

#### **MODULE SPECIFICATION**

Part 1: Information							
Module Title	Social Policy and Law for Social Work						
Module Code	UZVSM9-30-1		Level	Level 4			
For implementation from	2020-	21					
UWE Credit Rating	30		ECTS Credit Rating	15			
Faculty	Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences		Field	Health, Community and Policy Studies			
Department	HAS Dept of Health & Social Sciences						
Module type:	Standard						
Pre-requisites		None					
Excluded Combinations		None					
Co- requisites		None					
Module Entry requirements		None					

### Part 2: Description

Educational Aims: See Learning Outcomes

**Outline Syllabus:** History and contemporary organisation of social policy and the legal system, primarily with reference to England and the UK

The relationship between the law, social policy and social work practice with children, young people and adults

Contemporary legal and policy developments in relation to welfare, health care, social care, criminal justice, housing, education, immigration/asylum and other fields of relevance to social work practice

Dilemmas and debates in social work, social care and related fields of practice

Central concepts and theoretical perspectives in relation to social policy and law including application to:

Citizenship responsibility, choice and rights

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Human rights and social justice

Discrimination and equalities

Poverty and other forms of social disadvantage

Voluntary, statutory, private and informal sector provision

Advocacy, service user involvement and personalisation

The nature of legal authority and statutory accountability

Philosophy and key principles of law and social policy relating to children, young people and adults

**Teaching and Learning Methods:** 72 hours contact time including lectures workshops and seminars. On line engagement on a weekly basis across the course of the module delivery. Small group work, phone and email contact across the course of the module.

Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, group discussion and tutorials.

Technology Enhanced Learning: The module will be supported by BlackBoard. The programme will develop a resource, e.g. Pebblepad, to support students' learning across the programme and to contribute to the assessment of readiness for direct practice. Students will be encouraged to use an electronic reflective diary in relation to the module. Students will be encouraged and supported to engage with eLearning resources relating to law for social work practice.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, seminar preparation, assignment preparation and completion.

#### Part 3: Assessment

This module is assessed through presentation, written and timed examination assignments. The combination of approaches is intended to comprehensively assess a range of capabilities of the student, in terms of oral communication; critical evaluation; recall and application of practice related knowledge.

Formative assessment will be used to support students in preparation for summative assessments.

First Sit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component A		50 %	2000 word assignment
Online Assignment - Component B	<b>✓</b>	50 %	Timed assignment: multiple choice plus short questions
Resit Components	Final Assessment	Element weighting	Description
Written Assignment - Component A		50 %	2000 word assignment
Online Assignment - Component B	<b>✓</b>	50 %	Timed assignment: multiple choice plus short questions

	Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods							
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes:							
	Module Learning Outcomes							
	Understand issues in contemporary public and social policy in relation to practice and service delivery in social work with adults, children and families, and in related fields  Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of approaches to the provision of social care and related services including the relationships between the statutory, voluntary, private and informal sectors of welfare provision and of interprofessional and partnership working							
	Draw on a range of concepts and theories to explain policy and legal practice in social work and other fields of relevance to social work practice							
	Appreciate key ethical and value-based dilemmas in the provision, delivery and management of social care and related services							
	Identify major statutory powers and duties for social work practice in relation to service users and carers							
	Understand the significance of legislative and policy frameworks and service delivery standards							
	Be able to recall and apply the relevant policy and legal frameworks in application to the social work role							
	Understand statutory accountability and the tensions and relationship between statute, policy and practice							
	Interpret and evaluate sources of information							
Contact Hours	Independent Study Hours:							
	Independent study/self-guided study 22							
	Total Independent Study Hours:	22	28					
	Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours:							
	Face-to-face learning	7.	2					
	Total Scheduled Learning and Teaching Hours: 7							
	Hours to be allocated 30							
	Allocated Hours 30							
Reading List	The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:							
	https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzvsm9-30-1.html							

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## Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study: