

**Social Policy - 46477 - PANM 3010 - 0
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TITLE: Social Policy

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PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES:

None

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Scope, theories, and analysis of social policies and programs.

The course addresses the questions and dilemmas inherent in the pursuit of social justice. The course will deliver extensive coverage of policy practice and a unique emphasis on the broad issues and human dilemmas inherent in the pursuit of social justice. The course will provide regular opportunities to work with case studies, and help students not only understand, but also apply the course content effectively to dealing with issues that result from domestic and international social change.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

Students will:

- 1) develop framework for analyzing policies and programs in terms of social justice
- 2) examine social justice from several philosophical perspectives.
- 3) discuss poverty, health care, mental illness and addiction as well as theories of oppression and the challenges faced by populations that have faced oppression are addressed.

- 4) develop understanding of policy practice of social work in the future

EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT:

You can receive total of 1,000 points

Midterm:	250 (25%)
Final Exam:	300 (30%)
Paper:	250 (25%)
Questions for discussions:	100 (10%)
Attendance and participation:	100 (10%)

A portion of the cumulative class grade will be reported to students prior to the midpoint of the total grading period as a percentage of the total points that a student could have made prior to that date. The grading scale is provided below to help students with calculating their final and midpoint grades.

Paper and Presentations:

A (90 – 100%) = Excellent; all expectations met or exceeded; explicitly demonstrates thorough understanding of subjects, theories, concepts, and cases; chooses appropriate theories from appropriate readings for each case; applies theory to practice skillfully; no substantive shortcomings or only minor shortcomings; presentations are well organized, help other students learn course content, and add value above existing course content; writing is well organized and adheres to rules of grammar, spelling, and syntax with no or very few exceptions

B (80 – 89%) = Good; most or all expectations are met; explicitly or implicitly demonstrates good, if not thorough, understanding of literature; only minor substantive shortcomings; presentations are well organized and help other students learn course content; writing is generally well organized and mostly adheres to rules of grammar, spelling, and syntax

C (70 – 79%) = Satisfactory; directions are followed, most expectations are met but with at least one significant shortcoming; despite any shortcomings, demonstrates basic level of understanding, but may miss some important points; presentations demonstrate understanding of the content but do little to help other students learn the content; writing is organized well enough and with enough technical accuracy to be understandable

D (60 – 69%) = Passing, but less than satisfactory; directions only partially followed; more than one significant shortcoming; deficiencies indicate only the most rudimentary

level of understanding; presentations demonstrate poor preparation and do not contribute to other students' learning; and/or writing is difficult to understand

F (0 – 59%) = Failing; not completed or directions not followed; deficiencies indicate lack of understanding; presentations waste class time; and/or incoherent writing

Grading Scale:

A	90 – 100%	(900-1000 points)
B	80 – 89.9%	(800-899 points)
C	70 – 79.9%	(700-799 points)
D	60 – 69.9%	(600-699 points)
F	0 – 59.9%	(0-599 points)

Rational

Assigned readings will provide students with information about theory and practice of social change.

In-class discussions and group exercises will allow you to apply theoretical knowledge received from assigned readings to dealing with practical issues in Social Policy. These activities will help you to identify main issues, and develop basic skills in theory application to the policy practice.

Midterms and Final Exams will test your knowledge of the material from the assigned readings and test your progress towards reaching learning outcomes.

Written assignments will allow students to learn writing policy reports and discuss main issues in Social change and policy.

Questions for discussion will be used to facilitate in class discussions and allow students take initiative and offer issues of interest to them to class attention. Each student will be expected to choose class sessions and prepare at least 5 questions for discussion in the class for each of the topics. Students must post the discussion questions on Blackboard at least 24 hours before class. Questions should reflect the thesis or arguments made in the reading, the evidence that are provided, or any other critical points that suggest evaluation and discussion.

Please be prepared to participate in class discussions. This means, of course, reading when assigned. The issues you will be discussing from the cases you read raise serious and far reaching policy questions.

Both course *attendance and participation* in class discussions are required and absences will be noted. Therefore, attendance is critical and be monitored every week by the instructor.

Blackboard:

Blackboard may be accessed at <http://utconline.utc.edu>. Some of the useful links there are:

Announcements The announcements page is the point of entry for the site. Here, the instructor will post announcements as needed throughout the course. UTC may also occasionally post announcements here as well. Students need to check announcements regularly.

Syllabus This page includes this syllabus—the official guide to the course!

Grades—where students can check their grades.

Help links students to information about how to use Blackboard.

Course Policies

If a student misses a class, it is his/her responsibility to contact his/ her classmates and learn what happened in class and what is the assignment for the next time. I reserved the right to make changes to the assigned reading based on the progress that we are making and issues of special interests to students expressed in class.

Please remember to turn off cell phones.

CLASS PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance and Participation: Much of the learning takes place during in-class discussion, and much of this learning is not anticipated or easily assessed. To reflect the importance of the learning that takes place in class, students will be graded on their participation in each session roughly following the scale below, but, in the end, subjectively based on the instructor's professional judgment:

A (90-100%) = Contributes to discussions, contributions reflect good understanding of reading assignments, contributions are insightful and advance the discussion, does not dominate discussion, contributions do not rely solely on personal opinion, shows respect

to classmates, uses discussion to make progress toward course learning goals, contributes to other students' progress toward learning goals, actively listens

B (80-89%) = Between A and C

C (70-79%) = Contributes to discussions, contributions reflect basic understanding of reading assignments or are based mostly on personal opinion, shows respect to classmates, actively listens, does not dominate discussion, uses discussion to make progress toward learning goals

D (60-69%) = Between C and F

F (below 60%) = Assumes a passive role in class discussions, contributes almost nothing to discussions, contributions reflect no understanding of reading assignments, dominates discussion

0 % = Absent, disrespectful, contributions detract from other students' learning, occupied with text messaging, asleep, contributes nothing to discussions

No attempt will be made to distinguish between "excused" and "unexcused" absences—in both cases, in class learning does not take place. To accommodate unavoidable absences, the two lowest participation grades will not count towards your final grade.

LATE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION/MAKE-UP POLICY:

Make-ups will only be given for those students who become ill or have a death in the immediate family. You will need to bring a medical excuse or a document to support your claim. If you do not have one, you will receive 0 points. I want to be accommodating, but need to be fair to all students, especially to those to make an effort to come to class.

^No incomplete ("I") will be assigned. Students who cannot complete the course must withdraw.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/RESOURCES:

Brooks/Cole Empowerment Series: Foundations of Social Policy: Social Justice in Human Perspective, 4th Edition

- **Amanda S. Barusch** University of Otago
- **ISBN-10:** 0840034385

- **ISBN-13:** 9780840034380
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ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you are a student with a disability (e.g. physical, learning, psychiatric, vision, hearing, etc.) and think that you might need special assistance or a special accommodation in this class or any other class, call the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 425-4006 or come by the office, 102 Frist Hall.

COUNSELING CENTER STATEMENT

If you find that personal problems, career indecision, study and time management difficulties, etc. are adversely impacting your successful progress at UTC, please contact the Counseling and Career Planning Center at 425-4438.

HONOR CODE PLEDGE (from the UTC Student Handbook)

I pledge that I will neither give nor receive unauthorized aid on any test or assignment. I understand that plagiarism constitutes a serious instance of unauthorized aid. I further pledge that I exert every effort to insure that the Honor Code is upheld by others and the I will actively support the establishment and continuance of a campus-wide climate of honor and integrity.