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### **Term Information**

**Effective Term** Summer 2016 **Previous Value** Summer 2012

### **Course Change Information**

What change is being proposed? (If more than one, what changes are being proposed?)

Add distance education component to course.

What is the rationale for the proposed change(s)?

Course was not a distance learning (DL) course when first entered for the semester conversion, but is now offered in a DL format.

What are the programmatic implications of the proposed change(s)?

(e.g. program requirements to be added or removed, changes to be made in available resources, effect on other programs that use the course)? None.

Is approval of the requrest contingent upon the approval of other course or curricular program request? No

Is this a request to withdraw the course? No

### General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Social Work

Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Social Work - D1900

College/Academic Group Social Work Level/Career Undergraduate

Course Number/Catalog 1120

Introduction to Social Welfare **Course Title** 

**Transcript Abbreviation** Int to Soc Welfare

**Course Description** An introduction to the history, structure, and function of the social welfare institution.

Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

### Offering Information

14 Week, 7 Week **Length Of Course** 

**Flexibly Scheduled Course** Does any section of this course have a distance Yes

education component?

Is any section of the course offered 100% at a distance

**Previous Value** No

**Grading Basis** Letter Grade

No Repeatable **Course Components** Lecture **Grade Roster Component** Lecture Credit Available by Exam No No **Admission Condition Course** 

**Off Campus** Sometimes

Campus of Offering Columbus, Lima, Mansfield, Marion, Newark

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### **Prerequisites and Exclusions**

Prerequisites/Corequisites

**Exclusions** Not open to students with credit for 220 or 520.

### **Cross-Listings**

**Cross-Listings** 

### Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 44.0701

**Subsidy Level Baccalaureate Course** 

**Intended Rank** Freshman, Sophomore, Junior

### Requirement/Elective Designation

Required for this unit's degrees, majors, and/or minors General Education course:

Human, Natural, and Economic Resources

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

### **Course Details**

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Demonstrate knowledge of the history and development of social welfare and social services in the United States.
- Identify the role of current federal and state social policy in the delivery of social services.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of ideologies, values and ethics that form the foundation of social services.
- Identify the financial, organizational and administrative structures that influence the delivery of social services.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the fields of practice and populations served in social services.
- Identify and discuss forms and mechanisms of poverty, oppression and discrimination and how these impact social services.
- Demonstrate an understanding of human diversity issues in the development and delivery of social services with emphasis on empowering at-risk and vulnerable populations.

**Previous Value** 

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#### **Content Topic List**

- What is Social Welfare?
- Approaches to the Provision of Social Welfare
- The Impact of Conflicting Values and Beliefs on Social Welfare Policies
- Identifying Your Own Values and Beliefs Regarding Social Welfare
- Historical Foundations of Social Welfare in America
- Conceptual Foundations of Social Welfare
- The Delivery of Social Welfare Services
- Social Justice and Civil Rights
- Social Insurance
- Poverty and Inequality
- Economics, Employment, Budgets, and Taxes
- Child and Family Policy
- Health Care Policy/Mental Health and Addictions Policy
- Aging Policy
- Crime and Criminal Justice as a Social Welfare Issue; United States Social Welfare Policies and International Comparisons

### **Attachments**

• 1120 Master.docx: original, face-to-face

(Syllabus. Owner: Cole, Mary Cathleen)

• 1120\_DL Dec2015.docx: distance learning

(Syllabus. Owner: Cole, Mary Cathleen)

### Comments

- attach syllabus (by Bronson, Denise Ellen on 12/02/2015 10:02 AM)
- Please note: the College of Social Work's Educational Technology staff consults with ODEE for distance learning support on a regular basis and will continue to do so. (by Cole, Mary Cathleen on 12/02/2015 09:11 AM)
- see email 11-20-15 (by Hogle, Danielle Nicole on 11/20/2015 03:23 PM)

### **Workflow Information**

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Cole, Mary Cathleen	11/04/2015 02:51 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Bronson, Denise Ellen	11/04/2015 03:12 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Bronson, Denise Ellen	11/04/2015 03:12 PM	College Approval
Revision Requested	Hogle, Danielle Nicole	11/20/2015 03:24 PM	ASCCAO Approval
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### Course Title: Social Work 1120 - Introduction to Social Welfare

Instructor: Term:

Email: Class day: Office/Hours: Class time: Location:

**Level of Instruction/Credit Hours:** Undergraduate/3 credit hours

Prerequisites: None

**GE Category**: Social Science – Human, Natural and Economic Resources

### **Required Text**

Segal, E.A. (2016). Social welfare policy and social programs: A values perspective (4<sup>th</sup> edition).

Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole/Cengage Learning. **ISBN-13:** 9781305101920 **ISBN-10:** 1305101928

### **Course Description**

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Social Work 1120 satisfies the Social Science-Human, Natural, and Economic Resources area of the General Education (GE) curriculum.

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### **Course Evaluation by Students**

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### Statement on Academic Integrity and Academic Misconduct

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<u>Course Communication Policy</u> Please contact me via email if you have a question. My email policy is to respond to all emails within 48 hours.

If I need to contact you, I will email your OSU student email address. If you have not done so already, please ensure that you have access to this account or that it is forwarded to your personal email account.

In addition, please make sure that you are checking our Carmen course page regularly as I will be posting weekly updates throughout the semester.

<u>Inclement Weather Policy</u> If OSU closes due to inclement weather class will be cancelled. Note you will receive this information from the university. Please sign up for OSU's emergency alert system, Buckeye Alert. You can sign up here to receive text messages with emergency information from OSU: <a href="http://buckeyealert.osu.edu/">http://buckeyealert.osu.edu/</a>.

<u>Course Attendance Policy</u> There will be no excused absences. Any missed course session will result in lost participation points for that day. In the event you have an emergency that prohibits you from attending class please contact me as soon as possible to ensure that you get access to necessary information and materials for the sessions missed. We will make a plan together to get you caught up!

Arriving late to class causes you to miss pertinent information as well as it is very disruptive to the class flow. Missing more than 15 minutes of class will result in the loss of participation points for that day.

<u>Office Hours Policy</u> Office hours are offered to provide students with an opportunity to ask questions or deepen their understanding of course materials. Office hours are not a substitute for attending class. If you need to meet with me, please contact me via email and we will set up a time that is suitable for both of us.

### **Methods of Instruction**

Methods of instruction will include lecture, video, audio, discussion, presentations, and group activities.

#### **Course Expectations**

Students will be expected to come to class ready to learn, demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles, and information reflected in the course outline. These expectations will be evaluated through papers, examinations, presentations, and participation and contribution to class.

<u>Ground Rules for Discussion</u> Students are expected to respect the contributions of all class members. Ground Rules for Respectful Class Discussion must be followed by all students. Any student whose remarks are disparaging or disrespectful may be asked to leave the classroom. Because we will be spending time discussing controversial topics, it is important to recognize that we will all have different opinions, backgrounds and experiences. Sharing our own

perspectives as they relate to the course material gives us a unique opportunity to learn from each other and broaden our own worldview, however this can only happen in a safe environment.

<u>Electronics Policy</u> Cell phone, Facebook, text messaging, doing work for other classes, web surfing, etc is NOT permitted during class. If you are found doing any of these activities, you will be asked to close your devise.

### **Assignments**

Assignment	Brief Description	Due Date	Weight
Attendance &	Students are expected to attend all classes	Weekly	15 points
Participation	and actively participate in discussions.		
	Attendance and participation credit will be		
	given for each student's written response to		
	discussion questions posed in class and for		
	verbal participation. <u>Excuses for missing class</u>		
	will not be accepted. Students will be given		
	one "free" absence/attendance point. For all		
	other missed class sessions, credit for		
	attendance or participation will not be given.		
Social Welfare	Given your life experiences and what you've	Week 3	15 points
System Paper	read thus far, write a 2-page, double-spaced	(date/time)	
	description of the U.S welfare system for		
	someone who is not from the U.S and has no		
	understanding of the welfare system in this		
Submit	country.		N1/A
Portfolio	This semester you and a classmate will create a portfolio following an issue/policy/program	(date/time)	N/A
Topic	(IPP) that is of interest to you. This is meant to	(uate/time)	
Τορις	be completed throughout the semester and		
	should not be saved until just before the		
	assignment due date. You will select one		
	current IPP and collect reports, news stories,		
	data, literature and other information		
	throughout the semester that is related to the		
	social issue/problem, to the progression of		
	related social policies and programs, and to the		
	public's response/opinion of the issue/problem.		
	Your portfolio topic must be approved by your		
	instructor.		
Social Issue	This worksheet assignment will guide and help	Week 5	15points
Portfolio	you learn more about the topic you have	(date/time)	

Worksheet	chosen for your portolio.		
Critical	Write a 1-2 page letter that takes an	Week 8	15points
Thinking	affirmative position on a social issue (options	(date/time)	
Letter	provided by your instructor).		
Sample	Entries may consist of text (i.e. articles from	Week 10	15 points
Portfolio	newspapers, websites, journals, magazines,	(date/time)	
Entry	etc.); audio visual (i.e. video clips of TV news		
	programs); or audio (i.e. podcasts, radio news		
	programs, etc.).		
Social Issue	Presentation of your portfolio: over the course	Weeks 13 & 14	25 points
and Policy	of the semester, you and a classmate have		
Portfolio	chosen a social problem, gathered		
Presentations	information, and looked at interventions		
	meant to address the issue. Your work will be		
	presented to the class and your portfolio must		
	be turned in to your instructor on the date of		
	your presentation.		

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note: Additional information regarding the assignments will be provided separately\*\*

### **Extra Credit**

The instructor may opt to offer 3-5 extra credit points throughout the semester, given in the form of pop quizzes. You must be present in class to earn these points. Pop quizzes cannot be made up.

## **Grading Scale**

Α	93-100	C+	77-79	E	0-60
A-	90-92	С	73-76		
B+	87-89	C-	70-72		
В	83-86	D+	67-69		
B-	80-82	D	61-66		

# **Weekly Schedule**

Week 1	Introduction & Understanding Social Welfare
	Readings: Chapter 1 in Segal.
Week 2	Historical Perspectives
	Readings: Chapter 2 & Chapter 3 in Segal.
Week 3	Analyzing and Researching Policies
	Readings: Chapter 4 in Segal.
	Assignments:
	*Social Welfare System Paper Due
	*Portfolio Topic Due
Week 4	Delivery Structures
	Readings: Chapters 5 in Segal.
	Assignment #1 Due:
Week 5	Social Justice and Civil Rights
	Readings: Chapter 6 in Segal.
	Assignments:
	*Social Issue Portfolio Worksheet Due
Week 6	Poverty and Economic Inequality
	Readings: Chapter 7 in Segal.
Week 7	It's the Economy
	Readings: Chapter 8 in Segal.
Week 8	Social Insurance and Social Policy
	Readings: Chapter 9 in Segal.
	Assignments:
	*Critical Thinking Letter Due
Week 9	Aging
	Readings: Chapter 10 in Segal
Week 10	Social Policy & Children
	Readings: Chapter 11 in Segal
	Assignments:
	*Sample Portolio Entry Due
Week 11	Health Care Policy
	Readings: Chapter 12 in Segal
Week 12	The United States vs. The World/Policy Practice
	Readings: Chapters 13 & 14 in Segal
Weeks 13 & 14	Portfolio Presentations
	*Completed Portfolios Due



#### Social Work 1120

Instructor: Stacy Song, MSW, LSW
Term: Autumn 2015
Email: song.1067@osu.edu
Phone: 614-292-7591

Office: Stillman Hall, 306-B Office Hours: E-mail to schedule an appointment

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For further information, and **if you have never read it before**, please visit the <u>Ten Suggestions</u> for <u>Preserving Academic Integrity</u>.

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### **Student Exceptional Circumstances**

From time to time students will experience a truly exceptional circumstance (e.g., death of a close family member, victim of crime) and University policy does allow for accommodations in these circumstances to allow the student to be successful in their studies. If a student is impacted by such an event, they will be expected to contact the Student Advocacy Center on campus, register with their services, and document the event with the SAC. Then in

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### **Method of Instruction**

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### **Course Expectations**

Students will be expected to demonstrate considerable knowledge and understanding of the concepts, principles, and information reflected in the course outline. These expectations will be evaluated through writing and discussion using the instructor's judgment of the quality of participation and contribution to class learning by each student.

- Students are expected to visit the CARMEN course home page at least weekly.
- Students are expected to complete assigned readings and participate in an informed and relevant fashion.
- Written assignments must be carefully edited. Clarity of expression, logical organization and grammar are considered in the evaluation of written material.

### **Attendance and participation:**

Our class instruction relies heavily on active learning and is designed to encourage student participation. A high level of participation in each week's class is essential for us to function as a community of learners and is necessary to achieve the expected outcomes of this course. I view my classes as communities that provide all students the opportunity to learn in a supportive, friendly and comfortable environment. Please review these guidelines for your discussion post:

- 1. When responding to one of your classmates posts- avoid offending that classmate.
- 2. Use discussion *threads* appropriately.
- 3. Always enter a subject line for each posting so that the flow of conversation can be understood.
- 4. No Yelling. Do not post in all capital letters.
- 5. Do not engage in sarcasm or subtleties. This are not easily understood in this type of online environment. One up-manship is not helpful in a learning setting. Be straight and to the point.
- 6. If you do get upset, wait to process before you post. Unless the author specifically says they're angry, assume otherwise and ask for clarification of their intent.
- 7. Be respectful and courteous in your responses.

- 8. Be aware of cultural and ethnic differences. If you suspect classmates might be from other cultures, avoid unexplained references that may not be understood or cause feelings of exclusion.
- 9. Make your posts not too short but not too long. Try to keep your posts to a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 300. If you must write a post that is longer, remember that others will be taking their time to read this so be courteous.
- 10. Use spell check and proper grammar. This will not occur automatically in CARMEN.
- 11. Always review your post before you hit send.
- 12. Remember what is posted is recorded and graded. Always re-read before officially posting.

Students are expected to complete all weekly class components (Introduction, Objectives, Tasks; Coursework; Class Discussion; Checkpoint and Weekly Wrap-Up) and to read all the assigned works. Each week's components will open at 12:01am on the Sunday of that week and will close at 11:59pm on the following Saturday. Due to the consistent use of class discussion posts/responses 35% of your grade stems from your class participation. Student discussion and participation will be evaluated by the instructor's judgment of the quality of participation and contribution to class learning by each student through discussion posts/responses. Because class participation carries such a significant weight, it is necessary to participate in all class discussions in order to earn a high grade in this course.

If you have questions and concerns the most important thing is that you communicate with me. I take my role as an educator very seriously and am willing to work hard to be successful; I expect the same from each of you. Late discussion postings/replies will not be accepted due to the interactive and time-sensitive nature of the discussion.

### **Learning Environment**

Ground Rules for Discussion and Rules for Reflective Process in Peer Learning (Lee, 2005) apply during class. Because we will be spending time discussing controversial topics, it is important that we recognize that we will all have differing opinions, backgrounds, and experiences. So that we may all gain the most from our time together, sharing our own perspectives as they relate to the material is encouraged. Personal attacks will not be tolerated. Our in-class learning environment will be an open and respectful one, in accordance with basic social work values and principles that are central to the Social Work Code of Ethics:

- Confidentiality and Privacy when we share personal stories in the context of larger concepts, they become part of the classroom and should stay within that context. When we share information about ourselves, we also (incidentally or intentionally) share information about our family and friends.
- Respectful Listening and the Importance of Human Relationships we may not always agree with one another, but we each deserve to be heard. Mutual respect is a cornerstone of healthy social interactions and working professional relationships. As members of this class, we will treat one another respectfully, even though our values and opinions may differ. It's also a good idea to make room for quieter students if you know you are a talker.
- Compassion and Dignity and Worth of Each Person never forget there is a human being

behind an opinion, and that we are all at different levels of growth, awareness, and life experience. The learning process requires a certain degree of risk taking, and although each of us assumes responsibility for our own learning, we support and respect one another's efforts at experimentation with new ideas and learning challenges.

### **Grading scale (Percent)**

A = 93 +	B+ = 87-89	C+ = 77-79	D+ = 67-69
A = 90-92	B- = 80-82	C = 73-76	D = 61-66
	B = 83-86	C - = 70-72	E = 60  or less

### **Late Policy**

No late assignments will be accepted without **prior approval** from the instructor. **Prior** approval does not include emailing the instructor just hours before something is due to ask for an extension; communicate with the instructor early if you anticipate needing an extension. There is no make up for missed discussion participation as this is time specific and interactive in regards to the lecture materials and with your classmates. Special arrangements will only be considered in extreme circumstances. Any special arrangements are at the discretion of the instructor

Specific course requirements and assignments

Assignment	Brief Description	<b>Due Date</b>	Weight
Discussion Participation	Discussions are the primary means of communicating ideas between and among students and the instructor. Due weekly at 11:59PM EST every Thursday. If a peer discussion is required, your response is due at 11:59PM EST on Saturday. Each discussion and peer exchange will be scored out of 100 points. See below for the discussion scoring rubric.	Weekly	35%
Mini-Assignments	Students will complete four mini-assignments.  These are intended to take a short amount of time and will generally be completed in one week.		30%
-Mini-Assignment 1	Description of social welfare system (10 points)	Week 2 (9/4/15)	
-Mini-Assignment 2	Social Issue/Portfolio Worksheet (100 points)	Week 5 (9/25/15)	
-Mini-Assignment 3	Change.org Letter (100 points)	Week 7 (10/9/15)	
-Mini-Assignment 4	Sample portfolio entry (10 points)	Week 10 (10/30/15)	
Social Issue and Policy Portfolio	This is the primary project for the course. You'll choose a social problem to briefly examine and will look at interventions (e.g. policies and social programs) meant to address this issue.	Week 13 (11/20/15)	35%

<sup>\*</sup>Additional assignment guidelines will be provided.

**Discussion Scoring Rubric**Students will be assigned one of the following scores based on the quality of their discussions as judged by the instructor:

100 (✓+)	85(✓)	<b>65</b> (√-)	0
Student responds to	Student responds to	Student responds to	No submission.
discussion prompt by	discussion prompt, but	post, but only in a	Or student
providing quality	there are few issues in	cursory way without	response is
support for his/her	regards to grammar,	appropriate support.	inappropriate,
stance, argument,	clear writing, lack of	Contains several	contains personal
opinion, etc. Writing is	support for argument,	writing/grammar errors	attacks, or is
strong and free of	stance, opinion, etc.,	and/or does not follow	unrelated to the
grammatical errors.	or following	instructions.	discussion prompt.
Students writes a well-	instructions. Response		
thought out and clearly	does not appear to be		
articulated response,	well-though out prior		
and follows specific	to posting.		
instructions for the			
particular discussion			
prompt.			

### **Course Outline**

Week	Topic	Readings: all in textbook+	# of Discussions	Checkpoint Assignment
	Introduction and Review of U.S.	None: make sure to		Anonymous mini-
Week 1	Government Basics	get textbook!	2	assessment, in surveys
Week 2	Today's American Social Welfare System: An Overview (why study social welfare, watch Ain't I A Person)	p 1 – 10 in Ch 1;  p 88 (starting with section titled How is Social Welfare Policy Created?) –  95 in Ch 4;  p 384 – 402 in Ch 14	2 *	Mini-assignment, describe social welfare system, dropbox; begin thinking about portfolio topic

		p 11 -26 in Ch 1;		
	Today's American Social Welfare System: Values and	http://www.fas.org /sgp/crs/misc/R429 64.pdf is embedded		Submit portfolio topic (the earlier in the week the better, for feedback for
Week 3	Beliefs	in course	1	week 5 assignment)
	Today's American Social Welfare System: Delivery	Chapter 4;		
Week 4	Systems and Structure	Chapter 5	None	None
Mask F	Foundations of Social Welfare: Ideologies, Theories, and	Chapter 3	1*	Mini-assignment worksheet on portfolio
Week 5	Paradigms	Chapter 3	1"	topic
Mark C	Historical Developments in	Chapter 2 (start now and finish in	1*	None
Week 6	Social Welfare	week 7)	1*	None
				Change.org One-page mini- assignment
Week 7	Historical Developments in Social Welfare: Civil Rights	Chapter 2	None	
	Historical Developments in Social Welfare: Civil Rights, Women's Rights and the GLBT			
Week 8	movement	Chapter 6	1*	None
Week 9	Poverty: An Overview (demographics)	Chapter 7	2*	None
	Poverty: Causes, Beliefs, and	Chapter 8 and		Submit one portfolio entry
Week 10	Early Policy	Chapter 9	1	(for feedback and credit)
Week 11	Social Welfare Policy and Children and Families (and Women)	Chapter 11	1	None
Week 12	Social Welfare Policy and Older Adults	Chapter 10	2	None

		None: You get a		
		break to put the		
		final touches on		
		your portfolio, and		
	Other Vulnerable Populations:	there are two		
	Immigrants, Veterans, and	documentaries to		
Week 13	Prisoners	watch this week	2*	Portfolio Due
Week 14	Health Care	Chapter 12	2*	None
Week 15	Wrap up		1	Qualitative Feedback

### **Course Outline:**

<sup>\*</sup>indicates there is a peer exchanged required

<sup>+</sup> There are often pdfs or other readings embedded in the course online. Be sure to read those that are not considered supplementary.