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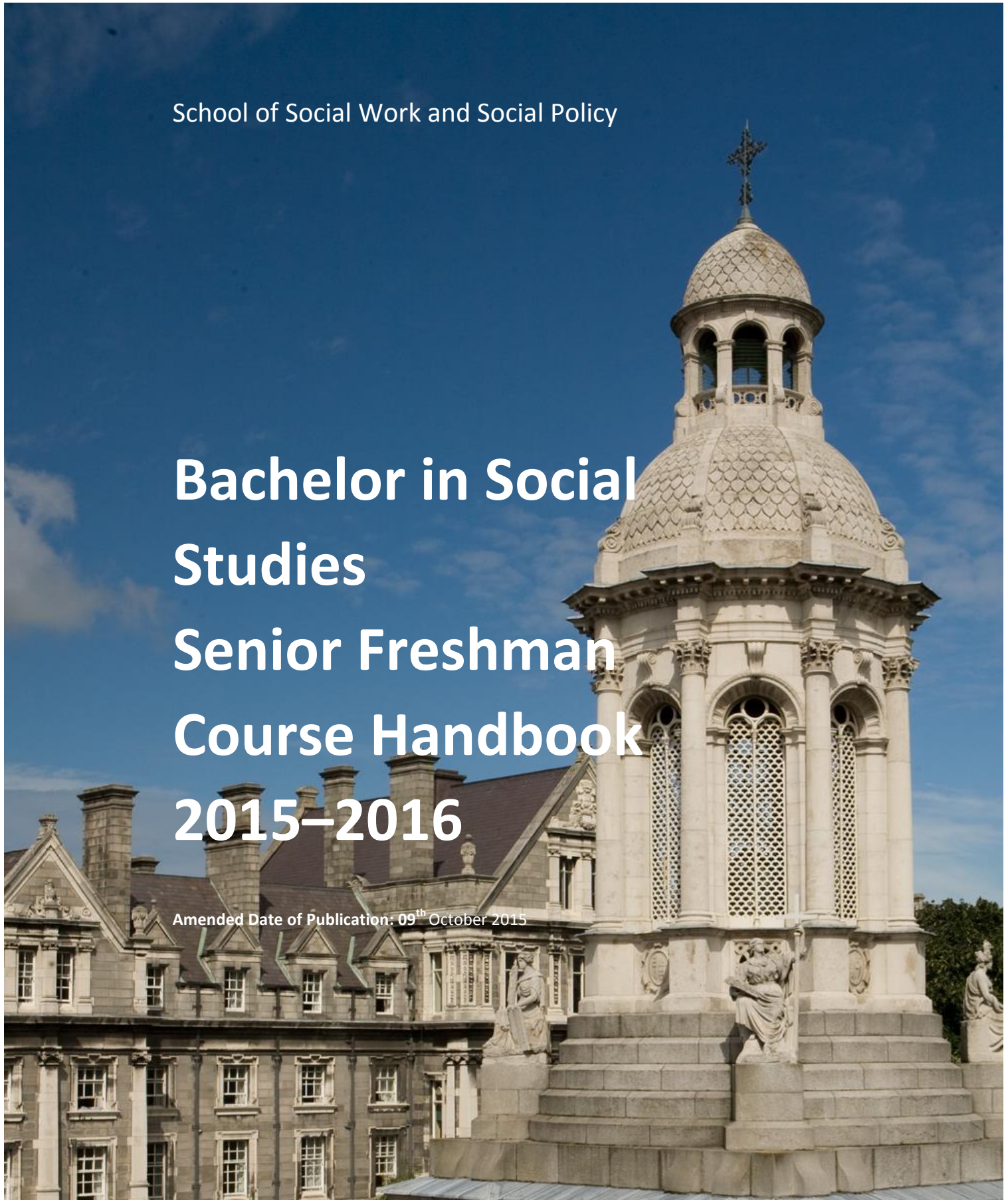
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## Introduction

Welcome to Senior Freshman year. We hope you will find it enjoyable and rewarding.

This year you will have more social work-related classes, a greater focus on social work skills and, at the end of the year, a 10-week, full-time placement, so the sense of being on a professional social work course should be stronger.

As the timetable is quite full, you will need to be well organised and to keep to deadlines for written work. As this is a professional course, you are required to attend all classes throughout the year. You should find that more of your classes are interactive this year, and the more you participate, the livelier the year will be for everyone.

There are no end-of-year examinations in SF year, and all courses will be assessed by coursework. This will enable you to begin your summer placement in late April and to complete it by July. Although you have no annual examinations, Senior Freshman year is the year in which you can sit Scholarship examinations and we encourage you to consider this option. In recent years, BSS students have been successful in achieving the distinction and rewards of a college scholarship.

This Handbook aims to give you the basic information you need to find your way about the BSS course this year - for example:

- module content
- written requirements for the year and advice about format
- information about your summer placement
- placement guidelines

Further information will be available in class and on the Faculty and School website. You should also check your Student Portal regularly for changes to the timetable, etc. The School website can be found at: <http://www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/>  
Your timetable can be found at: <http://socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/timetables/>

Your feedback on all aspects of the programme is, as always, very welcome.

Good luck and enjoy the year.

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### School Website

Web: <http://socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie/>

## School Activities

In 1934, Trinity College established its first social work training course, the Diploma in Social Studies. In 1962, the Department of Social Studies established the Bachelor in Social Studies (BSS) social work degree, which in 1973 was recognised by the British Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work for the professional social work qualification CQSW. From 1995 to 2010, with the advent of the National Social Work Qualifications Board, BSS was awarded jointly with the National Qualification in Social Work (NQSW). In 2002, a second social work qualifying degree, the Masters in Social Work (MSW), was introduced. Since 2011 and the establishment of the Social Work Register, under the auspices of CORU (The Health and Social Professionals Council), graduates who have successfully completed the four years of the BSS (Hons) degree are eligible to apply to be placed on the Social Work Register.

In 2005, the Department of Social Studies expanded to become the School of Social Work and Social Policy.

In addition to the two social work degrees, BSS and MSW, the School offers a range of other courses including a number of Master's courses, a joint Sociology/Social Policy degree, evening courses, and School staff also contribute to a range of taught programmes outside the School.

The School attracts visiting students and academics and supervises postgraduate students on research degrees. It also accommodates or jointly runs three Research Centres and has substantial additional research programmes.

The School accommodates an exciting mix of people with diverse backgrounds and experience. We hope that students of the School will have many opportunities to meet with and learn from one another as well as from the variety of staff that work here.

Below a brief summary is presented of the main activities of the School.

### Summary of School Activities

**BSS:** This professionally-qualifying 4-year social work degree leads to the award of Bachelor in Social Studies (Hons). It is geared both to school-leavers and to mature students with relevant practice experience.

**MSW:** This professionally qualifying 2-year social work programme began in 2002. It leads to the award of Master in Social Work, and is open to social science graduates with relevant practice experience.

**B.A. Sociology and Social Policy:** This 4-year degree was introduced jointly by Social Studies and Sociology Departments in 1995. It provides a good basis for careers in research, planning, management and evaluation in social services.

**Social Policy:** The School provides a range of Social Policy courses for BSS, B.Soc / Soc.Pol, BBS, BESS and TSM students.

**PG Diploma & M.Sc. in Child Protection and Welfare:** The PG Diploma in Child Protection and Welfare is a 1-year part-time, interdisciplinary postgraduate course began in 1990. It is relevant to social workers, childcare workers, nurses, gardaí and others working in the field of child protection and welfare. Those gaining a 2.1 in the Diploma may proceed to the second year leading to the M.Sc.

**MSc in Applied Social Research:** This one-year full-time or two-year part-time postgraduate research course is designed for social science graduates who wish to develop their research skills towards employment in social research.

**MSc in Disability Studies:** This one-year full-time or two-year part-time postgraduate research course is designed for people interested to develop their skills and knowledge in the field of disability studies and research.

**Online Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Social Studies:** This new one year online programme is a level 9 postgraduate diploma designed to provide graduates from all disciplines with the opportunity to develop their understanding of the role and function of social policy.

**Post-graduate Research:** School staff supervise M.Litt and Ph.D students who undertake research in a range of topics related to social work or social policy.

**School Research:** Staff are involved in a mix of individual, collaborative and centre-based research in a variety of professional and policy areas, for or in partnership with government departments, voluntary organisations and philanthropic trusts.

#### **School Research Centres:**

**The Children's Research Centre**, established jointly with the Department of Psychology in 1995, undertakes commissioned action research on behalf of children. It has published many monographs and is collaborating in a major longitudinal study of children in Ireland.

**The Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre (SPARC)**, established in 2004, focuses on developing knowledge and research on experiences of older people.

**Service Teaching:** Staff provide service-teaching to a number of courses, including the B.Sc. Occupational Therapy.

**Evening Courses:** The school provides an annual evening course on Contemporary Issues in Social Work.

## **Overview of the BSS Degree**

### **Aims and Objectives**

The BSS programme aims to provide students with the necessary knowledge, skills and value base to enter social work as competent beginning practitioners, to work professionally and accountably with service users and colleagues in diverse settings, and to use the guidance and support of senior colleagues effectively.

BSS graduates are not finished social workers but rather - in the language of Trinity's conferring ceremony - at the commencement of their professional careers. New graduates begin a process of continuing education, and their professional development will depend on commitment to continuing practice, training, up-to-date reading, post-qualifying study and research.

### **Knowledge Base**

Social workers need a knowledge base from which to formulate, practise and critically review a variety of social interventions. Students need to understand multiple factors which may impact on service users, influencing their health, circumstances, behaviour, perceptions and resilience. Such understanding derives from social work and the social sciences.

In social work theory modules, skills workshops, placement experience and tutorials, students enhance their self-knowledge, gain understanding of the principles, theories and methods of social work intervention, and develop their practice competence.

In psychology, sociology and applied social work modules, students become familiar with theories of human growth and development, behaviour, cognition, responses to stress and to social support, social interaction and group processes.

Social policy, sociology, law, economics and politics modules provide frameworks for understanding socio-structural forces acting on individuals, families, communities and welfare organisations and a grasp of their local and global impact and context. Students are also introduced to the principles and methods of social research and are supported to apply research methods in project work.

Social work practice requires this wide range of knowledge for it to be grounded in research evidence, well theorised and integrated, applied critically and sensitively, and to be informed by professional ethics and values.

### **Value Base**

Social work practice is inextricably bound up with ethical questions. Each intervention introduces a variety of possible tensions between personal and professional values, service users' values and the implicit and explicit agenda of the agency. Working ethically with such tensions requires the worker to demonstrate sensitivity, clarity, ability to question received wisdom, commitment to social justice and commitment to practise in an inclusive, anti-discriminatory and respectful manner. Students will have ongoing opportunities to address ethical questions in college and on placements.

### **Skills Base**

Professional training builds on students' communication, social and analytical skills to develop a firm base in counselling, groupwork and community work skills. These skills are developed through exercises, role-play, seminars and workshops in college, and through supervised practice on placement.

### **Challenges**

Social work practice challenges practitioners in many ways.

The knowledge, values and skills used in social work practice are not unique to social workers. Other practitioners subscribe to and use many of them. It is the combination of these elements - the ethical base, the social context, and the empowerment purposes for which they are used - which characterise the field of social work. The BSS programme aims to offer students a critical understanding of the scope of social work, a positive social work identity, and opportunities to practise creatively in a climate of social and professional change.

Social workers frequently work in multi-disciplinary agencies and must meet the challenge of maintaining their professional identity whilst actively helping to develop shared understandings and common purpose with colleagues from other disciplines.

Social workers face other challenges too, if they are to develop the highest standards of practice. These include the need to innovate and avoid stock responses to situations, to challenge institutionalised and internalised discrimination and inequality, to be reflective, open and explicit about their practice, to maintain professional integrity and confidence in the face of conflict and controversy, and to strive to work in genuine partnership with service users.



## **Programme Learning Outcomes**

In the context of the aims and objectives as well as the challenges outlined above, the BSS programme is designed around a set of Learning Outcomes which are key learning objectives that the BSS programme aims to offer students who undertake this degree.

On successful completion of this programme, students will have acquired and demonstrated the necessary knowledge, skills and ethical base for professional social work, and will have satisfied the requirements for an honours social science degree and for professional social work qualification in Ireland.

Specifically, graduates will be able to:

1. apply social science theories and social research evidence to the critical investigation, analysis and evaluation of contemporary social issues and social policies.
2. integrate social science and social work perspectives in the analysis of social work topics, debates and practice examples, and in the identification of best practice in these areas.
3. adopt a comparative, research-informed approach to academic project work.
4. practise at newly qualified level within all contemporary fields of social work practice, and work effectively as individual practitioners, as team members, and within multi-disciplinary settings.
5. employ effective interpersonal skills and communication skills in both academic and practice contexts.
6. demonstrate competence in social work assessment, counselling, groupwork, community work, advocacy, case management, practice evaluation, and other core social work skills and tasks.
7. use professional and peer supervision constructively and engage in critical reflection on their social work practice.
8. maintain personal accountability and professional behaviour in academic and practice contexts.
9. uphold high ethical standards in their social work practice, with reference to Irish and international codes of social work ethics.
10. engage in social work practice that promotes inclusivity, equality and social justice, and be confident to challenge practice that does not.
11. engage in continuing professional development including further study.

The BSS degree prepares students to meet the CORU Standards of Proficiency for professionally qualified social workers.

[http://www.coru.ie/uploads/documents/typeset\\_Social\\_Worker\\_Code\\_Feb\\_2010.pdf](http://www.coru.ie/uploads/documents/typeset_Social_Worker_Code_Feb_2010.pdf)

## **Course Expectations**

BSS staff aim for standards of excellence in all aspects of the programme, and try to create an ethos of openness to change, participation, collaborative and enjoyable learning, respect for difference, sensitivity to others, and mutual support.

Both staff and students have their part to play in maintaining a rewarding and ethical learning and working environment.

Expectations include the following:-

### **Staff**

- Providing an enriching learning environment which is stimulating, challenging and involves students as active participants in teaching and learning.
- Linking theory / research to real world /practice situations.
- Supporting fieldwork-college links.
- Providing timely, fair and constructive responses to students' work.
- Rewarding effort and encouraging students to achieve their potential.
- Being accessible to students and responsive to their concerns and feedback.
- Combining support for students in difficulty with fairness to other students.
- Transparency about rules and procedures.

### **Students**

- Standards: being proactive about achieving personal best in academic work and in practice; taking care with presentation of work; academic honesty and rigour; being responsible and behaving ethically in college and on placement.
- Personal organisation: being punctual for classes and appointments; planning ahead; meeting deadlines for coursework and placement tasks.
- Participation: engaging in class debate; sharing ideas, experience, and materials.
- Feedback: discussing issues and concerns with college and placement staff; willingness to participate in finding solutions.
- Group / Teamwork: sensitivity to group dynamics; dealing with conflict constructively; supporting others in class or placement; having fun together.
- Using Help: identifying when help is needed; using resource people in college or placement proactively to tackle personal, academic or practice issues in good time.

## **Attendance**

For professional reasons lecture and tutorial attendance in all years is compulsory. If students are unable to attend class or placement for unavoidable reasons they must notify College and placement and complete the Absence Notification Form appended and submit this to the Year Head or Course Director.

If students are aware of issues which will affect their ability to attend College or placement on an ongoing basis they must make an appointment to discuss their situation with the Year Head or Course Director.

Students who have not satisfied the school requirements for attendance, as per the BSS Exam Conventions 2015 – 16, will be returned to the Senior Lecturer as non-satisfactory, in keeping with the regulations of the University Council.

Any student reported to the Senior Lecturer as non-satisfactory for the Michaelmas and Hilary Terms of a given year may be refused permission to take their annual exams and or proceed to placement and may be required by the Senior Lecturer to repeat the year.

### Overview of Senior Freshman Year 2015/16

<b>Mandatory Modules (60 ECTS)</b>			
Module	Module Name	ECTS	Assessment Type
SS2720	Social Work Theory and Practice	10 ECTS	Social Work Essay [50%] Community Work Project [50%]
SS2786	Psychology for Social Workers I	5 ECTS	
SS2787	Psychology for Social Workers II	5 ECTS	
SO2310	Introduction to Social Research	10 ECTS	See module Descriptor
SS2780	Crime and Irish Society	5 ECTS	Essay [100%]
SS2040	Law for Social Workers	10 ECTS	Essay [100%]
SS2777	Senior Freshman Placement	15 ECTS	Placement Project
<b>Students must take two of the following modules (10 ECTS)</b>			
Module	Module Name	ECTS	Assessment Type
SS2781*	Children and Society – Hilary Term	5 ECTS	Essay [ 50%] Group Project [50%]
SS2760	Health Policy – Hilary Term	5 ECTS	Essay [100% ]
SS2770	Housing Policy – Michaelmas Term	5 ECTS	1 essay [100%]
BC	Broad Curriculum Course <sup>1</sup>	5 ECTS	See Module Descriptor
<b>Students must take one of the following modules (10 ECTS)</b>			
Module	Module Name	ECTS	Assessment Type
EC2020	The Economy of Ireland	10 ECTS	See Module Descriptor
FR2040	Language: French	10 ECTS	See Module Descriptor

<sup>1</sup> Students may only take one 5 ECTS Broad Curriculum module.

GR2004	Language: German	10 ECTS	See Module Descriptor
PO265D	Comparative Politics	10 ECTS	See Module Descriptor
SO2343	Gender, Work & Family	10 ECTS	See Module Descriptor

\*This module may not run in Hilary Term in which case a different module will replace it.

There are no annual examinations in the BSS Senior Freshman year. The end of year result is based on continuous assessment of coursework and end of term examinations completed during the academic year and the outcome of the Practice Placement which is completed after the annual placement in the summer.

### **Module Choices – Change of Mind**

Students who wish to change their module choices may do so up until 5pm on Friday 9th October 2015. Students should note that module changes will be subject to availability of places and timetabling constraints. A Change of Mind Form is appended to this handbook or available in electronic format from the School Office.

## Module Outlines

### Mandatory Modules

<b>SS2720 Social Work Theory and Practice (10 ECTS)</b>
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This full-year, 110 hour course, comprises the following modules:

- (A) Community Work
- (B) Social Work Values, Theory and Skills
- (C) Preparation for Placement
- (D) Health Related Social Work
- (E) International Social Work 1

<b>(A) Community Work</b>
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**Kirsten Byrne**

This section of the module commences in Hilary Term

### Community Work

This module introduces community work theories, models and approaches and seeks to provide students with an understanding of current trends and developments in the community and voluntary sector

#### Aim

To introduce through interactive teaching methods key principles of Community Work and Community Development

### Module Learning Objectives

**By the end of the module students will:**

- Be familiar with various models and approaches to community work and community development
- Have gained an understanding of the value base of community work and its relationship to social work values and principles
- Have developed an understanding of community work skills and principles
- Have gained an understanding of the role of community work within Tusla and in a broader national context
- Students will have an understanding of group facilitation skills and will have gained knowledge of the factors that contribute to effective meetings
- Students will have gained an understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and of the role of community work in responding to this issue
- Students will have gained an understanding of the history of community work in Ireland and will be familiar with current trends and developments in the sector
- Students will have an understanding of the manner in which community work can enable dissent and influence change

### **Topics include**

- Definitions of community work
- What is community?
- Models, approaches and principles of community work
- Role of a community worker
- Community work skills including group facilitation and effective meetings
- Profiling the community and community agencies

### **Teaching and Learning Methods will include**

Group Discussion

Role Play

Small Group Exercises

Case Studies

The first lecture will give a clear outline of the lecture themes for all planned lectures.

Lectures will include a mix of learning methods and a class fieldtrip will also be incorporated into the lectures.

### **Assessment:**

The module is assessed by a Project (50% value of overall module result) which takes the form of **either** a Community Area profile  
**or** a Community Project Profile.

The project is conducted in groups of 2 or 3. It is designed to help you apply community work theory and to develop key community work skills such as data gathering, analysis, networking and collaboration. Class discussion of project work will form part of the learning context.

### **Reading List**

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Gilchrist, A. (2009) (2nd ed.) *The Well-Connected Community: A networking approach to community development*, The Policy press, Bristol

Hardcastle, D. et al. (2011) *Community Practice: Theories and Skills for Social Workers*. Oxford University Press.

Hawtin, M & Percy-Smith, J. (2007) (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.) *Community Profiling: A practical guide*. Open University Press.



Jackson, A & O' Doherty, C (2012) Community Development in Ireland: Theory, Policy and Practice. Gill and McMillan. Dublin.

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Ledwith, M. (2005) Community development: a critical approach, Policy Press, Bristol.

Lee, A. (2003) Community development in Ireland, Community Development Journal 38, 48-58.

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Payne, M. (2014) (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.) Modern Social Work Theory, Chapter 8: 'Macro Practice, Social Development and Social Pedagogy. Palgrave Macmillan.

Popple, K. (1995) Analysing community work: its theory and practice, Open University Press, Buckingham.

Prendiville, Patricia (2008)(3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) Developing Facilitation Skills. Dublin: CPA

Pyles, L. (2009) Progressive Community organizing: A critical approach for a globalizing world, Routledge, Oxford.

Reed, B. G. (2005) Theorizing in Community Practice, In The Handbook of community practice (Eds, Weil, M. and Reisch, M.) Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, Calif. ; London, pp. xvi, 708.

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Rothman, J. (2001) Approaches to community intervention, In Strategies of community intervention (Eds, Rothman, J., Erlich, J. and Tropman, J. E.) F.E. Peacock Publishers, Itasca, Ill., pp. xiv, 497 p.

Rubin, H. J. and Rubin, I. (2005) The practice of community organizing, In The Handbook of community practice (Eds, Weil, M. and Reisch, M.) Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks, Calif. ; London, pp. xvi, 708.

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<b>(B) Social Work Values, Theory and Skills</b>
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**Fidelma Beirne, Noel O'Driscoll and Therese Gaynor**

### **Overview**

This 40-hour module is taught over 2 terms in lecture and workshop formats. The theory and practice part of the course is thirty hours in duration. The first semester is devoted to the practice approaches and the relevant theories. There will be some experiential learning here also. The second semester is almost entirely experiential and students will be offered the opportunity to try out their skills and also discuss scenarios and case examples based on real-world social work practice. Students are encouraged to get a very real sense of what it is like to be a social worker, to step into this role and to practise their skills. This part of the module is seeking to add to the preparation of students going out on placement.

### **Module Content**

- The role of the social worker in practice
- Assessment in social work
- Communication in social work
- Planning in social work
- Social work values
- Ethical decision-making in social work
- File recording skills
- Report- and letter-writing skills
- Key social work practice approaches and their application

### **Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Describe the stages involved in direct social work practice with individuals, from the time of referral to closure of intervention with clients
- Identify core aspects of the assessment process in social work practice
- Name types and levels of communication used in direct social work practice
- Identify core and transferable engagement and counselling skills
- Use core counselling skills to engage and communicate with individuals
- Demonstrate use of the following core skills: listening, using questions, demonstrating understanding, demonstrating empathy, summarizing and ending
- Understand the link between social work theory and practice
- Recognize the philosophies, traditions and theories that underpin different counselling and practice approaches
- Identify key techniques used in different counselling and practice approaches

- Undertake a process of planning for social work intervention with an individual or case
- Demonstrate ethical awareness and name core ethical principles that influence and guide social work practice
- Understand the different forms of social work practice and the relationships between these forms (e.g. individual work, macro-practice, etc)
- Understand what is meant in social work terminology by the following terms: advocacy; empowerment; self-determination; anti-oppressive practice; and reflexive practice, service-user perspective.

### **Assessment**

This module will be assessed by means of one essay (50% value of overall module result). Students will have a choice of essay based on the two sections on this module.

### **Essential Reading**

Hepworth, D.H., Rooney, R.H. & Larsen, J. (2002) *Direct Social Work Practice: Theory and Skills*. CA: Brooks Cole.

Horner N (2003) *What is Social Work? Context & Perspectives*. Exeter: Learning Matters.

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## **Additional Reading**

### **Social Work Skills**

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## (C) Preparation For Placement

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This 12-hour Hilary term module is an integral part of the process of allocating placements. It aims to prepare students to achieve optimal learning from practice experience. It offers an opportunity to develop reflective skills for practice and to ensure students are aware of the supports that are available and the supervision required for developing good social work practice.

**Teaching methods:** Presentations, reflective exercises, case studies & group process.

**Session 1:** Introduction to fieldwork education: exploring the processes of practice learning vis-a-vis classroom learning; overview of social work sectors and possible placement sites.

**Session 2:** Presentations by representatives from a number of areas of community based practice including community development, youth work, and disability and drug/HIV services.

**Session 3:** Models of Supervision: reflective, solution focused and developmental approaches. Learning Styles and their application to placement.

**Session 4:** Introduction to a range of Learning Tools (e.g. Process Recording, Learning Logs, Critical Incidents, Reflective Journals and Direct Observation)

**Session 5:** Professional Practice (e.g. Teamwork, Accountability, Ethical Issues, Boundaries). Learning needs, learning opportunities and the Learning Agreement.

**Session 6:** Processes in Assessment / Evaluation. The Practice Project.

### Essential Reading

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- Hawkins, P. & Shohet, R. (2007) *Supervision in the Helping Professions: an individual, group and organisational approach*. OUP, McGraw-Hill Education, Maidenhead:Berkshire
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### **Practice Contexts**

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- Thompson, N. (2000) *Understanding Social Work: Preparing For Practice*. London: Palgrave

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## (D ) Health-Related Social Work

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### Overview

The aim of the component of the module is to give students an introduction to the role of social work in the medical setting

Seven x 2-hour workshops plus a field visit to a Hospital Social Work Dept.

### Content

- Working in a Multi-Disciplinary setting;
- Coping with illness.
- Working within specialisms eg oncology, medicine for the elderly, homelessness etc
- Bereavement issues.
- Preparation for and feedback from field visit

### Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this component of the module students will understand and be able to articulate an explanation of the role of social work in a medical setting.

### Reading

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Torode, R., Walsh, T. and Woods, M. (2001) *Working with refugees and asylum seekers: a social work resource book*. Dublin: TCD

Timonen, V., Doyle, M. and Prendergast, D. (2006) *No Place like Home. Domiciliary care services for Older People in Ireland*. Dublin: Liffey Press.

### **Journals.**

Irish Social Worker (1995) Health Related Social work. special ed, IASW 13:2

Irish Social Worker (2002) Special Edition on Social Work with Older people, IASW 20:1-2

Irish Social Worker (2002) Special edition on bereavement and social work. IASW 20:3

<b>(E ) International Social Work 1</b>
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## **Course Aims**

### **Social work**

This short module course aims to

- familiarise students with some of the key issues of social development in developing (majority world) countries,
- explore the relevance of different models of social work (Western and non-Western) to such issues, and
- consider the learning for Ireland and other 'developed' countries from social development and social work in widely differing contexts.

These issues will be explored mainly through the themes of poverty, disability and vulnerable populations, and mostly with reference to developments in Ethiopia, South Africa and Vietnam, as well as China and Eastern Europe.

A short series of lectures is supplemented by guiding reading plans to reflect student interests and priorities. These are prepared in consultation with Professor Gilligan.

<b>SS2786 and SS2787 Psychology for Social Work I and II</b>
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**Ms Sarah Houston**

This 22 hour module runs through Michaelmas and Hilary terms (11, 1-hour lectures in each). The module will build on the range of theories students have been introduced to in the Junior Freshman year, with a focus on the application of these theories to social work practice with children, young people and adults experiencing developmental, emotional, behavioural and mental health difficulties. Students will be encouraged to engage critically and reflexively with a range of psychological and sociological perspectives on human development and attachment relationships across the life span. There will be an opportunity to integrate theory with observation.

**Learning Objectives**

On completion of this module, students should:

- Have further developed their critical understanding of different theoretical approaches to human development and attachment relationships.
- Be able to apply these ideas to support their understanding of difficulties experienced by people coming in contact with social workers in practice.
- Have an awareness of the evolving needs of children, young people and adults across their lifespan.
- Be in a position to recognise when the emotional health and well-being of children and young people is at risk and may require professional intervention.
- Have a conceptual framework within which they can begin to evaluate common developmental, emotional and behavioural and mental health difficulties in children, young people and adults.
- Have developed an understanding of how their own personal, professional and cultural contexts influence their understanding of theory and practice in this area.

**Course content**

- Introduction to perspectives on human development across the life course.
- Revisiting key theories from developmental psychology, and further exploration of attachment theory
- Observation skills
- The application of perspectives and theories on human development to social work practice with
  - Infants, young children & their families
  - Older children & their families
  - Adolescents
  - Adults

- Older adults.
- Recognising, understanding and responding to psychological problems.

### Assessment

This course will be assessed through two observation studies of 1200-1500 words, one in Michémas term (90% weighting for module SS2786) and one in Hilary term (90% weighting for module SS2787). Assessment may include class tests. Attendance will be monitored and will comprise 10% of the overall mark for each module.

### Core texts

Crawford, K. & Walker, J. (2010). *Social Work and Human Development*. London: Sage.

Leman, P., Bremner, A., Parke, R.D. & Gauvain, M. (2012). *Developmental Psychology*. Maidenhead: McGraw-Hill Education.

Howe, D. (2011). *Attachment across the Lifecourse*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

### Other Readings

Ingleby, E. (2006). *Applied Psychology for Social Work*. Exeter: Learning Matters.

Cassidy, J. & Shaver P. R. (Eds.) (1999). *Handbook of Attachment: Theory, Research and Clinical Applications*. New York: The Guilford Press.

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British Association for Early Childhood Education (2012). *Development Matters in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)*. London: Early Education. [www.early-education.org.uk](http://www.early-education.org.uk)

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Buckley, H., Horwath, J. & Whelan, S. (2006). *Framework for the Assessment of Vulnerable Children & Their Families: Assessment Tool and Practice Guidance*. Dublin: Children's

Research Centre. [www.tcd.ie/childrensresearchcentre](http://www.tcd.ie/childrensresearchcentre)

HSE (2008). *Child Emotional and Mental Health (Training Programme for Public Health Nurses and Doctors, Unit 9)*. Dublin: HSE. [www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/services/Children/Unit\\_9\\_Child\\_Emotional\\_and\\_Mental\\_Health\\_.pdf](http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/services/Children/Unit_9_Child_Emotional_and_Mental_Health_.pdf)

- Child, Youth & Family (2002). *Working with Children and Young People with Mental Health Problems and their Families and Whanau*. Wellington: Dept of child, Youth & Family Services (NZ)
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- Carr, A. (2006). *The Handbook of Child & Adolescent Clinical Psychology (2nd Ed.)*. London: Routledge. (Section 1 Frameworks for practice: pages 1-78)
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- Adams, R., Dominelli, L. & Payne, M. (Eds.) (2009). *Critical Practice in Social Work (2nd Ed.)* Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan. (Part 2 Theories for practice: pages 89-230)
- Dooley, B. & Fitzgerald, A. (2012). *My World Survey: National Study of Youth Mental Health in Ireland*. Dublin: Headstrong/UCD. [www.headstrong.ie](http://www.headstrong.ie)
- Headspace (2013). *Headspace Psychosocial Assessment for Young People (v. 2.0; 2013)*. [www.headspace.org.au/media/39050/headspace\\_psychosocial\\_assessment\\_2013v2.0.pdf](http://www.headspace.org.au/media/39050/headspace_psychosocial_assessment_2013v2.0.pdf)
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- UNICEF Ireland (2011). *Change the Future (series of 4 reports)*. Dublin: UNICEF Ireland. [www.unicef.ie](http://www.unicef.ie)
- Dillon, J. (2013). *Sounds Mad* (radio documentary), [www.rte.ie/radio1/doconone/radiodocumentary-sounds-mad-](http://www.rte.ie/radio1/doconone/radiodocumentary-sounds-mad-)

**Additional reading will be provided in class as required.**

<b>SO2310 Introduction to Social Research</b>
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**Module Description available via:**

<http://www.tcd.ie/sociology/undergraduate/modules/sf/intro-social-research/index.php>



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### **Overview**

This module examines crime and punishment in Ireland under the lens of social policy. It gives a historical overview of the approaches of the state to criminal justice, and explores trends, systems and policies in crime and punishment in Ireland.

### **Teaching**

One 2 hour lecture per week and one tutorial per week.

### **Module Content**

- Defining, classifying and measuring crime.
- Trends in crime in Ireland.
- Prison and coercive confinement in Ireland.
- The use of non-custodial sanctions.
- Role of politics, culture and the media in criminal justice in Ireland.
- Drugs policy in Ireland.
- Youth justice in Ireland.
- White collar crime in Ireland.

### **Learning Outcomes**

On completion of this module students will be able to:

- Understand the issues in relation to the definition and measurement of crime and crime trends.
- Identify the main trends in crime and punishment in Ireland over the past century.
- Describe the historical development of criminal justice policies in Ireland.
- Be familiar with the use of custodial and non-custodial sanction in juvenile and adult criminal justice.
- Critique policy approaches to drugs, white collar crime, youth justice and penal policy broadly.
- Critique the role of politics, culture and the media in penal policy in Ireland.

**Assessment:**

One essay. Submission date to be confirmed. Penalties: 10% will be deducted from essays submitted late. Extensions must be requested via tutor.

**Recommended reading:**

**(Detailed weekly reading lists will be provided in class and on Blackboard)**

Kilcommmins, et al (2004) *Crime, Punishment and the Search for Order in Ireland*. Dublin: IPA.

Kilkelly, U. (2006) *Youth Justice in Ireland: Tough Lives, Rough Justice*. Dublin: Irish Academic Press.

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O'Donnell, I., Teljeur, C., Hughes, N., Baumer, E. and Kelly, A. (2007) When Prisoners go Home: Punishment, Social Deprivation and the Geography of Reintegration. *Irish Criminal Law Journal*, 17, 4, 3-9.

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O'Sullivan, E. and O'Donnell, I. (2007) Coercive Confinement in the Republic of Ireland: The Waning of a Culture of Control. *Punishment and Society*, 9 (1): 27-48.

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### **Module Aims & Content**

This module provides an analysis of key legislation together with practical legal training in preparation for a range of Social Work Practice settings.

The module explores key aspects of Irish and International Child and Family Law relevant to Social Work Practitioners, with particular focus on Public Child Care Law and the statutory role of Social Work Practitioners. The module will also provide an overview of relevant aspects of Private Family Law, including marriage breakdown, domestic violence, custody and guardianship.

Case examples from practice and group discussions will provide students with the opportunity to critically consider the role of a Social Work Practitioner within the wider context of the domestic and International Legislative framework.

**Learning Outcomes; This** module specifically addresses CORU domains 1, 3 and 6. On successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

- Apply key legal principles to Social Work Practice in a wide range of settings;
- Demonstrate a good understanding of the statutory role of Social Work Practitioners in a Child Protection and Welfare setting;
- Develop skills to manage their Social Work File in preparation for court applications with particular focus on minutes of meetings, case notes, records of Social Work Assessment and Risk assessment;
- Consider the inherent difficulty of balancing parent's rights and children's rights in Public Law matters;
- Have a good understanding of fair procedures for parents and families, including issues such as informed consent and the rights of parents to access legal representation;
- Apply key principles for effective report writing and communication in Child Care Proceedings;

### **Lecture One: Introduction to Child and Family Law in Ireland**

- Overview of relevant aspects of Irish Child and Family Law; including key domestic legislation, statutory instruments / regulations, EU / International Law.
- Practical knowledge of the Irish Court Service.
- Introduction to the main provisions of the Child Care Act 1991; main functions and responsibilities of the Child and Family Agency.

**Group Discussion;**

- Statutory role of Social Work Practitioner in Child Protection and Welfare; understanding the wider context of practice within a legislative framework.
- Most common types of court application for Social Work Practitioners.

**Required Reading:**

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012) Part I

Louise Crowley, 'Family Law'. 2013

Jim Nestor, An Introduction to Irish Family Law, 3rd ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2007), Chapters 1 and 2.

Geoffrey Shannon, Child Law, 2nd ed., (Thomson Round Hall), Chapters 1 and 2.

Alan Shatter, Shatter's Family Law 4th ed., (Butterworths, 1997), Chapters 1-4.

**Lecture Two; Children's Rights**

- Irish Constitutional Amendment on Children's Rights.
- United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
- European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR).
- Children and Family Relationships Act; recognition of rights of children in Child and Family Law matters.
- Section 24 of the Child Care Act 1991; Voice of the child in Child Care Proceedings.

**Required Reading:**

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012) Part I

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Kilkelly, Ursula. (1998) Children's Rights in Ireland: Law, Policy and Practice, (Tottel Publishing) Chapters 8 and 9.

Kilkelly, U (Ed) ECHR and Irish Law 2nd ed., (Bristol: Jordan's).

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(2003) 6(3) Irish Journal of Family Law 6: "The Children's Hearing System and the European Convention on Human Rights" Dr Linda Tyler

*Social Work and the Rights of the Child*, International Federation of Social Workers (see also <http://www.ifsw.org>)

*Laying the Foundations for Children's Rights*, Philip Alston and John Tobin, UNICEF at [http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/pdf/ii\\_layingthefoundations.pdf](http://www.unicef-icdc.org/publications/pdf/ii_layingthefoundations.pdf)

**Group Discussion;**

- Balance of Parents Constitutional Rights with Children's Rights; case examples.
- Constitutional Protection of the Family; State Intervention and the child.

**Lecture Three; Role of the Guardian ad Litem in Court Proceedings**

- Section 26 of the Child Care Act 1991; Appointment of the Guardian ad Litem
- Role of the Guardian ad litem / Court in Child Care Proceedings.
- Hearing children's views in Child Care Proceedings

**Group Discussion**

- How the Child's views are taken into account in practice.
- Children's meetings with Judges.
- Child Centred practice in court proceedings; international comparisons.

**Required Reading:**

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012) Part I

Paul Ward, The Child Care Act 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Thomson Round Hall 2014), Part II; Section 3; Functions of the Child and Family Agency.

**Lecture Four; Child Protection Law, Part 1; Social Work Preparation for Court;**

- Overview of the most common applications made by the Child and Family Agency under the Child Care Act 1991, as amended.
- Review of definitions of abuse as outlined in the Children's First Guidelines and Practice Handbook, 2011.
- Relevant aspects of District Court Practice Directions for Public Law Child Care Cases.

**Group Discussion;**

- Analysis of case studies to illustrate types of court applications.
- Consideration of issues to be addressed by Social Work Department before court proceedings are initiated.

**Required Reading:**

Paul Ward, The Child Care Act 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Thomson Round Hall 2014), Part II; Section 3; Functions of the Child and Family Agency.

Children's First Guidelines, 2011 and Practice Handbook for Practitioners; definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Child Care Reporting Project, [www.childlawproject.ie](http://www.childlawproject.ie); Case examples

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012), Chapter 7

**Lecture Five; Child Protection Law; Part 2; Emergency Care Orders and Interim Care Orders**

- Detailed analysis of grounds for Emergency Care Order and Interim Care Order applications; (Sections 12, 13 and 17 of the Child Care Act 1991) & thresholds of risk to be met for these applications.
- Social Work Report for Emergency Care Order and Interim Care Order applications.
- Thresholds /evidence required for each application.

**Group Discussion;**

- Review of practice examples of Emergency Care Order and Interim Care Order applications – case studies to be circulated in advance to students for consideration.
- Common mistakes in Emergency Care Order / Interim Care Order applications; lessons for practice.

**Required Reading:**

Paul Ward, The Child Care Act 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Thomson Round Hall 2014), Part II; Section 3; Functions of the Child and Family Agency.

Children's First Guidelines, 2011 and Practice Handbook for Practitioners; definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Child Care Reporting Project, [www.childlawproject.ie](http://www.childlawproject.ie); Case examples.

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012), Chapter 7.

### **Lecture Six; Child Protection Law; Part 3; Care Orders & Supervision Orders**

- Detailed analysis of grounds for Care Order & Supervision Order applications; (Section 18 and 19 of the Child Care Act 1991) - review of thresholds to be met for these applications.
- Practical preparation & evidence required for applications under Section 18 and 19.
- Social Work Report for Care Order and Supervision Order applications.
- Proportionality in Care Order applications – duration of a Care Order.
- Reference to relevant research in Social Work Reports, with particular reference to Care Order Reports / booklets.
- Booklet of documents required from Social Work File for Care Order hearings.

### **Group Discussion;**

- Review of practice examples of Care Order and Supervision Order applications – case studies to be circulated in advance to students for consideration.
- Common mistakes in Care Order applications; lessons for practice.

### **Required Reading:**

Paul Ward, The Child Care Act 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Thomson Round Hall 2014), Part II; Section 3; Functions of the Child and Family Agency.

Children's First Guidelines, 2011 and Practice Handbook for Practitioners; definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Child Care Reporting Project, [www.childlawproject.ie](http://www.childlawproject.ie); Case examples

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012), Chapter 7

### **Lecture Seven; Children in Care; Part 1**

- Responsibilities of the Child and Family Agency in respect of Children in Care
- Section 13, 17 and 18 Child Care Act 1991 – Roles and Responsibilities of the Social Work Practitioner and the Child and Family Agency for children in care
- Section 4 Child Care Act 1991- Voluntary Care

- Section 37 Child Care Act 1991- Access for Children in Care.

**Group Discussion;**

- Rights of Children in care to parental access/ rights of parents
- What is voluntary care; case examples and lessons for practice

**Lecture Eight; Children in Care, Part 2**

- Section 45 Child Care Act 1991 - After Care Provision for Children in Care.
- Section 47 Child Care Act 1991 – Applications for Court directions in respect of Children in Care.
- Regulations for Children in Care – Standards for foster care and residential care.
- Use of research and assessments to illustrate evidence in respect of children in care; attachment theory, impact of access for children in short term / long term care.

**Group Discussion;**

- Consent for medical treatment for children in care (Section 47 Child Care Act 1991) – case examples and guidance for practice.
- Regulations for children in care – the importance in Child in Care reviews and Care Plans in court proceedings.

**Required Reading**

Paul Ward, The Child Care Act 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Thomson Round Hall 2014), Part II; Section 3; Functions of the Child and Family Agency.

Children's First Guidelines, 2011 and Practice Handbook for Practitioners; definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Child Care Reporting Project, [www.childlawproject.ie](http://www.childlawproject.ie); Case examples

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012), Chapter 7

**Lecture Nine; Accountability of Social Work Practitioners**

- Role of CORU, Social Service Inspectorate / HIQA in monitoring practice of Social Work Practitioners .
- Duties of the Social Work Practitioner to Court in Child Care Proceedings.
- Role of Guardian ad litem.



- Exploration of the relevance of Judicial Review for Social Work Practitioners.
- File management, communication with service users and file recording in statutory practice and other practice areas.
- Data Protection & Freedom of Information.

**Group Discussion;**

- Case examples of Judicial Review; practice learning for Social Work Practitioners.
- Preparing / maintaining your Social Work File.

**Required Reading**

Children's First Guidelines, 2011 and Practice Handbook for Practitioners; definitions of child abuse and neglect.

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012), Chapter 4

**Lecture Ten; Private Family Law; Part 1; Overview of Family Law in Ireland**

- The Law of Marriage, Civil Partnership and Cohabitation.
- Marriage Breakdown: The Law of Nullity, Judicial Separation and Divorce.
- Guardianship / custody / access.
- Barring Orders / Protection Orders / Safety Orders

**Group Discussion;**

- Children's position/ rights in Private Family Law
- Collaborative Practice / Mediation in Private Family Law

**Lecture Eleven; Private Family Law, Part 2; Role of Social Work Practitioners**

- Social Work Reports in private family law matters; Section 20 Child Care Act 1991.
- Role of Social Work Practitioner / Child and Family Agency in respect of Domestic Violence.
- Guardianship of children; important considerations for practice.

**Group Discussion;**

- Distinction between private and public law proceedings ; Social Work role
- Child's parentage and guardianship – DNA testing and related issues for Social Work Practitioners.

**Required Reading:**

Jim Nestor, An Introduction to Irish Family Law, 3rd ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2007), Chapters 3, 4 and 5 and 6.

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1st ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012) Part II

Alan Shatter, Shatter's Family Law 4th ed., (Butterworths, 1997), Chapters 5, 8 and 9.

Louise Crowley, 'Family Law'. 2013

**Lecture Twelve: Criminal Justice System, Part 1**

- Overview of the Irish Criminal Justice System.
- Framework for the Irish Juvenile Justice System and relevant legislation.
- Juvenile offences, detention and community sanctions.
- Social Work Practitioners / Child and Family Agency role in respect of Juvenile criminal Justice.
- Criminal Charges against a Child in Care / Probation Services.

**Lecture Thirteen: Criminal Justice System, Part 2**

- Interaction of Civil Law and Criminal Law relating to children.
- Interagency co-operation between Child and Family Agency and Gardaí.
- Management of cases of child abuse; issues for special consideration.
- Relevant Aspects of Children's First Guidelines.
- Disclosure of Social Work Files in criminal trials.

**Required Reading:**

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012) Chapter 16.

(2005) 23 Irish law Times 90: 'Child Abuse, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Criminal Law': Claire Hamilton.

Children First Practice Handbook; Interagency Co-operation in criminal matters.

**Lecture Fourteen: The Law of Adoption**

- Domestic Adoption & Intercountry Adoption
- Permanency Planning for children; analysis of adoption / long term foster care in Ireland.

**Required Reading:**

Jim Nestor, An Introduction to Irish Family Law, 3rd ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2007), Chapter 13.

Geoffrey Shannon, Child Law, 2nd ed., (Thomson Round Hall), Chapter 9

Claire Hamilton, 'Irish Social Work and Social Care Law' 1<sup>st</sup> ed., (Gill and Macmillan, 2012) Chapter `10

Alan Shatter, Shatter's Family Law 4th ed., (Butterworths, 1997), Chapters 12

Kerry O'Halloran Adoption Law and Practice 2nd ed., (Thomson Reuters Ireland Limited) chapters 6, 9, 10 ,11 and 12.

Louise Crowley, 'Family Law'. 2013

**Lecture Fifteen: EU / International Framework for Child Protection**

- Child Abduction; Hague Convention and Brussels Bis II.
- Child Protection procedures, habitual residence, recognition of court orders between member states.
- Movement of children and families between member states and role of Social Work Practitioner / State agencies – examples from practice.
- Child Protection and Welfare services in other jurisdictions; international comparisons.
- Placement of Children Abroad.

**Lecture Sixteen; Secure Care for minors in Ireland; Part 1**

- The Legal Framework for Secure Care.
- Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court.
- Social Work Practice with young people in Secure Care.
- Interaction between criminal and civil law in Secure Care.
- Case examples and lessons for practice.

**Required Reading:**

Reading list and case examples to be provided to students in advance.

**Lecture Seventeen; Preparation of Social Work Reports for Legal Proceedings**

- Structure of the Social Work Report
- Writing Skills
- Reference to research and evidence based practice in Court reports
- Common mistakes in Social Work Reports; lessons for practice

**Lecture Eighteen; Evidence of Social Work Practitioner in Court**

- Obligation of the Social Work Practitioner to the Court
- Guidelines for the provision of evidence in Court Proceedings
- Section 23, Hearsay Evidence
- Practical consideration for Social Workers in Court

**Lecture Nineteen & Twenty; Preparation for Practice ; Case Analysis and Case Studies**

Further details and case studies to be provided in advance.

**General Reading**

Paul Ward, The Child Care Act 1991, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, (Thomson Round Hall 2014), Part II; Section 3; Functions of the Child and Family Agency.

Kilkelly, U (Ed) (2009) ECHR and Irish Law Bristol: Jordan's. (2nd Edition).

Nestor, J (2007), An Introduction to Irish Family Law. Gill and McMillan.

Shatter, A (1999), Family Law in the Republic of Ireland. 4th ed., Dublin: Butterworths.

Kilkelly, Ursula. (1998) Children's Rights in Ireland: Law, Policy and Practice, Tottel Publishing.

Fortin, Jane. 2009 Children's Rights and the Developing Law. Cambridge University Press

Children's Rights Alliance (2006) From Rhetoric to Rights: Second Shadow Report to the UN

Committee on the Rights of the Child. Dublin: Children's Rights Alliance.

Kilkelly, U 'The Reform of Irish Adoption Law - Ensuring Compliance with International Obligations' Irish Journal of Family Law (2004) 10-14

Kilkelly, U 'Child Protection and the European Convention on Human Rights', Irish Journal of Family Law (April 2000) 12-20

Report of the Constitution Review Group on the Family. 2007. Dublin: Government Publications

Shannon, G (2010) Child Law Dublin: Thomson Round Hall

### **Journals**

The Irish Journal of Family Law, Dublin: Sweet and Maxwell.

### **Useful Legal Websites**

[www.childlawproject.ie](http://www.childlawproject.ie); Child Care Reporting Project,

[www.courts.ie](http://www.courts.ie) Website of the Irish Courts Service

[www.bailli.org](http://www.bailli.org) - Website of the British and Irish Legal Information Institute

[www.echr.coe.int/ECHR/EN/Header/Case-Law/Hudoc/Hudoc+database/](http://www.echr.coe.int/ECHR/EN/Header/Case-Law/Hudoc/Hudoc+database/)

**Database of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights.**

### **Assessment**

Students are required to submit an assignment of between 2,500 and 3,500 words. Essay titles will be given in class.

<b>Probation Sequence</b>
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Patrick O'Dea [paodea@tcd.ie](mailto:paodea@tcd.ie)

### Overview

This module comprises 6 x 1 hour seminars in Hilary Term. It is not assessed but full attendance is required.

The module has two **aims**:

- To apply knowledge gained in the Crime and Social Policy module and
- To introduce students to the structure of Irish Probation Service and its 'What Works' evidence-based practice.

### Learning Objective

On completion of this module students will acquire information on Probation Service and an introduction to the theories and practice skills of social work in a criminal justice setting.

#### Seminar 1: 'The Rehabilitative Ideal'

- Theoretical context of probation practice

#### Seminar 2: 'From saving souls to evidence based probation practice'

- History and philosophy of probation practice methodologies

#### Seminar 3: Practice theories in work with offenders

#### Seminar 4 Risk assessment of offenders for pre sanction reports

#### Seminar 5: Overview of Probations Services

#### Seminar 6: 'Persisters or Desisters'

- Maturing out of crime

### Recommended Reading

O'Dea P. (2002) The Probation and Welfare Service: Its role in Criminal Justice. In O'Mahony, P. (ed) 2002, *Criminal Justice in Ireland*. Dublin, IPA.

Connolly, A. (2000) 'What Works: implications for effective practice. *Irish Social Worker*. Vol 18 No 2/4.

Chapman, T and Hough, M. (1999) *Evidence Based Practice*. London, Home Office.

Trotter, C. (1999) *Working with Involuntary Clients*, London. Sage.

Garland, D. (2001) *The Culture of Control: Crime and Order in Contemporary Society*, Oxford, Oxford Uni Press.

Mc Guire, J. (ed) (1995) *What Works: Reducing Reoffending. Guidelines from Research and Practice*. Chichester. J. Wiley & Sons.

Kearney N. & Skehill, C. (2005) *Social Work in Ireland: historical perspectives*, Raynor, P. & Vanstone, M. (2002), *Understanding Community Penalties: Probation Policy and Social Change*. Buckingham, Open University Press.

Bracken, D. (2003), 'Skills and Knowledge for Contemporary Probation Practice'. *Probation Journal* 50: 101 Sage.

Healy D and O'Donnell (2005) Probation in the Republic of Ireland: Context & Challenges. *Probation Journal* vol 52(1): 52;56.

#### **Websites.**

[www.dcy.gov.ie/](http://www.dcy.gov.ie/)

[www.probation.ie](http://www.probation.ie)

[www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.probation.homeoffice.gov.uk)

[www.sagepublications.com](http://www.sagepublications.com) (Probation Journal, published by Sage on behalf of National Association of Probation Officers, UK based Trade Union and Professional Association)

## Elective Modules

<b>SS2781 Children and Society (5 ECTS)</b>
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This module will run in Hilary term. Module description to be confirmed.

<b>SS2760 Health Policy (5 ECTS)</b>
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**Judy O'Shea**

### Overview

This Michaelmas term module introduces students to the history, politics, values, funding and structure of contemporary Irish health policy.

It includes the following topics:

- The social determinants of health
- Socio-economic status and health status
- The historical development of Irish health policy
- The structure and funding of the Irish health service
- The Irish health care system in a comparative context
- Inequalities in Irish health care
- The public/private mix of health care provision and funding in Ireland
- Reforming the Irish health system

### Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this module students will:

- Understand the relationship between socio-economic status and health status
- Have a knowledge and understanding of the history, structure and politics underpinning contemporary Irish health policy
- Be aware of the different approaches to health service provision and funding and regulation

Be able to discuss and debate contemporary issues about health policy and health policy reform in the Irish health system



## **Assessment**

Essay or Project = 100% of the assessment for this module

Submission date to be confirmed.

## **Timetable**

2 x 1 hour lecturers per week. 1 tutorial per week starting in week 3

## **Essential Reading**

Barrington, R. (1987) Health, medicine and politics in Ireland 1900-1970 Dublin: IPA

Blank, H and Burau, (2010) Comparative Health Policy Houndmills, Basingstoke: Macmillan  
Chapters 1& 4

Burke, Sara, 2009, Irish Apartheid: Healthcare Inequality in Ireland Dublin: New Island

Considine, M and Dukelow, F 2009 Irish Social Policy: A critical Introduction Dublin: Gill and  
Macmillan Chapter 8

Department of Health & Children (2014) Health in Ireland: Key Trends 2014 Dublin; Department  
of Health & Children

Freeman, Richard (2000) The Politics of Health in Europe Manchester: Manchester University  
Press. Chapters 2 and 4

Harvey, Brian (2007) Evolution of Health Services and Health Policy in Ireland Dublin: Combat  
Poverty Agency

Tussing, A. Dale and Wren, M. A. (2006) How Ireland Cares. Dublin: New Island

Wilkinson, Richard and Pickett, Kate (2009) The Spirit Level: Why More Equal Societies Almost  
Always Do Better London: Allen Lane

Wren, Maev-Ann (2003) Unhealthy State: Anatomy Of A Sick Society Dublin: New Island

<b>Housing Policy (SS2770) (5 ECTS)</b>
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**Mr Simon Brooke**

**Overview**

This Hilary term module will provide a comprehensive introduction to housing and homelessness policy in Ireland.

**Module Content**

Module content will include the following:

- What is housing policy?
- Why do governments intervene in the housing market?
- What is housing tenure and why does it matter?
- What theoretical approaches are there to housing policy?
- Why did house prices rise so quickly, only to fall again?
- Have the problems with ghost estates been resolved?
- Has the Local Property Tax been a success or a failure?
- What can be done about mortgage arrears?
- What is Nama?
- What is the housing experience of minority ethnic households in Ireland?
- Have government housing policy objectives been achieved?
- What theoretical explanations are there for the nature and extent of homelessness?
- How have homeless services changed during the last 20 years?
- What are the key current homelessness policy issues?

**Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this module students will:

- Have a clear understanding of why and in what fashion governments intervene in the housing market, and to what effect.
- Be equipped to assess the impact of housing policy initiatives.
- Have a comprehensive understanding of a number of topical issues in housing policy.
- Have a thorough understanding of the causes, nature and extent of homelessness.

Be able to assess the likelihood of government objectives being achieved.

**Timetable**

2 x 1 hour lecturers per week. 1 tutorial per week starting in week three

## **Assessment**

1 essay or assignment = 100% of grade for this module  
Submission date to be confirmed.

## **Recommended Introductory Reading**

Sirr L, (Ed), (2014), *Renting in Ireland : The Social Voluntary and Private Sectors*, Dublin, Institute of Public Administration (Chapters 1 and 9)

Norris, M. and Redmond, D. (Eds), (2005), *Housing Contemporary Ireland: Policy, Society and Shelter*, Dublin, Institute of Public Administration (Chapter 1)

<b>BC Broad Curriculum Course (5 ECTS)</b>
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Further information can be accessed via the following link:

[http://www.tcd.ie/Broad\\_Curriculum/](http://www.tcd.ie/Broad_Curriculum/)

<b>EC2020 The Economy of Ireland (10 ECTS)</b>
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Module description can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.tcd.ie/Economics/undergraduate/sf/economy-ireland/>

<b>FR2040 Language: French (10 ECTS)</b>
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Module description can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.tcd.ie/French/undergraduate/business.php>

<b>GR2004 Language: German (10 ECTS)</b>
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Module description can be accessed via the following link:

[http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic\\_Studies/undergraduate/](http://www.tcd.ie/Germanic_Studies/undergraduate/)

<b>PO265D Comparative Politics (10 ECTS)</b>
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Module description can be accessed via the following link:

[http://www.tcd.ie/Political\\_Science/undergraduate/module-outlines/sf/comparative-politics/](http://www.tcd.ie/Political_Science/undergraduate/module-outlines/sf/comparative-politics/)

<b>SO2343 Gender, Work and Family (10 ECTS)</b>
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Module description can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.tcd.ie/sociology/undergraduate/modules/sf/gender-culture-society/>

## Foundation Scholarship Examinations

Foundation scholarship is a College institution with a long history and high prestige, and is a distinctive feature of student life at Trinity. It involves a searching examination, set and assessed so as to select students of outstanding ability. The objective of the foundation scholarship examination is to identify students who, at a level of evaluation appropriate to the Senior Freshman year, can consistently demonstrate exceptional knowledge and understanding of their subjects. The examination requires candidates to demonstrate: skill in synthesising and integrating knowledge across the full range of the set examination materials; rigorous and informed critical thought; and, in appropriate disciplines, a highly-developed ability to solve problems and apply knowledge. The award is based solely on the performance in the scholarship examination, and past performance in other examinations is not taken into account.

All Senior Freshman undergraduate students may compete for the Scholarship provided that their previous conduct has been satisfactory and that they have paid the current annual fee for their registered course of study.

The scholarship examination begins Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Candidates must give notice of their intention to take the examination on the prescribed form available on the College website at <https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/exams/scholarship/>

Completed application forms should be submitted to the Academic Registry between 2 and 16 November 2015 inclusive.

Social Studies candidates are examined in the following subjects of their course up to the end of Michaelmas term of the Senior Freshman year.

The examination consists of four 2¼-hour papers as follows:  
Social work I, Social work II, Social Work III (General Paper) and Social policy I.  
All papers carry equal marks.

Recommendations for scholarship will be based on all four papers, subject to all four papers being passed. The names of those elected are announced in public by the Provost from the steps of the Examination Hall on the Monday of Trinity Week (Trinity Monday) which is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Foundation Scholars are entitled to free Commons (meals in the Dining Hall) and free rooms in College. They also receive a salary (allowance) and do not have to pay fees. The entitlements of Scholars can continue for some years after graduation if they are engaged in further academic research or study.

An information Session will be scheduled for Senior Freshman Students early in Michaelmas Term. Further information can be viewed <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/1415-2/part-2-undergraduate-courses-and-other-general-information/foundation-and-non-foundation-scholarships/>

## Guidelines for Presentation of Written Work

### General Points

The following advice refers to *essay-type assignments*:

- Presentation of academic work is very important and affects grades. Good presentation includes clarity in meaning, argument and structure, and accuracy in terms used, numbers, spelling, grammar and referencing. Use feedback on your written work to help you improve presentation. Look out for study skills courses that are provided to all students free of charge in college and, if you need it, approach the College Learning Support Service for advice on individual assessment and tuition.
- Plan: In examination questions or in module assignments answer the question and address a specific topic. Don't put down everything you know, unless it is clearly relevant. A good outline plan is vital. If you want to take a specific approach, say so, but show you are aware of other angles too.
- Structure: Structure your answer clearly, so that an argument emerges. Introductions and conclusions are important to outline and pull your argument together. New points or topics should be marked by a new paragraph. Avoid long paragraphs. Use sub-headings to signpost your argument.
- **Plagiarism** of any kind is unacceptable in academic work and is penalised (see next section for more details). Acknowledge every author or source that you quote or paraphrase, including text that is unpublished or from the internet. Signal quotations with quotation marks, page references, and indentation. Don't quote long passages. When paraphrasing, give the precise source and page reference.
- Each piece of work that you submit for marking must be original. You are not permitted to repeatedly submit the same piece of work for different assignments. **Unacknowledged reproduction of your own personal work** is unacceptable so please avoid it.

Enjoy and benefit from working together in study groups, but do not produce 'clonelike' essays. **All work must be your own.**

In an effort to ensure that students are submitting their own work and that they are appropriately referencing the work of other authors, students will be required to submit assignments through **Turnitin.com**. Turnitin.com is software that detects plagiarism by comparing the work that is being submitted to previously submitted work and to published material. Failure to submit through Turnitin.com will result in your assignment not being corrected.

- Evidence: Be specific. Avoid vague generalisations such as "research shows". Refer to a named author or source to back up your statements.
- Reference carefully. Give each author's name, publication date, and page numbers which refer to the specific point or quotation, either in brackets after the reference eg: (Davies, 2002: 3) or in a numbered footnote.
- Bibliography: List all texts you have cited in a comprehensive bibliography. Do not include books you have read but not mentioned. The bibliography should be in alphabetical order and in a consistent format which includes: author's name, year of publication, title of book, or title of article and journal, place of publication, and publisher - for example:

Davies, M. (ed) (2002), *The Blackwell Companion to Social Work*. Oxford: Blackwell.

Carroll, J. (2002). Play Therapy: the children's views. *Child and Family Social Work*, 7(3): 177-187.

- Presentation: Keep to recommended word lengths and state your word count.
- Proof-Read: Always check your work before handing it in, so you can correct mistakes in spelling, grammar and referencing. Run a spell-check and grammar-check. Careless presentation can spoil the impact of what you have written and lose you marks.
- Put your name on all pages, unless specifically told to do otherwise.
- Number the pages.
- When submitting an assignment to the School of Social Work & Social Policy attach a pink (Junior Freshman) front sheet (available from the JF plastic folder-shelf on the main School corridor in the Arts Building) to the front of your assignment. This will be required for the modules on social policy, social work and psychology.
- Deadlines: Hand work in on time. If you are ill, tell the lecturer or your college tutor, and arrange an agreed extension. Mark penalties may be applied if work is submitted late.
- Keep copies of all course work.

## Plagiarism

Plagiarism of any kind is unacceptable in academic work and is penalised. To ensure that you have a clear understanding of what plagiarism is, how Trinity deals with cases of plagiarism, and how to avoid it, you will find a repository of information at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism>

We ask you to take the following steps:

- (i) Visit the online resources to inform yourself about how Trinity deals with plagiarism and how you can avoid it at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism> You should also familiarize yourself with the 2015-16 Calendar entry on plagiarism and the sanctions which are applied which is located at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/calendar> (also set out below)
- (ii) Complete the 'Ready, Steady, Write' online tutorial on plagiarism at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write> Completing the tutorial is compulsory for all students.
- (iii) Familiarise yourself with the declaration that you will be asked to sign when submitting course work at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/declaration>;
- (iv) Contact your College Tutor, your Course Director, or your Lecturer if you are unsure about any aspect of plagiarism.

## Coversheet Declaration

Students are required to sign a declaration, on submission of all written coursework. The coversheet that is attached to submitted work should contain the following completed declaration:

**I have read and I understand the plagiarism provisions in the General Regulations of the University Calendar for the current year, found at <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar>.**

**I have also completed the Online Tutorial on avoiding plagiarism 'Ready Steady Write', located at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write>.**

This declaration is contained within the **Senior Freshman Coursework Submission Sheet** appended to this course handbook.



## Detection of Plagiarism

In an effort to ensure that students are submitting their own work and that they are appropriately referencing the work of other authors, students will be required to submit some assignments electronically, such as through Turnitin.com, in addition to the submission of the required hard copies. For further information see <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/detecting-plagiarism>

## College Regulations on Plagiarism

The college regulations on plagiarism are clearly set out in the official College Calendar. The School of Social Work and Social Policy follows the college policies on dealing with plagiarism as set out in the College Calendar.

All students are required to familiarise themselves with these regulations. Any query regarding the regulations or any query regarding how to avoid plagiarism in one's work may be directed to the BSS Course Director by written email.

The following is a direct extract from the General Regulations section of the College Calendar regarding the issue of plagiarism and the college response to an act of plagiarism. (Please note that the College Calendar regulations will always take precedence over any information contained in this handbook).

You are asked to read and familiarise yourself with the college regulations on plagiarism and to take all necessary steps to avoid any act of plagiarism in your academic work.

### ***"Calendar Statement on Plagiarism for Undergraduates - Part II, 82-91***

#### ***82 General***

*It is clearly understood that all members of the academic community use and build on the work and ideas of others. It is commonly accepted also, however, that we build on the work and ideas of others in an open and explicit manner, and with due acknowledgement.*

*Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work or ideas of others as one's own, without due acknowledgement.*

*Plagiarism can arise from deliberate actions and also through careless thinking and/or methodology. The offence lies not in the attitude or intention of the perpetrator, but in the action and in its consequences.*

*It is the responsibility of the author of any work to ensure that he/she does not commit plagiarism.*

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### *83 Examples of Plagiarism*

*Plagiarism can arise from actions such as:*

- (a) copying another student's work;*
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*Examples (d) and (e) in particular can arise through careless thinking and/or methodology where students:*

- (i) fail to distinguish between their own ideas and those of others;*
- (ii) fail to take proper notes during preliminary research and therefore lose track of the sources from which the notes were drawn;*
- (iii) fail to distinguish between information which needs no acknowledgement because it is firmly in the public domain, and information which might be widely known, but which nevertheless requires some sort of acknowledgement;*
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### *84 Plagiarism in the context of group work*

*Students should normally submit work done in co-operation with other students only when it is done with the full knowledge and permission of the lecturer concerned. Without this, submitting work which is the product of collusion with other students may be considered to be plagiarism.*

*When work is submitted as the result of a group project, it is the responsibility of all students in the group to ensure, so far as is possible, that no work submitted by the group is plagiarised.*

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*No work can normally be submitted for more than one assessment for credit. Resubmitting the same work for more than one assessment for credit is normally considered self-plagiarism.*

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*Students should ensure the integrity of their work by seeking advice from their lecturers, tutor or supervisor on avoiding plagiarism. All schools and departments must include, in their handbooks or other literature given to students, guidelines on the appropriate methodology for the kind of work that students will be expected to undertake. In addition, a general set of guidelines for students on avoiding plagiarism is available on <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism>.*

*87 If plagiarism as referred to in §82 above is suspected, in the first instance, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or their designate, will write to the student, and the student's tutor advising them of the concerns raised. The student and tutor (as an alternative to the tutor, students may nominate a representative from the Students' Union) will be invited to attend an informal meeting with the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or their designate, and the lecturer concerned, in order to put their suspicions to the student and give the student the opportunity to respond. The student will be requested to respond in writing stating his/her agreement to attend such a meeting and confirming on which of the suggested dates and times it will be possible for them to attend. If the student does not in this manner agree to attend such a meeting, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, may refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under conduct and college regulations §2.*

*88 If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, forms the view that plagiarism has taken place, he/she must decide if the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure set out below. In order for this summary procedure to be followed, all parties attending the informal meeting as noted in §87 above must state their agreement in writing to the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate. If the facts of the case are in dispute, or if the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, feels that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure below are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she will refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures as referred to under conduct and college regulations §2.*

*89 If the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate), or designate, will recommend one of the following penalties:*

- (a) Level 1: Student receives an informal verbal warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will be assessed and marked without penalty;*
- (b) Level 2: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. The student is required to rephrase and correctly reference all plagiarised elements. Other content should not be altered. The resubmitted work will receive a reduced or capped mark depending on the seriousness/extent of plagiarism;*
- (c) Level 3: Student receives a formal written warning. The piece of work in question is inadmissible. There is no opportunity for resubmission.*

90 *Provided that the appropriate procedure has been followed and all parties in §87 above are in agreement with the proposed penalty, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate) should in the case of a Level 1 offence, inform the course director and where appropriate the course office. In the case of a Level 2 or Level 3 offence, the Senior Lecturer must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The Senior Lecturer will inform the Junior Dean accordingly. The Junior Dean may nevertheless implement the procedures as referred to under conduct and college regulations §2.*

91 *If the case cannot normally be dealt with under the summary procedures, it is deemed to be a Level 4 offence and will be referred directly to the Junior Dean. Nothing provided for under the summary procedure diminishes or prejudices the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean under the 2010 Consolidated Statutes.*

### ***“Calendar Statement on Plagiarism for Postgraduates - Part III, 1.32***

#### ***1. General***

*It is clearly understood that all members of the academic community use and build on the work and ideas of others. It is commonly accepted also, however, that we build on the work and ideas of others in an open and explicit manner, and with due acknowledgement.*

*Plagiarism is the act of presenting the work or ideas of others as one’s own, without due acknowledgement.*

*Plagiarism can arise from deliberate actions and also through careless thinking and/or methodology. The offence lies not in the attitude or intention of the perpetrator, but in the action and in its consequences.*

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*6. If plagiarism as referred to in paragraph (1) above is suspected, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) will arrange an informal meeting with the student, the student's Supervisor and/or the academic staff member concerned, to put their suspicions to the*

*student and give the student the opportunity to respond. Students may nominate a Graduate Students' Union representative or PG advisor to accompany them to the meeting.*

*7. If the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) forms the view that plagiarism has taken place, he/she must decide if the offence can be dealt with under the summary procedure set out below. In order for this summary procedure to be followed, all parties noted above must be in agreement. If the facts of the case are in dispute, or if the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) feels that the penalties provided for under the summary procedure below are inappropriate given the circumstances of the case, he/she will refer the case directly to the Junior Dean, who will interview the student and may implement the procedures set out in Section 5 (Other General Regulations).*

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*9. Provided that the appropriate procedure has been followed and all parties in (6) above are in agreement with the proposed penalty, the Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) should in the case of a Level 1 offence, inform the Course Director and, where appropriate, the Course Office. In the case of a Level 2 or Level 3 offence, the Dean of Graduate Studies must be notified and requested to approve the recommended penalty. The Dean of Graduate Studies will inform the Junior Dean accordingly. The Junior Dean may nevertheless implement the procedures as set out in Section 5 (Other General Regulations).*

*10. If the case cannot normally be dealt with under summary procedures, it is deemed to be a Level 4 offence and will be referred directly to the Junior Dean. Nothing provided for under the summary procedure diminishes or prejudices the disciplinary powers of the Junior Dean under the 2010 Consolidated Statutes."*

## **Guidance and Assistance with Written Work**

In addition to the guidance offered to students in lectures and tutorials, the college also provides additional student supports to any student who is in need of assistance with their written work, examinations and other course assessments. The webpages of CAPSL (the Centre for Academic Practice and Student Learning) list in detail the variety of one-to-one, group, seminar and online learning and academic supports provided to students in college.

<http://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/> Other sources of information on the range of college services available to support student learning and academic performance include:

## **Student Counselling Service**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 7 – 9 South Leinster Street, Dublin 2.

Ph: +353 1 896 1407 | Fax: +353 1 896 3464

e-mail: [student-counselling@tcd.ie](mailto:student-counselling@tcd.ie)

[http://www.tcd.ie/Student\\_Counselling/](http://www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/) Student Support Services Web pages:  
[http://www.tcd.ie/Student\\_Counselling/support-services/](http://www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/support-services/)

## **Disability Service**

Provides educational support to students with disabilities

<http://www.tcd.ie/disability/>

If you are unsure of how to access the support that you require, the Director of BSS or your college tutor can also offer information on resources available in college.

## **Essays**

The quality of your essays will be enhanced by attention to the pointers above.

Titles, advice about readings, word-length and specific guidelines for coursework assignments will be provided by the lecturers / tutors for each subject.

## **Community Work Project**

This assignment requires you to profile and analyse:

- either            (a) a Community Area Profile  
or                (b) a Community Development Project.

### **Community Area Profile**

**Aim** To compile a profile of a neighbourhood / area, its networks & community structure; and to analyse this profile from the perspective of a community worker.

#### **Format:**

#### **Profile: present information on the following**

- Demography: age-range, social class, household structures etc. of residents
- Geography: physical environment
- History of the area
- Perceptions of the area from within and without
- Community networks
- Values and traditions
- Services
- Power and leadership in the area
- Community involvement

#### **Analysis - based on the data collected, discuss the following issues:**

- The priorities a community worker might have in this area.
- Identify principles implicit in using a community development approach, & comment on how they could be applied to address priority needs in this area
- The community development skills which would be necessary to respond to the identified priority needs.
- Comment on the levels of integration between voluntary, community & statutory organisations in the area.
- Discuss one key issue that impacts on the community & set it in national context.
- Critically assess the process of your group in undertaking this project.



## **Community Project Profile**

**Aim** To compile a profile of a Community Project in its local context, and to analyse this profile from the perspective of a community worker.

### **Format**

#### **Profile: present information on the following**

- Demography: ages, social class, household structures of residents / participants
- Physical environment; history of the area; local & external perceptions of the area
- Origin of the Project; identification of needs it was intended to meet
- Key stakeholders in the Project
- Development of aims and objectives
- Values / ethos of the Project
- Development of management structures
- Resources
- Development of a programme of action
- Levels of community involvement
- Monitoring / evaluation of the Project

#### **Analysis : based on the data you have collected, discuss the following**

- The opportunities & challenges a community worker might face in this area.
- Identify principles implicit in using a community development approach, & comment on their presence or absence in this Project.
- The community development skills required to develop the Project.
- Outline the level of integration of the Project with voluntary, community & statutory organisations - at either local, regional or national level.
- Discuss one key issue that impacts on the Project & set it in national context.
- Critically assess the process of your group in undertaking this project.

### **Guidelines**

- Recommended word-length: 4000-5000 words
- Researched and written up in groups of 2 – 3 people.
- In addition to the factual and analytic content of the project, credit will be given for:
  - efforts made to establish the relevant information
  - attempts made to involve local people / groups / agencies in compiling the profile
  - presentation.

## Value

50% of marks for Social Work Theory and Practice module.

## Placement - Related Assignment:

The Practice Project is prepared during the placement and must be submitted by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**. It is not graded, but must be passed in order for you to proceed to JS year.

## Submission of coursework

All coursework for modules SS2720, SS2786, SS2787, SS2780, SS2040, SS2781, SS2760, SS2770 and SS2777 must be submitted on [www.Turnitin.com](http://www.Turnitin.com) no later than 16:00 on the day of the deadline set by the lecturer. Also, on the day of the deadline one hardcopy must be submitted in the School's submission drop box facility which is located between Arts Room 3077 and Arts 3080. This box will be emptied at 4.30pm on the day of the deadline. There is no requirement to sign in your coursework.

Students are responsible for ensuring their coursework is submitted on time, in the correct submission box otherwise your work may be recorded as late or as a non-submission. It is the student's responsibility to ensure each piece of coursework includes a **Senior Freshman Coursework Submission Sheet** and is bound and secured for submission.

Ensure you have appropriate stationary for submission (folders, stapled, etc), as there will be no pens or staplers provided at the submission drop box facility. You will be emailed an electronic version of the cover sheet with Turnitin details in Michaelmas term.

Separate submission instructions will be given by lecturers for Modules EC2020, FR2040, SO2310, PO265D, PO2610, GR2004 and BC modules.

## Deadlines for Assignments

Students must observe all published deadline dates, which are final and have the status of examination dates. After the deadline course work may only be accepted at the discretion of the course director and may be penalised at the rate of 5% per week or part thereof, past the submission date. The Course Director will make the final decision on such sanctions. If the student is away on placement, the assignment must be post marked by due date. Requests for extensions where they involve illness of any kind, extenuating family circumstances and bereavements must come from your College Tutor.

## **Coursework Feedback**

Where it is possible, individual feedback on assessed coursework will be made available no later than twenty working days after the assessment submission deadline or agreed extension. In cases where this is not logistically possible, or academically appropriate, the lecturer will normally inform the class in advance, and provide an alternative date for when the feedback will be provided, as well as clear reasons for the delay.

## **Tutors and Tutorials**

### **School Cluster Leaders**

Each SF BSS student will be assigned a School Cluster Leader, who is the person primarily concerned with your progress during the Senior Freshman Placement.

**Tutorial** meetings will be held with your School Cluster Leader and other members of your student group prior to and during the placement (if possible).

The Group tutorials aim to:

- promote and support your learning during placement.
- provide a link between practice & academic courses, placement & College
- afford you group support of fellow students.

### **College Tutors**

Each Trinity College undergraduate has an individual College Tutor, who takes a personal interest in your academic career. Your College Tutor can advise you on course choices, study skills, examinations, fees, represent you in academic appeals, in application for 'time off books', readmission, course transfer applications, and any other matter which may require an official response from College. Your College Tutor can also advise you if personal matters impinge on your academic work, and tell you about relevant services and facilities in college. It is helpful to keep your College Tutor informed of any circumstances that may require his / her help at a later stage.

## Placement

The Senior Freshman placement offers experience of working in a community-based service or voluntary agency alongside service-users, volunteers and workers from the social professions. It is a 50 day block Placement which runs from the end of teaching in April until the end of June. It comprises 5 days preparation, based in college, and 45 days practice on site.

### Preparing for the Placement

The college works in conjunction with placement agencies to ensure that your placement is appropriate, meets your learning needs and provides sufficient opportunities for you to develop and demonstrate practice competence.

The main preparatory tasks are as follows:

- Attend placement preparation classes and indicate your preferences
- Update your Curriculum Vitae, which should contain:
  - Name, home and term address, phone-number, email
  - Date of birth, your stage in college, your college tutor's name
  - Summary of your education / academic / employment record
  - Summary of your social-service related experience, including voluntary, paid, or placement work
  - Personal interests, skills and achievements
  - Outline of your learning needs and interests.

Once a suitable placement has been identified for you, your CV will be sent to the prospective Practice Teacher.

- Preparation: Meet your School Cluster Leader who will guide you and students going to similar placements to research and plan for the placement. This is likely to include:
  - Exploring relevant policy and debates (eg: re youth services)
  - Researching the placement agency and similar services.
  - Contacting your practice teacher
  - Visiting the agency and beginning to link in to its work
  - Making a group presentation of your research to your class.
- Enjoy your placement, and keep your School Cluster Leader informed about your progress ... by phone or email. This will ensure that, should you have any concerns, they can be dealt with promptly. Attend group meetings with your Cluster Leader.
- Develop (with your Practice Teacher, Cluster Leader and through reflection in your Practice Project) a learning agenda for your next placement in JS year.

## **Placement Aims, Learning Outcomes, Structure and Issues**

The Practice Placement and Practice Project must be passed for you to proceed to BSS Junior Sophister year.

### **Aims of Senior Freshman Placement**

- To participate in a community-based social service
- To understand how that service fits with other services
- To grasp the links between social policy and the agency service
- To see /engage with service users and their situations in holistic and ecological terms
- To work collaboratively with service users and to learn from them about the issues that affect the quality of their lives
- To develop some beginning practice skills
- To begin to identify links between social work theory and practice.
- To understand the goals, ethos and practices of the placement agency.
- To acquire a working knowledge of relevant community resources and services
- To begin to develop professional standards of behaviour.
- To develop your self-awareness and reflection in practice
- To establish your readiness to proceed with social work education & training.

### **Learning Objectives**

By the end of this placement, you should be able to:

- Outline the role of the placement agency and its fit with related services
- Identify key aspects of social policy which impact on the agency;
- Outline the circumstances and needs of service users in this agency and the challenges they face;
- Grasp the goals, ethos and procedures and the main roles of practitioners in the agency
- Demonstrate appropriate beginning practice skills in e.g.
  - Engagement and communication with service users, volunteers, colleagues and others
  - Involvement in individual or group support / facilitation
  - Involvement in data gathering, assessment and planning
  - Implementing agreed tasks
  - Regular consultation with your practice teacher
  - Recording and evaluating your work
- Identify one social work framework relevant to your work

- Demonstrate knowledge of community resources and services
- Demonstrate professional standards of behaviour, including: respect for confidentiality, inclusive and respectful approach to others, ability to work collaboratively, reliability, time-keeping
- Demonstrate your progress towards self-awareness and reflection in practice eg: through reading, use of supervision, illustration of key learning in your practice project and class presentation
- Establish, by achieving the above, your readiness to proceed with social work education and training.

### **Choice of Placement:**

Placements are available in a variety of settings and locations. The summer placement provides an opportunity to work abroad if you so wish and if suitable placements and support arrangements are available. When arranging placements, the Fieldwork Coordinators take your wishes and circumstances into account, but give priority to the potential value of the placement as an introduction to community based practice. The Fieldwork Co-ordinators are always glad to hear of new agencies or practice teachers willing to accept students, but responsibility for arranging placement rests with the Fieldwork Unit.

### **Placement duration**

50 day (10 week) block starting at the end of teaching in the second semester of Senior Freshman year. It comprises one week of college-based preparation and 9 weeks on site. The placement cannot be split; it must be continuous. Days lost through illness or other circumstances must be made up. As the Junior Sophister year begins in early September, this placement should begin in late April or early May, in order to leave time at the end to submit written assignments and to take a break before the JS induction week and placement.

### **Placement Supervision, Tutorial Support and Practice Project**

You will be assigned a Cluster Leader, who is responsible for supporting your learning in relation to this placement and related sector of social services. Contact with your Cluster Leader and fellow group members will be arranged in advance of the placement.

During placement, you should have regular supervision sessions with your placement supervisor, as well as opportunities to consult informally at other times. If your placement supervisor is absent for a number of days, a colleague should be identified to support and supervise your work temporarily.

Attend meetings with your Cluster Leader and/or contact them regularly by phone or email throughout placement to say how the placement is progressing. This will allow your Cluster Leader to support you and your practice teacher should any difficulties arise.

At the end of placement, you and your placement supervisor jointly review the placement and your progress, and your practice teacher prepares a placement evaluation under the headings set out in Section 10. You should both sign this document.

Ensure that you receive a copy of it for your own records and also please assist the placement supervisor to submit the report to the School. A copy of the evaluation will be sent to your next Practice Teacher to help set the learning agenda for your JS Practice Placement.

Your Practice Project should be started during the placement and will provide additional evidence for your passing this placement. You must submit the Practice Project by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014 in both electronic and hard copy format (2 copies).

### **Student's Practice Project**

Placement supervisors may assist you in preparing your Placement Project, through discussion and reference to relevant data, but responsibility for the project and its presentation remains with you.

### **Reading Time**

As the project is an integral part of the placement - designed to process your learning and link theory and practice - time should be set aside during placement days to read for and prepare it. The recommended time allowance is one half-day per week. This reading time should be used throughout the placement rather than accumulated, as reading should inform your work at the time, rather than retrospectively.

### **Access to Agency-held Information**

On placement, you may have access to or contribute confidential information about service users. You should therefore never take files/notes containing confidential and identifying information out of the agency, as the risk of losing this material has serious implications for service users and the agency. Instead, set aside time to write up reports and prepare assignments during placement days in the agency.

### **Health and Safety and Vaccination Policy**

If any incident on placement causes you concern for your safety or well-being, tell your supervisor or a senior colleague immediately, and the Fieldwork Coordinators or BSS Director as soon as possible, so that you get the support and advice you need.

The School of Social Work and Social Policy is obliged to exercise responsibility to the health of individual students and our duty of care to the public, with whom students are in close contact on placement. With this in mind, the School will require Hepatitis B vaccination, after College Registration. The School recommends that students are protected against Tuberculosis (TB), Mumps, Measles & Rubella (MMR) and Varicella (Chicken Pox).

A record must be submitted to the Course Executive Officer, prior to commencing placements.

Hepatitis B vaccination will be arranged 'on block' with College Health Service for Junior Freshman students. Students of other BSS years may arrange vaccination through their own GP or with College Health Service. Costs must be met by the students.

The School reserves the right to refuse permission for a student to proceed to placement if there are concerns about immunization or any other relevant health-related issue.

### **Garda Vetting**

Agencies serving children and vulnerable people require staff and students to have Garda clearance. College requests the Garda Vetting Bureau to vet all students for criminal convictions and your Clearance should be available in time for your summer placement. If there are any issue related to your Garda Vetting application that you are concerned about please contact the Course Director. If you have resided outside Ireland, you may also require police clearance from that country also. It is your responsibility to obtain this police clearance. The Admissions Office will advise on this and the clearance from another jurisdiction must be submitted to the Admissions Office.

### **Assessment of Placement Performance**

#### **Aims of Assessment:**

- To assess the student's strengths and key learning needs displayed in practice and
- To confirm the student's suitability for continued social work education and training at this time.

### **Guidelines for Placement Evaluation**

Placement evaluation comprises 3 elements:

- Learning Agreement (prepared at start of placement )
- Placement Supervisor's evaluation
- Student's Practice Project

The Student's Practice Project should be signed by the Placement Supervisor as a fair account of the student's work on placement.

Both the Student Placement Report and the Placement Supervisor's Evaluation should be signed by both the student and the Placement Supervisor.

**1 hard copy and an electronic copy of the student's Practice Project should be submitted by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

**1 copy of the Placement Supervisor's Evaluation Report is also due on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Students are asked to assist the Placement Supervisor with submission of the report to the School if required.**



## **Learning Agreement**

Learning Agreements are drafted and agreed by student and placement supervisor in consultation with the School Cluster Leader. They set the initial agenda for placements and the baseline for reviewing progress at the end.

The Learning Agreement should be attached to the placement report.

It includes:

- Names of Student and Placement Supervisor
- Name of Agency and address of placement
- Name of Group Tutor / Cluster Leader
- Placement dates
- Working hours / days for student and time-in-lieu arrangements
- Transport, travel, expenses, accommodation, dress code etc
- Student's skills and experience to date
- Learning Objectives:
  - personal, professional, and agency specific goals.
- Learning opportunities on this placement
- Workload
- Induction arrangements and recommended preparatory reading
- Supervision frequency and duration; preparation required
- Student assessment (direct and indirect evidence)
- Any personal issues that might impact on the placement

**The Learning Agreement and a Note (number of days) of the student's attendance should accompany the Placement Supervisor's Evaluation.**

## **Placement Supervisor's Evaluation: assessment of student performance**

Supervisors' reports should be completed on the supplied form, please see appendix 1. Reports should be discussed with students before they are finalised and should be signed by both student and supervisor. Reports will address the following:

### **Personal Organisation & Functioning in the Agency**

- Grasp of Agency functions, procedures and limits
- Working relationships with colleagues & team members
- Quality of relationship with other disciplines, agencies & services
- Capacity for taking decisions, initiative & responsibility
- Knowing when to consult & take advice
- Personal organisation; punctuality, reliability: use of time & resources
- Report & letter writing

### **Communication & Engagement Skills**

- Making & sustaining positive relationships with service users & colleagues
- Accurate listening & observation
- Clear, sensitive, respectful & appropriate communication
- Avoidance of discriminatory language & behaviour

### **Other Practice Skills**

- Ability to gather & relay relevant information accurately & purposefully
- Ability to assess & define problems/needs
- Awareness of social/cultural/material influences on service users
- Ability to make & negotiate realistic plans for intervention
- Ability to carry through planned work and to evaluate it realistically

### **Development Towards Professional Standards**

- Ability to use supervision constructively to develop understanding & skills
- Constructive & proactive approach to learning
- Development of self awareness; ability to reflect on & handle feelings in practice
- Ability to start assuming a professional role

### **Summary of Areas in Which Progress Has Been Made**

(Issues for further development and specifically for next placement, any special strengths or weakness not already noted. Confirmation that student has/has not reached a standard to merit Pass & is suitable and ready to proceed with social work training.)

### **Recommendation**

On the basis of placement performance, would you recommend this student as suitable for and ready to continue social work training? **One** copy of the Report should be sent to the Fieldwork Unit, School of Social Work and Social Policy, Arts Building, Trinity College, Dublin 2, by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

## **Student Practice Project**

The Placement Supervisor should sign one copy of this project as a fair account of work undertaken.

### **Introduction**

Placement setting, any relevant skills and experience you brought to it, what you hoped to gain from it, and any key questions that emerged during your preparatory research.

### **Agency and Community Setting**

- Community context: brief profile of catchment area and service users; implications for your work
- Agency context: brief overview of service offered, statutory / voluntary status, structure, staffing, resources; levels of engagement with service users; key social policies affecting the service; your role in the agency.

### **Work undertaken**

- Brief overview: Table of your workload (service users / activity, why involved; time commitment; outcome)
- Summary of 2 main pieces of work: tasks / issues presented; nature & duration of involvement; goals; action taken; outcome; framework / method used; key learning.

### **Case Study (of one piece of work)**

- Social History or profile of service user / group / project participants and their social networks.
- Summary outline of activity in which you were involved
- If Individual work: reason for involvement; aims; theory or method used; content and process; outcome.
  - If Groupwork: aims; theory or method used; group activities, content and process; outcome.
  - If Community Work: project aims; nature of activity; theory used; participation; process; outcome.
- Your working relationship with the service user/s.
- Collaboration with other workers/volunteers
- Evaluation: what was / not achieved; indications for the future;
- theoretical and other literature which proved helpful and why.
- Any ethical or professional issues raised
- Key learning from this piece of work about you and social services

## **Learning**

- The potential and limits and challenges of practice in this setting
- Learning opportunities (agency visits etc) and what you gained
- Supervision: frequency; main learning points
- Any special features of the placement which contributed to or limited learning
- Main gains from the placement, questions raised and any learning needs identified for your next placement.

## **Bibliography**

### **Guidelines:**

- Recommended word-length: 5000 words
- The earlier you start reading about the agency and issues raised, the more this reading will support your learning. Draw also on relevant reading you have completed for other modules. Demonstrate in the project that you are starting to integrate your reading of theory and research with practice experience and observation.
- Follow the main headings in the project outline, but if necessary reorder or modify subheading elements in order to avoid repetition and to fit your particular placement.
- Adopt an appropriate style. This is an academic assignment which requires you to use clear, precise and non-conversational language, to be analytical as well as descriptive, and to support statements with relevant evidence and accurate referencing. It is not an agency report which requires purely factual information. It is a practice project which also requires you to reflect on your personal and professional learning from the placement. Therefore, write in the first person (say 'I', not 'the author' or 'the student').
- Confidentiality: Change all names and identifying details of service-users and colleagues about whom you write, and state clearly that you have done so. Use fictitious names to represent them, rather than initials or numbers and do not accidentally include a real name. Use job titles rather than names for workers.
- Submit two hard copies of your Practice project, and an electronic copy to by 3 August 2012. Instructions for submission of the electronic copy through turnitin.com will be issued during the summer.

## **Grading Placement Performance: Pass / Fail**

Placement Supervisors are asked to indicate clearly in their Evaluation whether or not they are recommending a Pass. This recommendation carries great weight with the Court of Examiners. Confirmation or modification of the recommendation by the Court of Examiners is based primarily on evidence provided by practice teacher and student in their reports, but may also draw on evidence from the School Cluster Leader and other relevant sources.

### **Pass Grade**

- Pass is merited when the student has accomplished agreed placement tasks to a satisfactory standard for the relevant stage of training.
- Borderline Pass: If a student only just reaches a satisfactory standard, special note should be made of difficulties demonstrated, to ensure that the next placement enables the student to progress in these areas.

### **Fail Grade**

There are two divisions in the fail grade: F1 and F2.

F1 applies in the following situations:

- The student has not clearly reached required standards, but has demonstrated the capacity to improve, and needs additional time to progress.
- The student has displayed personal or health problems which impacted negatively on their practice and / or professional behaviour
- The placement did not afford the student sufficient opportunity to demonstrate the required skills.
- Performance has been deemed satisfactory, but the student's placement project has failed or has not been submitted.

F2 applies where:

- The student has not reached a satisfactory standard (eg has displayed serious difficulty in accomplishing agreed placement tasks or has acted in a seriously non-professional manner)  
and
- has demonstrated no obvious signs of being able to do so in the short-term.

Placement Supervisors may recommend F1 or F2, but the Court of Examiners must ratify it.

## Regulations for 'Failed' Placements

- Students receiving an F.1 are normally allowed a repeat placement, providing they are fit to proceed.
- Students receiving an F.2 may be allowed a repeat placement if they have approached the failed placement in a serious manner, and are willing to work on the identified difficulties before and / or during the repeat placement.
- If the referred (repeat) placement is failed (F.1 or F.2), permission to proceed to the Junior Sophister year and Junior Sophister placement, will not be granted.
- The School Fitness to Practise procedures may apply in cases where there is concern about the student's fitness to proceed to a further placement.
- Normal College Appeals Procedures apply.

## Miscellaneous Issues

### BSS Staff-Student Committee

A Staff/Student Committee, comprising BSS staff and student representatives from *each year group*, meets each term to discuss course issues and is chaired by a student. Two class representatives for each year group should be elected. The first meeting of the year is convened in Michaelmas term.

### Staff Availability

Students with difficulties or queries relating to the course should consult Professor Robbie Gilligan Assistant Director BSS and SF Year Head in the first instance.

### Library Facilities

Advice on how to find, borrow, reserve books, access periodicals and search computerised catalogues is provided by library staff. Most books referred to on Social Studies modules can be found in the **Lecky Library section of the Berkeley/Lecky/Ussher Library**. Some books are in other locations of the Trinity College Library. If your efforts to locate reading material fail, consult the duty Librarian who may assist readers to locate books and other library services.

### Internet Resources

Students have college Internet accounts, which provide access to college web pages, library services, email, and internet for academic purposes. Students may access course materials on college web site, and may contact staff via email: see staff addresses on pages 4-5 of this Handbook. The School has a web page, accessible via the TCD home page, which provides information about its courses, archived material, research, publications and activities. It also provides links to social work and social policy related web resources: [www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie](http://www.socialwork-socialpolicy.tcd.ie) Other sites relevant to BSS students include the Irish Association of Social Workers and the National Social Work Qualifications Board.

## **BSS Prizes**

### **Marian Lynch Medal**

This award was commissioned in 2006 by classmates of Marian Lynch, a Junior Sophister BSS student who died in May of that year. Marian greatly enjoyed her course, in particular the Community Work module which reflected her deep affection for and commitment to her own community, the Liberties. Medals will be presented annually at the start of Junior Sophister year to the group who achieved the highest mark in the Senior Freshman Community Work project.

### **Anne Williams Memorial Prize**

This prize was instituted in 1988, to honour the memory of Anne Williams, a BSS student who graduated in 1987 and died in the same year. It is awarded to the Junior Sophister BSS student who achieves the highest aggregate mark over all written assignments and examinations during the year.

**Value: c. €172**

### **Mary Lynch Prize**

This prize was instituted in 1983, by friends and colleagues of the late Mary Lynch to commemorate her outstanding work in the development of this Department and its courses and of social work generally in Ireland. It is awarded to the Senior Sophister BSS student who achieves the highest aggregate mark over all written assignments and examinations during the year.

**Value: c. €381**

### **Vivienne Darling Prize**

This prize was instituted in 1992-3, by friends, colleagues and students of Vivienne Darling to mark her retirement after 41 years in College. During that time, Vivienne steered and supported dynamic developments in Social Studies, and made a major contribution to Irish childcare policy and practice in the field of adoption. The prize is awarded to the Senior Sophister BSS student who achieves the highest mark, over 65%, for the final placement Practice Study.

**Value: c. €127**



## BSS Senior Freshman Academic Year Structure 2015-16

Michaelmas Term - Semester 1					
<b>Michaelmas Term</b>	28 September	-	6 November	2015	Teaching Weeks
	9 November	-	13 November	2015	<b>Reading Week</b>
	16 November	-	18 December	2015	Teaching Weeks
	11 January	-	15 January	2016	Foundation Scholarship Examinations
Hilary Term - Semester 2					
<b>Hilary Term</b>	18 January	-	26 February	2016	Teaching Weeks
	29 February	-	4 March	2016	<b>Reading Week</b>
	7 March	-	8 April	2016	Teaching Weeks
Induction Week for Placement					
TBC					
Placements					
	25 <sup>th</sup> April	-	1 <sup>st</sup> July	2016	50 Day Block Practice Placement

## ABSENCE NOTIFICATION FORM

**SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY**

**BACHELOR IN SOCIAL STUDIES**

**2015-2016**

STUDENT NAME:	
STUDENT NUMBER:	

DATE	REASON FOR ABSENCE	MED CERT? (Y/N) (Please attach to this form)	TOTAL DAYS ABSENT
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STUDENT SIGNATURE:

COURSE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE (JS & SS ONLY):  
(Assistant Professor, Maeve Foreman, Director of BSS)  
[MFOREMAN@TCD.IE](mailto:MFOREMAN@TCD.IE)

YEAR HEAD, JUNIOR FRESHMAN:  
(Assistant Professor, Patrick O'Dea, Assistant Director of BSS and Year Head for Junior Freshman)  
[PAODEA@TCD.IE](mailto:PAODEA@TCD.IE)

YEAR HEAD, SENIOR FRESHMAN:  
(Assistant Professor, Michael Feely, Year Head for Senior Freshman)  
[MFEELY@tcd.ie](mailto:MFEELY@tcd.ie)

Senior Freshman Coursework Submission Sheet

Please submit your work to the School's submission drop box facility which is located between Arts Room 3077 and Arts 3080.

SENIOR FRESHMAN

STUDENT NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

WORD COUNT: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK BEING SUBMITTED NOW IS:

Please tick as appropriate

SS2720	SOCIAL WORK THEORY AND PRACTICE COMMUNITY PROJECT	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2720	SOCIAL WORK THEORY AND PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK ESSAY	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2786 & SS2787	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY 1 – Michaelmas Term submission	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2786 & SS2787	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY 1 – Hilary Term submission	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2780	CRIME AND IRISH SOCIETY	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2040	LAW FOR SOCIAL WORKERS	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2777	SENIOR FRESHMAN PLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2781	CHILDREN AND SOCIETY	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2760	HEALTH POLICY	<input type="checkbox"/>
SS2770	HOUSING POLICY	<input type="checkbox"/>

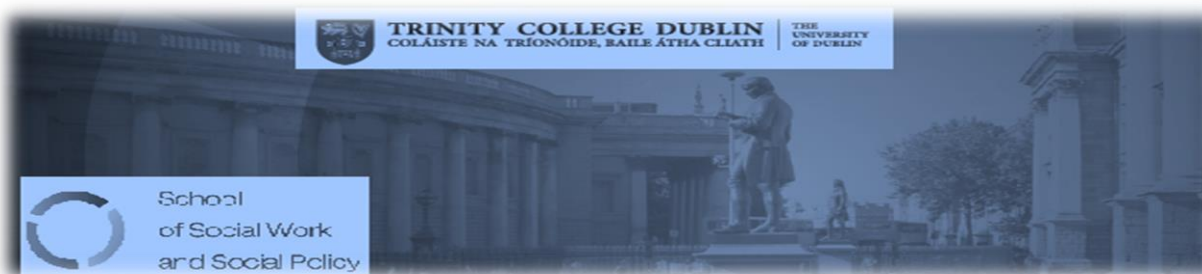
DECLARATION

I have read and I understand the plagiarism provisions in the General Regulations of the University Calendar for the current year, found at <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar>.

I have also completed the Online Tutorial on avoiding plagiarism 'Ready Steady Write', located at <http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write>.

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Name Date

Students are responsible for ensuring their coursework is submitted on time and in the correct submission box otherwise your work may be recorded as late or as a non-submission.  
It is the student's responsibility to ensure each piece of coursework includes a coversheet and is bound and secured for submission. Ensure you have appropriate stationary for submission (folders, stapled, etc), as there will be no pens or staplers provided at the submission drop box facility.



## LEARNING AGREEMENT FOR BSS SF STUDENTS.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Student:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>email:</b>
<b>Supervisor:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>email:</b>
<b>Agency:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>email:</b>
<b>Group Tutor:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>email:</b>
<b>Working Days:</b>		
<b>TOIL Arrangements:</b>		
<b>Sick Leave:</b>		
<b>Study Time:</b>		
<b>Accommodation:</b>		
<b>Transport:</b>		
<b>Dress Code:</b>		
<b>Health &amp; Safety:</b>		

### SUMMARY OF STUDENT'S RELEVANT SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO DATE

(as identified through previous work/life/ placement experience)

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## LEARNING GOALS

Learning (to encompass skills, knowledge and values) should be identified in relation to previous experience, feedback from previous placements (if relevant) and current areas of interest

### Professional Learning Goals

(pertain to approaches and skills common to professional practice e.g. relationship building, reflective practice, organizational skills) that may be learned in this agency and are applicable in other settings)

PROFESSIONAL SPECIFIC LEARNING GOALS	LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON PLACEMENT TO MEET THIS GOAL	EVIDENCE OF DEVELOPMENT

### Agency Specific Learning Goals

(pertains to area of practice of the agency in which the student is based)

AGENCY SPECIFIC LEARNING GOALS	LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON PLACEMENT TO MEET THIS GOAL	EVIDENCE OF DEVELOPMENT

### Personal Learning Goals

(pertains to student's uniqueness as an individual and changes s/he would like to make that would help in the role of a practicing social worker e.g. active listening skills or assertiveness)

PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS	LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ON PLACEMENT TO MEET THIS GOAL	EVIDENCE OF DEVELOPMENT

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## STUDENT WORKLOAD

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## INDUCTION PLAN

- Orientation to placement

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- Recommended Reading/ Research

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- Confidentiality Policies

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- Health and Safety

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- Other

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## STUDENT SUPERVISION

It is a course requirement that formal supervision takes place weekly and 90 minutes duration is advised.

Components of supervision include reflective learning and practice, support, case management and organisational and policy issues.

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Supervision Arrangements:

Day:

Time:

Other Student Supports:

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT / SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

Discuss and note the methods of assessment used by the Placement Supervisor and evidence of learning, skill development and work required.

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## PERSONAL ISSUES

Are there any personal issues that may have an impact on the placement? Discuss and note if appropriate:

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## AGENCY-RELATED ISSUES

Are there any agency-related issues that may have an impact on the placement? Discuss and note if appropriate:

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## Signatures

Student:

Supervisor:

Date:

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## MID PLACEMENT REVIEW

Review Progress & Student Capacity In Relation to

- Learning Goals:

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- Skills Development:

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- Integration of Theory and Practice:

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- Ethical Practice:

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- Workload:

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- **Supervision / Practice Teaching:**

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- **Agency and Team:**

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Establish whether student is likely to pass the placement and outline objectives set for remainder of placement.

Objectives / Plan for remainder of placement

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Student Issues/Concerns

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Practice Teacher Issues/Concerns

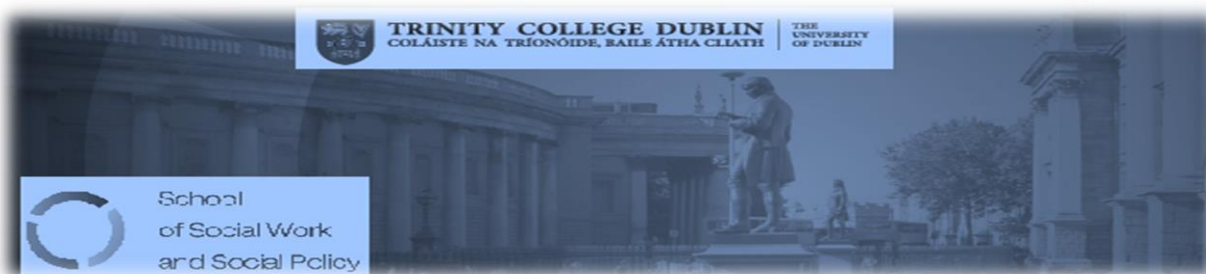
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### **FINAL PLACEMENT REVIEW**

**Date:**

**Areas of strength identified and recommendations for future development:**





## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL POLICY

### SUPERVISOR'S REPORT ON SENIOR FRESHMAN PLACEMENT

Name of Student:

Name of Supervisor:

Job Title:

Name of Agency:

Address of Unit:

Tel:

Email:

Dates of Placement:

Date for Submission of this report:

**Please Note:**

This report form is completed by the person who supervises the student's work and the student should have an opportunity to discuss the content of the report before the end of placement.

The form uses a 6 point scale for most items:

*VG = very good*

*W = weak/inconsistent*

*G = good*

*VW = very weak/unacceptable;*

*OK = acceptable*

*A = not applicable/don't know*

Please email completed form to: [Fieldwork.Unit@tcd.ie](mailto:Fieldwork.Unit@tcd.ie)

Please provide your student with two hard copies of this report.

THANK YOU

School of Social Work & Social Policy, Trinity College, Dublin 2  
Room 3063, Arts & Social Science Building, Tel: 01 8964579

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## Pass/Fail Recommendation

(See Section 11.D. Handbook)

Please start by indicating your recommendation-e.g; Pass/Fail: \_\_\_\_\_

Your report can then be read as support for this recommendation. Please assess and illustrate the student's performance under the following 5 headings:

### Personal Organisation & Functioning in the Agency

	VG	G	OK	W	VW	NA
Grasp of Agency functions, procedures and limits						
Working relationships with colleagues & team members						
Quality of relationship with other disciplines, agencies & services						
Capacity for taking decisions, initiative & responsibility						
Knowing when to consult & take advice						
Personal organisation; punctuality, reliability: use of time & resources						
Report & letter writing						

Comments/ Examples:

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### Communication & Engagement Skills

	VG	G	OK	W	VW	NA
Making & sustaining positive relationships with service users & colleagues						
Accurate listening & observation						
Clear, sensitive, respectful & appropriate communication						
Avoidance of discriminatory language & behaviour						

Comments/ Examples:

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### Other Practice Skills

	VG	G	OK	W	VW	NA
Ability to gather &relay relevant information accurately & purposefully						
Ability to assess &define problems/needs						
Awareness of social/cultural/material influences on service users						
Ability to make &negotiate realistic plans for intervention						
Ability to carry through planned work &to evaluate it realistically						
Comments/ Examples:						

### Development Towards Professional Standards

	VG	G	OK	W	VW	NA
Ability to use supervision constructively to develop understanding & skills						
Constructive & proactive approach to learning						
Development of self awareness; ability to reflect on & handle feelings in practice						
Ability to start assuming a professional role						
Comments/ Examples:						

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Summary of Areas in Which Progress Has Been Made

(Issues for further development & specifically for next placement, any special strengths or weakness not already noted. Confirmation that student has/has not reached a standard to merit Pass & is suitable and ready to proceed with social work training.)

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Recommendation:

On the basis of placement performance, would you recommend \_\_\_\_\_ as suitable for and ready to continue social work training? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signed:**

**Date:**

Supervisor

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Comment by Student

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I have discussed this report with my supervisor	Yes		No	
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**Signed:**

**Date:**

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**School of Social Work and Social Policy**  
**BACHELOR IN SOCIAL STUDIES (BSS)**  
**Senior Freshman: Module Choice Registration 2015 – 2016**

## CHANGE OF MIND FORM

**Name:**

**Student Number:**

**Name:**

**Student Number:**

<b>Mandatory Modules (60 ECTS)</b>			
SS2786	Psychology for Social Workers	5 ECTS	✓
SO2310	Introduction to Social Research	10 ECTS	✓
SS2787	Psychology for Social Workers II	5 ECTS	✓
*SS2780	Crime and Irish Society	5 ECTS	✓
SS2040	Law for Social Workers	10 ECTS	✓
SS2720	Social Work Theory and Practice	10 ECTS	✓
SS2777	Senior Freshman Placement	15 ECTS	✓
<b>You will be permitted to enroll in TWO of the following modules (10 ECTS) from the list of modules below, please rank them from 1 - 4 in order of preference with 1 being your most favoured option and 4 being your least favourite option.</b>			
*SS2781	Children and Society – Hilary Term	5 ECTS	
SS2760	Health Policy – Michaelmas Term	5 ECTS	
SS2770	Housing Policy – Hilary Term	5 ECTS	
BC	Broad Curriculum Course <sup>2</sup>	5 ECTS	
<b>You will be permitted to enroll in ONE of the following modules (10 ECTS) from the list of modules below, please rank them from 1 - 7 in order of preference with 1 being your most favoured option and 7 being your least favourite option.</b>			

<sup>2</sup> Students may only take one 5 ECTS Broad Curriculum module.

\*May not run as presented, if this is the case, an alternative module will be offered in its place.

EC2020	The Economy of Ireland	10 ECTS	
FR2040	Language: French (only for those who have completed JF level)	10 ECTS	
GR2004	Language: German (only for those who have completed JF level)	10 ECTS	
P0265D	Comparative Politics	10 ECTS	
<del>P02610</del>	<del>History of Political Thought</del>	<del>10 ECTS</del>	
<del>P02640</del>	<del>International Relations</del>	<del>10 ECTS</del>	
SO2343	Gender, Work and Family	10 ECTS	

### Returning Choice Form

**You are permitted to change your mind during the first two weeks of Michealmas term, subject to timetabling restraints. Forms must be received before 5pm on FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> October\***

Please tick your revised module your choices and return completed forms by email to [Social.studies@tcd.ie](mailto:Social.studies@tcd.ie) or by post to Mairead Pascoe, Room 3063, Arts Building, Trinity College, Dublin. Alternatively you can deposit by hand to the BSS drop box facility between Arts Room 3077 and Arts 3080.

**Due to timetabling constraints, module choices cannot be guaranteed but every attempt will be made to accommodate student's preference.**

Signature:

Date: