

# SOC 470 – SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY

## SYLLABUS

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### COURSE DELIVERY:

Print-Based Correspondence Course

### CREDIT HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

### PREREQUISITES:

SOC 352: Human Behavior and the Social Environment

### COURSE MATERIALS:

To order textbooks or obtain information about book titles you may go to [www.exstudies.adams.edu](http://www.exstudies.adams.edu) and click on the “ASC Bookstore” icon.

Use **Section Number: 616** to order books from Bookstore site.

### Required Textbook:

Karger, Howard J. and Stoesz, David, *American Social Welfare Policy; A Pluralist Approach*, 2006, Allyn and Bacon, 5th Edition. ISBN: 0-205-40182-1

### CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course covers information about and analysis of Social Welfare policy in the United States using a pluralistic approach. It is an upper division course and goes beyond introductory type of analysis of Welfare’s eligibility, financing, administration, etc. Instead, it introduces the student to a basic framework for Social Welfare policy analysis, an overview of discrimination based on racism, sexism, alternative sexual lifestyles, ageism, and people with disabilities. And, the course provides a review of some theoretical formulations about poverty and strategies to combat poverty.

The focus of the course is a thorough explanation and analysis of the private sector and the public sectors for providing Social Welfare. The several areas examined are;

- The voluntary sector and for-profit sector of welfare services
- Privatization and Human Service Corporations

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- The Making of Governmental Social Policy
- Government Tax Policy and Income Distribution
- Social Insurance Programs
- Public Assistance Programs
- The American Health Care System
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Criminal Justice
- Child Welfare Policy
- Housing Policies
- The Politics of Food Policy and Rural Life

In order to provide a perspective of the United States Social Welfare policy the course briefly examines our policies within an international perspective

### **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- The student will learn about the basic concepts, policies, and programs that have typified the U.S. Welfare State.
- The student will gain an understanding of the voluntary non-profit sector of Social Welfare services.
- The student will be taught about the for-profit corporate Social Welfare delivery system of services in the United States.
- The student will be exposed to a comprehensive analysis of the governmental Social Welfare service policies and delivery system; proposed privatization plans for Social Security system; the rise in health care costs and the growth of the uninsured; immigration policies since 9/11; a look at the “fringe economy” and housing reform.
- The student will be given a perspective of past and present relationship of religion and social policy.
- The student will learn to appreciate the dynamics of the new tax policies in the U.S. and how they influence Social Welfare policies.
- The student will be able to examine the influence of global capitalism on jobs and poverty in the U.S.
- The student will be able to demonstrate critical thinking skills to the topic of Social Welfare policy in the United States.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

This course has a total of 300 points. There are three 100-point assignments for this course. The first two assignments are combined objective and essay exams that cover material presented in the text. Each exam has ten definition matching items, fifteen multiple choice items and two written essays. Exam One is taken from Chapters 1 - 7. Exam Two is taken from Chapters 8 - 18. A third assignment involves writing a 6 - 8

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page research paper in which the student uses the text and at least two professional sociological sources. These sources can be sociological texts, journals, or material indexed in Psychological Abstracts Reference Book found in all major libraries.

### **GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:**

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

#### **Grade Distribution:**

One Paper Assignment	100 points
Two Exams (100 points each)	<u>200 points</u>
Total Points	300 points

#### **Scale:**

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% and below	F

### **ADA STATEMENT:**

Students who need special accommodation to complete this class should contact the instructor and the Office of Student Affairs, 719.587.7221 as soon as possible.