

Module Title :	SS2767 – Irish Social Policy 1 (10 ECTS)
	<p>This module comprises two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section One - Health Policy will run in Michaelmas term • Section Two – Housing Policy –will run in Hilary term
Section One Module Content	<p>Health Policy (5 ECTS)</p> <p>This section of the module introduces students to the history, politics, values, funding and structure of contemporary Irish health policy.</p> <p>It includes the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Section One Learning Outcomes:	<p>On completion of this section of the module students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Key Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Lecturer/Timetable	<p>Lecturer for Health Policy: MS Judy O'Shea</p> <p>This section of the module will consist of:</p> <p>2 x 1 hour lectures per week</p> <p>1 tutorial per week starting in week 3</p>
Section One Module Assessment:	<p>Assessment Project = 50% of overall grade</p>

<p>Section Two Module Content</p>	<p>Housing Policy (5 ECTS)</p> <p>This section of the module will provide a comprehensive introduction to housing and homelessness policy in Ireland.</p> <p>Module content will include the addressing following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? •
<p>Learning Outcomes:</p>	<p>On completion of section two students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Key Readings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sirr L, (Ed), (2014), <i>Renting in Ireland : The Social Voluntary and Private Sectors</i>, Dublin, Institute of Public Administration (Chapters 1 and 9) • Norris, M. and Redmond, D. (Eds), (2005), <i>Housing Contemporary Ireland: Policy, Society and Shelter</i>, Dublin, Institute of Public Administration (Chapter 1)

Lecturer/Timetable	<p>Lecturer for Housing Policy: Mr Simon Brooke</p> <p>This section of the module will consist of</p> <p>2 x 1 hour lectures per week</p> <p>1 tutorial per week starting in week 3</p>
Section Two Module Assessment	Annual Examination = 50% of overall grade