

<b>Module Title :</b>	<b>SS1765 – Social Policy Concepts / The Irish Welfare State (10 ECTS)</b>
	<p>This introductory module, which will run in both Michaelmas and Hilary term, introduces students to social policy; its concepts, principles, theories and historical development. The module comprises two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section One - Social Policy Concepts will run in Michaelmas term</li> <li>• Section Two - The Irish Welfare State will run in Hilary term</li> </ul>
<b>Section One Module Content</b>	<p><b>Social Policy Concepts (5 ECTS)</b></p> <p>This section introduces students to the study of social policy. It will provide students with a critical knowledge and understanding of the history, concepts, theories and principles underpinning social policy and will familiarise students with key areas of Irish social policy.</p>
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b>	<p>On completion of section one students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the meaning of social policy and the interdisciplinary approaches used in the study of social policy;</li> <li>• Be familiar with the key ideas and concepts of social policy;</li> <li>• Have a knowledge and understanding of the main theories used to explain the history and development of social policy and the welfare state;</li> <li>• Have a knowledge of the objectives of social policy;</li> <li>• Have a knowledge and understanding of the key historical, political, economic and social influences on the development of Irish social policy;</li> <li>• Be aware of the key areas of Irish social policy</li> </ul>
<b>Section Two Module Content</b>	<p><b>The Irish Welfare State (5 ECTS)</b></p> <p>This section introduces students to the history, development, ideology and institutional structure of the Irish welfare state. The focus will be on the influences that have shaped the development of Irish social policy. Topics will include the influence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The UK</li> <li>• Ideology / political parties</li> </ul>

