essay where they apply the framework for analysis introduced in the module, or a component of it, to a policy area to do their own independent analysis of social policy in action.

Teaching and Learning Methods¹¹

For this module, the guidelines for student inputs are as follows - these represent the advised number of hours that students are expected to invest:

Class (lecture & tutorial) attendance and participation: 32 hours

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

Time spent on further recommended reading: 60 hours

Independent sourcing and reading of relevant supplementary materials to prepare for assessment: 60 hours

Researching current social policy issues to inform class presentation and written assessment: 40 hours

Drafting and finalising writing of semester long project for written assessment: 50 hours

TOTAL: 272 hours

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Assessment Details¹² 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
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Re-Assessment Details

Same As Original Assessment.

Inclusive Curriculum

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

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Module Pre-requisite

Module Co-requisite

Are other
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Qualitative Research Methods for Social Policy, SSU22212, 5 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU22212
Module Name	Qualitative Research Methods for Social Policy
ECTS credit weighting	5 ECTS
Semester taught	Senior Fresh, Semester 2, 2025 / 2026
Module Coordinator/s	
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 On completion of the Introduction to Research Methods for Social Policy module students will be able to: Assess how adequately frameworks offered within policy science capture policy action through selected national and international qualitative policy research case studies. Understand what it means for research to be policy-engaged, the basic design of research for policy relevance and know how to develop policy-relevant research questions. Demonstrate entry level skills in qualitative research methods for policy research, including primary, secondary and applied research.
Module Content	This module is concerned with qualitative research methods that are commonly applied to social policy research. Policy-engaged enquiry is both linear and sometimes non-linear reflecting the complexity of the policy making process. Qualitative empirical research as well as mixed-method research and systematic reviews of the international evidence are frequently employed by social policy researchers to support the development of new policy or to attempt to solve a policy problem. The module will provide entry level skills in qualitative methods drawing on case study examples demonstrating these methods in policy research. The Introduction to Research Methods for Social Policy module aims: Introduce social policy students to qualitative research practice in policy studies. Relate theories of social policy formulation, implementation and evaluation to applied policy research designs.

Familiarise students with existing data-sets and repositories holding

qualitative data relevant to policy research;



- Develop the core skills required to undertake basic design of qualitative research for policy relevance and how to use research to address policyrelevant questions and problems.
- To develop entry level skills in qualitative research and evidence synthesis methods.

Equip students to attend to Ethical issues arising in qualitative research for policy.

Teaching and Learning Methods¹³

Didactic teaching inputs from a range of academics in the SWSP with interactive methods and self-directed learning complemented by practice-based tutorial supports.

Teaching strategies

Assessment design

What is the rationale behind the selection of these strategies (approaches)?

- How do they support the learning required to achieve LO?
- How do they support students in completing the assessments?
- How do they align with the mode of delivery and with the contact and independent study hours outlined above?

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Assessment Details¹⁴ Please include the following:

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

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Each Assessment component should be clearly aligned to the learning outcomes.

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total
T.B.C.			

Please outline each assessment component, and the assigned LO(s) in the table below.

Re-Assessment Details

Assessment Component	Assessment Description	LO Addressed	% of total

Please describe the re-assessment components and their % weighting, which should match that of the original assessment.

Each Re-Assessment component should be clearly aligned to the learning outcomes and can be adjusted to make them assessable during the supplemental period. Example, group project could be re-assessed using individual presentation, with the same % allocation.

Inclusive Curriculum

All modules should be inclusive for all students who learn differently. Please respond to the following questions (i.e. ensuring the course supports engagement and representation of all students)

	PLEASE TICK
25. Have you reviewed the teaching / assessment methods and	
materials for possible barriers to learning, e.g. students with	

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Guidelines (https://www.tcd.ie/disability/teaching-	
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Module Pre-requisite

Module Co-requisite

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Qualitative Research Methods for Social Policy, SSU22222, 10 ECTS, 2025 / 2026

Module Code	SSU22222
Module Name	Qualitative Research Methods for Social Policy
ECTS credit weighting	10 ECTS
Semester taught	Senior Fresh, Semester 2, 2025 / 2026
Module Coordinator/s	
Module Learning Outcomes with embedded Graduate Attributes	 On completion of the <i>Introduction to Research Methods for Social Policy</i> module students will be able to: Assess how adequately frameworks offered within policy science capture policy action through selected national and international qualitative policy research case studies. Understand what it means for research to be policy-engaged, the basic design of research for policy relevance and know how to develop policy-relevant research questions. Demonstrate entry level skills in qualitative research methods for policy research, including primary, secondary and applied research.
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