Social Policy (Combined)

University of Strathclyde

Content

Social Policy examines the ways in which societies distribute resources and develop services to meet individual and social needs. Key social policy issues examined include poverty; economic, race, age and gender inequality; social justice health; education; criminal justice and housing.

It utilises a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods to improve our understanding of how societies organise their resources to meet individual and social needs and how they measure progress in these areas.

Year 1: semester 1 module provides a wide-ranging introduction to some of the key challenges facing Scottish society in areas such as health, housing, education and social security. The semester 2 module asks how different issues come to be recognised and defined as ‘social problems’ and how this impacts the development of policy.

Year 2: deepen your knowledge and understanding of the historical development of social policy. You will also discover more about some of the key concepts in social policy, including issues such as human need, citizenship, and social exclusion, and about how social policy is made.

Year 3: students will choose one optional class based on the specialism of a member of staff. The list of available classes changes each year, but has included welfare reform and criminology. You will also take a class in research methodology which will help you to prepare for your final-year dissertation.

Year 4: take a core module on the global challenges facing Social Policy, focusing on issues such as inclusive growth, migration and climate change. Students can take further optional specialist classes. The list of available classes changes each year, but has included disability and gender-based violence. The Honours dissertation will be your chance to undertake some original research of your own in a key area of Social Policy.

In either Year 3 or Year 4, you will have the opportunity to undertake a work placement in a charity, government office or other organisation relevant to social policy.

Start Date

October

Qualification

Degree

Study Method

Full time

Award Title

BA Hons

UCAS Code

Please refer to list below

Course Length

4 years

Faculty

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Department

Social Work and Social Policy

Entry Requirements

2027 entry requirements

Standard entry:
4 Highers at AAAA (first sitting) or 5 Highers at AAAAB (two sittings) including English plus Maths or Applications of Maths at National 5.

Widening access entry:
4 Highers at AABB (first sitting) or 5 Highers at AABBB (two sittings) including English plus Maths or Applications of Maths at National 5.

A Foundation Apprenticeship is accepted in place of a non-essential Higher.

SCQF Level

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Cost

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Progression Routes

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Combination Courses

Social Policy and Economics	L1L4
Social Policy and Education	X3L4
Social Policy and English	Q3L4
Social Policy and English and Creative Writing	QL34
Social Policy and French (5 years)	R1L4
Social Policy and History	V1L4
Social Policy and Human Resource Management	N6L4

Social Policy and Journalism, Media and Communication	P5L4
Social Policy and Law	M1L4
Social Policy and Politics and International Relations	L2L4
Social Policy and Psychology	C8L4
Social Policy and Spanish (5 years)	R4L4

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