

## AUST90001 A Century of Australian Social Policy

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: 2 contact hours/week. Total Time Commitment: 2 contact hours/week. Total Time Commitment: 120
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Enrolment in a relevant coursework Masters program or admission to a relevant postgraduate diploma or fourth-year honours program
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: <a href="http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/">http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/</a>
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	This subject explores the history of Australian social policy, interweaving five themes: the rise and fall of state-regulated wages, the ways that income support was shaped by this arbitration system, the gendering and de-gendering of the welfare system and its relationship to the family, the separate and privileged position of veterans' welfare, and the distinctive place of the faith-based welfare sector in the mixed economy of welfare. This historical survey is combined with examination of theories on the comparative analysis of welfare regimes. The subject starts from the principle that to understand where we are going involves understanding where we have come from, and that we need historical depth to comprehend contemporary transformations in the type of policy regime constructed in Australia. Through an investigation of the antecedents of "welfare reform", industrial relations deregulation, the de-gendering of welfare, and the shift towards contracting non-government welfare agencies to administer the poor, the subject provides an opportunity to examine the present in the light of the past.
<b>Objectives:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># a sophisticated historical understanding of social policy interventions in Australia over the past century;</li> <li># an understanding of the comparative analysis of policy regimes;</li> <li># an understanding of fundamental concepts in social policy analysis, such as social protection, arbitration, gender, decommodification, equity and mixed economies of welfare;</li> <li># a conceptual analysis of the role of social theory in developing and analysing policy;</li> <li># a fuller understanding of contemporary debates and directions in social policies and programs; and</li> <li># enhanced skills in writing about the history of social policy interventions and choices.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	A book review of 1000 words 20% (due week 6 of semester) and a research essay of 4000 words 80% (due during the examination period). Students must complete all assignments and attend at least 80% of classes to be eligible for assessment.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available at the beginning of semester.
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	A subject reader will be available from the Bookroom at the beginning of semester.

<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	# have skills
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Bachelor of Public Policy and Management Master of Public Policy and Management (Coursework) Master of Social Policy Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (Public Policy and Management)
<b>Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:</b>	200 point program - full time over 18 months 200 point program - full time over 24 months Australian Studies Australian Studies History History History History Public Policy and Management Public Policy and Management