

SS1011: SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND ISSUES

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Social Welfare Services and Issues

Subject Code

SS - Social and Behavioural Sciences

Course Number

1011

Academic Unit

Social and Behavioural Sciences (SS)

College/School

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims to enable students to recognise and evaluate social welfare policy development and service provision in Hong Kong.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Identify the major concepts and models of social welfare and social policy.	20	x	x	x
2	Explain the factors that shaping the development of major social welfare services in Hong Kong from 1970s.	20		x	
3	Recognize the policy and provision, including the objectives, the structure and the contents, of major social welfare services in Hong Kong.	30	x	x	
4	Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of social welfare policies and services in Hong Kong.	30	x	x	x

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs		Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Lecture	Introduce the major concepts and models of social welfare and social policy; major factors shaping the social welfare development; major social welfare services in Hong Kong and the issues facing them in Hong Kong. Discussion will be conducted in the lecture with the students to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of different social welfare policies and services, and to recommend strategies for further improvement.	1, 2, 3, 4	
2	Social welfare policy issue analysis	Students will participate in a small group to identify one social welfare policy issue which is currently significant in Hong Kong and apply the concepts and models to critically analyse the causes behind, and evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the existing policies in handling the issue.	2, 3, 4	
3	Group presentation in tutorials	Students will participate in a small groups to present their critical analyses to the selected issue. To guarantee the quality and applicability of the analyses, comparative analyses of the experience across countries or societies are highly encouraged.	2, 3, 4	

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

ATs		CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("-" for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Student participation and presentation	2, 3, 4	30	-	Yes

2	Interim Term Paper	1, 3	10	-	No
3	Final Term Paper	1, 3, 4	20	-	No

Continuous Assessment (%)

60

Examination (%)

40

Examination Duration (Hours)

2

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

1. Student Participation and Presentation

Criterion

1.1 Ability to explain, differentiate and make critical comment on the delivery of the social welfare services, problems and issues;

1.2 Ability to apply and integrate concepts in the presentation of social welfare policy analysis;

1.3 Ability to make clear and insightful presentation

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

High

Good (B+, B, B-)

Significant

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Moderate

Marginal (D)

Basic

Failure (F)

Not even reaching marginal levels

Assessment Task

2. Interim Term Paper

Criterion

2.1 Ability to relate relevant theories and concepts in understanding social welfare policies and issues in Hong Kong

2.2 Ability to critically assess the core social issues in Hong Kong context

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

High

Good (B+, B, B-)

Significant

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Moderate

Marginal (D)

Basic

Failure (F)

Not even reaching marginal levels

Assessment Task

3. Final Term Paper

Criterion

3.1 Ability to evaluate how the existing policies and services address the related social issues

3.2 Ability to provide insights on the future development of social welfare policies and services in Hong Kong

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

High

Good (B+, B, B-)

Significant

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Moderate

Marginal (D)

Basic

Failure (F)

Not even reaching marginal levels

Assessment Task

4. Examination

Criterion

4.1 Ability to demonstrate the understanding of concepts, theories and knowledge introduced in the lectures, tutorials and assigned readings;

4.2 Ability to apply the theories and concepts learnt to different social welfare related situations

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

High

Good (B+, B, B-)

Significant

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Moderate

Marginal (D)

Basic

Failure (F)

Not even reaching marginal levels

Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Concepts of social welfare, welfare models, development of social welfare services in Hong Kong, provision of social welfare services in Hong Kong (social security, family, elderly, children, youth, offenders, disabled, community building), current social welfare policy reforms and issues.

Reading List**Compulsory Readings**

Title	
1	Alcock, P., Haux, T., May, M., & Wright, S. (2016). <i>The Student's Companion to Social Policy</i> (eds). Hoboken: John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated.
2	Cheng, Joseph (ed.) (2013) <i>The Second Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR: Evaluating the Tsang Years 2005-2012</i> . Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong Press.
3	Chan, R. K. H. (1996). <i>Welfare in newly-industrialised society: The construction of the welfare state in Hong Kong</i> . Aldershot: Avebury.
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8	Gilbert N. & Terrell, P. (2013). <i>Dimensions of Social Welfare Policy</i> (8th ed.). Boston: Pearson Allyn and Bacon.
9	Hong Kong Oxfam (2016). <i>Oxfam Hong Kong Poverty Report (2011 - 2015): Inequality Breeds Poverty</i> . Retrieved http://www.oxfam.org.hk/content/98/content_31062en.pdf
10	Law, K. Y., & Lee, K. M. (2012). The myth of multiculturalism in 'Asia's world city' : incomprehensive policies for ethnic minorities in Hong Kong. <i>Journal of Asian Public Policy</i> , 5(1), 117-134.
11	Leung, L. C. (1998). <i>Lone mothers, social security and the family in Hong Kong</i> . Aldershot: Ashgate.
12	Lo, T. W. et al. (1997). <i>Evaluation on the implementation of the Review report on children and youth centre services: Full report</i> . Hong Kong: Government Printer.
13	Midgley, J. (2007). Perspectives on Globalization, Social Justice and Welfare. <i>Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare</i> , 34(2), 17 – 36.
14	Ngan, R. (2013). <i>Social Welfare: A Widening Care Gap</i> . In Joseph Cheng (ed.), <i>Evaluating the Tsang years 2005-2012: The Second Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR</i> (pp. 435-453). Hong Kong: City University of Hong Kong Press.
15	Popple, P. R. & Leighninger, L. (2011). <i>The Policy-Based Profession: An Introduction to Social Welfare Policy Analysis for Social Workers</i> . (5th ed.). Boston, MA.: Allyn & Bacon. Chapter 3: Social Welfare Policy Analysis.
16	Segal, E. (2016). <i>Social welfare policy and social programs: A values perspective</i> (4th ed., Brooks/Cole empowerment series). Boston, MA: Cengage Learning.
17	Shek, D. T. L. et al. (2002). <i>Advances in social welfare in Hong Kong</i> . Hong Kong: Chinese University Press.

18	Shek, D. T. L., Lam, M. C. & Au, C. F. (Eds.) (1997). Social work in Hong Kong: Reflections and challenges. Hong Kong: Department of Social Work, Chinese University of Hong Kong.
19	Tang, K. L. & Wong, C. K. (Eds.) (2003). Poverty monitoring and alleviation in East Asia. New York : Nova Science Publishers.
20	Tang, K. L. (1998). Colonial state and social policy: Social welfare development in Hong Kong 1842-1997. Lanham, Md.: University Press of America.
21	Walker, A. & Wong, C.K. (eds) (2005). East Asian Welfare Regime in Transition: From Confucianism to Globalisation. Bristol: Policy Press.
22	黃洪 (2013). 無窮的盼望：香港貧窮問題探析. 香港：中華書局.
23	周永新 (1980). 香港社會福利的發展與政策. 香港: 大學出版印務.
24	周永新，陳沃聰 (2013). 社會工作學新論. 香港：商務印書局
25	王卓祺, 王家英 (1998). 香港社會福利狀況評估: 自求多福心態面臨挑戰. 香港: 香港中文大學亞太研究所.
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28	甘炳光、梁祖彬、陳麗雲、林香生、胡文龍、馮國堅等編 (1994). 社區工作：理論與實踐. 香港：中文大學出版社.
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31	周永新 (1994) 社會保障和福利爭議. 香港: 天地.
32	李健正, 趙維新, 梁麗清, 陳錦華 合編 (1999). 新社會政策. 香港: 中文大學出版社.
33	周永新 (2013). 社會政策的觀念和制度. 香港：中華書局.
34	香港社會服務聯會 (2003). 社會服務的性別敏銳性: 分享會彙編. 香港：香港社會服務聯會.
35	香港社區工作教育工作者聯席會議 (1994). 社區工作 – 理論與實踐. 香港: 中文大學出版社.
36	香港社會服務聯會編 (2010). 社區發展資料彙編 2000-2010-社區發展服務：傳承、探索、蛻變. 香港：紅投資有限公司(圓桌文化)。
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Additional Readings

Title	
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