SPSW1002 - Social Issues in the Human Services

Course Outline
Semester 2
CALLAGHAN CAMPUS

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*Consultation Appointment Times: Monday 11.00 AM and Wednesday 10.00 AM or other times by arrangement

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Course Outline Issued and Correct as at: Week 1, Semester 2 - 2007
CTS Download Date: 9 July 2007
Brief Course Description
This foundation course explores social issues and social problems and critically analyses government and community welfare responses. This involves analysing programs, policies and interventions which deal with contemporary social issues and includes case studies from some of the following areas: children and families, youth, disability, alcohol and drug dependency, sexuality and gender, ageing, social exclusion and marginalisation.

Contact Hours
On-Campus
Lecture for 1 Hour per Week for the Full Term
Tutorial for 2 Hours per Week for the Full Term

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| Email Discussion Group for 2 Hours per Week for the Full Term |
| Self Directed Learning for 1 Hour per Week for the Full Term |
On campus students participate in lecture and tutorial.
Distance Education Students participate in email discussion group and self directed learning.

Learning Materials/Texts

Course Objectives
1. Be able to critically analyse the construction of social issues and social problems.
2. Explore government and community welfare responses to identified problems.
3. Understand the policy making process, how history informs current policy, the structure(s) within which policy is located, and how to participate in the policy making and social change process.
4. Develop an awareness of social, professional and personal values, how they differ across cultures, class and social contexts, and their influences on individual and community responses to issues.
5. Skills in writing academic essays, reports, tutorial presentations, research, theoretical and methodological skills.

Course Content
1. Major Frameworks and competing explanations.
3. Social actors in social problems.
4. The Government and corporate power.
5. World population and global inequality.
7. Threats to the environment.
8. Problems of inequality including poverty and wealth; race and ethnicity; gender, sexualities and sexual practices; age; the economy of work; education; families and intimate relationships; health care and medicine; crime and delinquency; substance abuse;
9. Evaluating social programs.
10. Strategies and tools for social change.

Assessment Items
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Assumed Knowledge
SPSW1001 Introduction to Human Service and Community Welfare.

Callaghan Campus Timetable

| SPSW1002 |
| SOCIAL ISSUES IN THE HUMAN SERVICES |
| Enquiries: School of Humanities and Social Science |
| Semester 2 - 2007 |
| Lecture | Thursday | 14:00 - 15:00 | [SRLT1] |
| and Tutorial | Thursday | 15:00 - 17:00 | [W308] |
| or | Thursday | 11:00 - 13:00 | [GP3-14] |
| or | Thursday | 9:00 - 11:00 | [GP2-12-14] |

Written Assignment Presentation and Submission Details

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date. Late assignments will be subject to the penalties described as follows:

Hard copy submission:

- **Type your assignments:** All work must be typewritten in 11 or 12 point black font. Leave a wide margin for marker’s comments, use 1.5 or double spacing, and include page numbers.
- **Word length:** The word limit of all assessment items should be strictly followed – 10% above or below is acceptable, otherwise penalties may apply.
- **Proof read your work** because spelling, grammatical and referencing mistakes will be penalised.
- **Staple the pages** of your assignment together (do not use pins or paper clips).
- **University Assessment Item Coversheet:** All assignments must be submitted with the University coversheet available at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/)
- **By arrangement with the relevant lecturer, assignments may be submitted at any Student Hub located at:**
  - Level 3, Shortland Union, Callaghan
  - Level 2, Student Services Centre, Callaghan
  - Ground Floor, University House, City
  - Opposite Café Central, Ourimbah
- **Date-stamping assignments:** All students must date-stamp their own assignments using the machine provided at each Student Hub. If mailing an assignment, this should be address to the relevant School. Mailed assignments are accepted from the date posted, confirmed by a Post Office date-stamp; they are also date-stamped upon receipt by Schools.

NB: Not all of these services may apply to the Port Macquarie Campus.

- **Do not fax or email assignments:** Only hard copies of assignments will be considered for assessment. Inability to physically submit a hard copy of an assignment by the deadline due to other commitments or distance from campus is an unacceptable excuse.
- **Keep a copy of all assignments:** It is the student's responsibility to produce a copy of their work if the assignment goes astray after submission. Students are advised to keep updated back-ups in electronic and hard copy formats.

Plagiarism

University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. A student plagiarises if he or she presents the thoughts or works of another as one’s own. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

- copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment; using another's ideas without due acknowledgment;
Plagiarism is not only related to written works, but also to material such as data, images, music, formulae, websites and computer programs.

Aiding another student to plagiarise is also a violation of the Plagiarism Policy and may invoke a penalty.

For further information on the University policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity at the following link -


The University has established a software plagiarism detection system called Turnitin. When you submit assessment items please be aware that for the purpose of assessing any assessment item the University may -

- Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or
- Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).
- Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking

Online copy submission to Turnitin

In addition to hard copy submission, students are required to submit an electronic version of the following assignments to Turnitin via the course Blackboard website available @ www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/

Major Essay 60% -minimum 2,500 word limit-exploration and critique to be submitted Academic by Week 14 November 1st.

Prior to final submission, all students have the opportunity to submit one draft of their assignment to Turnitin to self-check their referencing.

Assignments will not be marked until both hard copy and online versions have been submitted. Marks may be deducted for late submission of either version.

Penalties for Late Assignments

Assignments submitted after the due date, without an approved extension of time will be penalised by the reduction of 5% of the possible maximum mark for the assessment item for each day or part day that the item is late. Weekends count as one day in determining the penalty. Assessment items submitted more than ten days after the due date will be awarded zero marks.


Refer - ‘Rules Governing the Administration of Assessment Items - Rule 000113’ available @ http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000113.html (section 18)

Special Circumstances

Students wishing to apply for Special Circumstances or Extension of Time should apply online. Refer - ‘Special Circumstances Affecting Assessment Items - Procedure 000641’ available @ http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html
No Assignment Re-submission

Students who have failed an assignment are not permitted to revise and resubmit it in this course. However, students are always welcome to contact their Tutor, Lecturer or Course Coordinator to make a consultation time to receive individual feedback on their assignments.

Re-marks & Moderations

A student may only request a re-mark of an assessment item before the final result – in the course to which the assessment item contributes – has been posted. If a final result in the course has been posted, the student must apply under ‘Procedures for Appeal Against a Final Result’ (Refer: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/).

Students concerned at the mark given for an assessment item should first discuss the matter with the Course Coordinator. If subsequently requesting a re-mark, students should be aware that as a result of a re-mark the original mark may be increased or reduced. The case for a re-mark should be outlined in writing and submitted to the Course Coordinator, who determines whether a re-mark should be granted, taking into consideration all of the following:

1. whether the student had discussed the matter with the Course Coordinator
2. the case put forward by the student for a re-mark
3. the weighting of the assessment item and its potential impact on the student’s final mark or grade
4. the time required to undertake the re-mark
5. the number of original markers, that is,
   a) whether there was a single marker, or
   b) if there was more than one marker whether there was agreement or disagreement on the marks awarded.

A re-mark may also be initiated at the request of the Course Coordinator, the Head of School, the School Assessment Committee, the Faculty Progress and Appeals Committee or the Pro Vice-Chancellor. Re-marks may be undertaken by:

1. the original marker; or
2. an alternate internal marker; or
3. an alternate external marker (usually as a consequence of a grievance procedure).

Moderation may be applied when there is a major discrepancy (or perceived discrepancy) between:

1. the content of the course as against the content or nature of the assessment item(s)
2. the content or nature of the assessment item(s) as against those set out in the Course Outline
3. the marks given by a particular examiner and those given by another in the same course
4. the results in a particular course and the results in other courses undertaken by the same students.

For further detail on this University policy refer - ‘Re-marks and Moderations - Procedure 000769’ available @ http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000769.html

Return of Assignments

Students can collect assignments from a nominated Student Hub during office hours. Students will be informed during class which Hub to go to and the earliest date that assignments will be available for collection. Students must present their student identification card to collect their assignment.


Preferred Referencing Style

In this course, it is recommended that you use the use the Harvard in-text referencing system (similar to the APA system) for referencing sources of information used in assignments. Inadequate or incorrect reference to the work of others may be viewed as plagiarism and result in reduced marks or failure.

An in-text citation names the author of the source, gives the date of publication, and for a direct quote includes a page number, in parentheses. At the end of the paper, a list of references provides publication information about the source; the list is alphabetised by authors’ last names (or by titles for works without
authors). For further information on referencing and general study skills refer - ‘Infoskills’ available @

Student Representatives

Student Representatives are a major channel of communication between students and the School. Contact
details of Student Representatives can be found on School websites.

Refer - ‘Information for Student Representatives on Committees’ available @

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first instance and then the relevant Discipline or Program Convenor. If this proves unsatisfactory, they should
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Essential Online Information for Students

Information on Class and Exam Timetables, Tutorial Online Registration, Learning Support, Campus Maps,
Careers information, Counselling, the Health Service and a range of free Student Support Services is
available @ http://www.newcastle.edu.au/currentstudents/index.html

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS

The University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic
illness.

If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies, please feel free to
discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator.

Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be
registered to receive this type of support. To register please contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 02 4921
5766, or via email at: student-disability@newcastle.edu.au

As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your
needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each
semester.

For more information related to confidentiality and documentation please visit the Student Support Service
(Disability) website at: www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability
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<td>2. Essay 60% - minimum 2,500 word limit - exploration and critique to be submitted Academic Week 14 November 2nd.</td>
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<td>3. Ungraded Group Task - Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory</td>
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Task 1: Seminar Presentation-
[*Readings are available for purchase at NUSA services (East Campus-located northern side of student union building Callaghan): note there are 2 books (a) covering: Weeks 1-7, and (b) covering: Weeks 8-13].

**Students will allocate themselves to small teams who will be responsible for critically examining one of the set readings and will present their review to the large group.** It is an expectation that the presentation is an engaging process, not merely “reading from prepared notes”. **Students are encouraged to consider ways of constructing activities and small group tasks which are linked to the readings. This more active approach to learning (through engaging peers in an experiential task) will hopefully encourage greater connection to the material under examination. Additionally, students are asked to construct a set of questions as an anchor point to the material under discussion and as a tool to stimulate discussion.**

Summary notes compiled to support the seminar are to be submitted one week after the presentation [minimum 1,500 words].

**Assessment Criteria**
- **Engagement with audience**
- **Creativity and ability to devise novel and engaging materials**
- **Coherent Communication of Ideas and Debates to peers**
- **Capacity to generate critical inquiry and broad discussion**
- **Ability to foster positive interpersonal interactions**
- **Demonstrated Reading and personal reflection**
- **Capacity for Analysis and Critical Thinking**
- **Synthesis and integration of Wide Literature**
- **Clarity and Coherence of Summary Notes**
- **Organisation and Presentation of summary paper**

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**Task 2: Major Essay**
Word limit Maximum 2,500
Due Date Academic Week 14: Thursday November 1st 2007.

**Students are asked to critically examine a contemporary social issue from a Social Constructionist framework** (potential topics can be
chosen from areas of personal interest, current media debates, themes raised during the course, and policy concerns such as those interrogated in semester 1 etc).

Students may choose to compare and or contrast one other major analytic approach (i.e., contrasts and comparisons can be drawn from Structural-functional, Social-conflict perspectives or Feminist critiques.

This written assignment will be considered from the following criteria:
- Demonstrated reading, reflection and appropriate referencing,
- Capacity to apply a Social Constructionist framework, and general understanding of other explanatory models,
- Critical thinking, synthesis and analysis of issues,
- Clarity and coherence of argument and development of debates,
- Presentation, Organisation and Structure of the paper.

Group Task-Ungraded [Weeks 12 & 13]

“Problem-Based Scenario”

Students are to assume that, as members of the Newcastle Youth Interagency Network, they have been asked to develop a brief presentation that can be made to various groups in the local community. The purpose of the presentation is to challenge the social constructions of young people who commit crimes and responses to youth crime. Alternatively, students may wish to explore another area of concern relevant to youth which encompasses the broad realm of Youth Culture, Sexualities and Gender, Rights, Citizenship and Social Inclusion.

The presentation needs to be creative and informative.

The presentation should include:

- an overview and critique of issues relating to youth crime and young offenders;
- the range of new approaches to deal with youth crime and young people who have committed crime, including an explanation of case management approaches and strengths-based ideas focused on capacity building;
- a critical review of the opportunities, constraints and dilemmas of current approaches to dealing with youth crime;
- examples of social constructions of youth crime and contemporary law and order approaches as social problems, and arguments to challenge each of the examples.
- critically explore and apply a Social Constructionist critique to a contemporary issue relevant to Youth Culture, Sexualities, Gender, Rights, Citizenship and Social Inclusion.

Students will work in small groups of 4 - 5 to prepare a 15-minute presentation as outlined above.

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School of Humanities and Social Science
Online Tutorial Registration:
Students are required to enrol in the Lecture and a specific Tutorial time for this course via the
Online Registration system:
β http://studinfo1.newcastle.edu.au/rego/stud_choose_login.cfm
Registrations close at the end of week 2 of semester.

Studentmail and Blackboard: www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/
This course uses Blackboard and studentmail to contact students, so you are advised to keep your
email accounts within the quota to ensure you receive essential messages. To receive an
expedited response to queries, post questions on the Blackboard discussion forum if there is one,
or if emailing staff directly use the course code in the subject line of your email. Students are
advised to check their studentmail and the course Blackboard site on a weekly basis.

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β University coversheet: All assignments must be submitted with the University coversheet:
β Assignments are to be deposited at any Student Focus. Focus are located at:
  o Level 3, Shortland Union, Callaghan
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  o Ground Floor, University House, City
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Any changes to this procedure will be announced during the semester.
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Remarks
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**SPSW1002 SOCIAL ISSUES AND THE HUMAN SERVICES**

| LECTURE: RESOURCE SESSIONS | Thursday 14:00 - 15:00  
| Room SRLT1 |
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| Week 1  
19th July | Introductory Overview: Social Problems and Social Policy, Competing explanations, remedies, solutions and social interventions. |
| Week 2  
26th July | Trigger Film: “Bang-Bang-You’re Dead.” |
| Week 3  
2nd August | Lecture: Youth Work Practitioners: Challenges and Debates. |
| Week 4  
| Week 5  
16th August | Anti-Oppressive Models of Youth Work. |
| Week 6  
23rd August | Youth Suicide and Depression: Case Management. |
| Week 7  
30th September | Mental Health: Social Policy Initiatives and Responses. |
| Week 8  
6th September | Trigger Film: “Girl Interrupted.” |
| Week 9  
13th September | Social Construction of Gender. |
| Week 10  
20th September | Sexuality, Gender and Health Services. |
| Week 11  
27th October | Sexuality, Gender and Disability Issues. |

**RECESS**

Monday 1st October  
Public Holiday- Friday 12th OCTOBER -

| Week 12  
18th October | Small Group Work Tasks: Media Representations and Rights Activism. |
| Week 13  
25th October | Small Group Work Tasks: Media Representations and Rights Activism. |

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School of Humanities and Social Science
**SEMINAR READINGS**

*NOTE: STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ANCHOR ONE READING ONLY THE OTHER MATERIAL IS FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND IS RELEVANT AS BACKGROUND TO THE INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT TASK.*

**Week 1. July 19th 2007**

   OR


**Week 2. July 26th**


**Week 3. August 2nd**


**Week 4. August 9th**


**Week 5. August 16th**


**Week 6. August 23rd**


**Week 7. August 30th**


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**READINGS WEEKS 8 - 14**

**n.b. Second Book of Readings Required**

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**Week 8. September 6th**


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**Week 9. September 13th**


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**Week 10. September 20th**


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**Week 11. September 27th**


Semester 2: RECESS
Monday 1st October Public Holiday- Friday 12th OCTOBER -

Week 12. October 18th


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<td>49% or less</td>
<td>Fail (FF)</td>
<td>An unacceptable effort, including non-completion. The student has not understood the basic principles of the subject matter and/or has been unable to express their understanding in a comprehensible way. Deficient in terms of answering the question, research, referencing and correct presentation (spelling, grammar etc). May include extensive plagiarism.</td>
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<td>50% to 64%</td>
<td>Pass (P)</td>
<td>The work demonstrates a reasonable attempt to answer the question, shows some grasp of the basic principles of the subject matter and a basic knowledge of the required readings, is comprehensible, accurate and adequately referenced.</td>
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<td>65% to 74%</td>
<td>Credit (C)</td>
<td>The work demonstrates a clear understanding of the question, a capacity to integrate research into the discussion, and a critical appreciation of a range of different theoretical perspectives. A deficiency in any of the above may be compensated by evidence of independent thought. The work is coherent and accurate.</td>
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<td>75% to 84%</td>
<td>Distinction (D)</td>
<td>Evidence of substantial additional reading and/or research, and evidence of the ability to generalise from the theoretical content to develop an argument in an informed and original manner. The work is well organised, clearly expressed and shows a capacity for critical analysis.</td>
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<td>85% upwards</td>
<td>High Distinction (HD)</td>
<td>All of the above, plus a thorough understanding of the subject matter based on substantial additional reading and/or research. The work shows a high level of independent thought, presents informed and insightful discussion of the topic, particularly the theoretical issues involved, and demonstrates a well-developed capacity for critical analysis.</td>
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