

Welfare State and Welfare Policy

Course Code: MEM110_1, **Credits:** 15 ECTS

Offered by: Department of Social Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences

Semester tuition start and duration: Spring, 1 semestre

Exam term: Spring

Language of instruction: English

Course staff

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Introduction

The module gives the students understanding of how different welfare regimes work (established and emerging) and how they follow different institutional logics - in particular regarding the Nordic model. The module will give understanding of the processes of democratization and inclusion of citizens in diverse nation states. It will enable students to understand the conditions for social and political development and to understand how welfare policies depend on the legal and political contexts. Immigration, diversity and new complexities for social workers in the face of diversity have special attention. The module will introduce justifications for comprehensive welfare programs as well as critics of the welfare state. It relates social and political challenges for welfare policies in Scandinavia and Europe, to a global context.

Learning outcome

Knowledge

Students who successfully complete the module will be able to

- Demonstrate knowledge of modern social policies and social policy theory
- Understand how democratication and integration processes work and which are the central conditions for social and political development
- Demonstrate knowledge about dilemmas in the role of professionals concerning autonomy and paternalism.
- Understand the specific aspects of the Scandinavian welfare state and its challenges.
- Compare different welfare systems, both in established and emerging welfare states.

Skills

Students who successfully complete the module will be able to

- Demonstrate capacity for justification and criticism of welfare state regimes
- Compare welfare state regimes on specific areas such as immigration and family policies
- Make use of theory to analyze political and social systems
- Analyze conditions for social and political development in specific contexts
- Reflect on the normative basis of welfare policies and the effect of the political context on social work

General Competencies Students who successfully complete the module will acquire the following skills:

- Capacity to theoretical analysis of welfare policies
- Design theoretical analysis of specific welfare policy areas and social and political development
- Capacity to identify critical challenges for the emerging welfare states

Content

The module will give students an in-depth knowledge in social welfare state care systems and in conditions for development. The course will attend on new challenges the welfare state will meet in the near future due to economic downturns. How social workers handle new complexities, diversity and demographic changes due to immigration belong to the core issues. The students will be made capable of reflecting on how professionals play a role in the formulation of policy responses to social problems as well as in the implementation of welfare policies. The module will provide analytical tools so that the students can identify critical elements in political and social development. The module will qualify students for development work, research and provide knowledge requested by many actors today within the field of social services and social policy administration.

Teaching methods

Seminars, workshops, group teamwork, lectures, oral presentation and tutorials

Required prerequisite knowledge

Passed 1st semester of the study programme

Exam/assessment

	Wt.	Duration	Marks	Aid
School exam and essay				
School exam	2/5	4 Hours	A - F	Native language-English dictionary.
Essay	2/5		A - F	
Oral exam	1/5		A - F	

Written exam: No literature is allowed during the written examination.

Essay: *Word count:* 2 500 words (+/- 10 %) including table of contents, notes, references and bibliography. *Reference style:* APA 6th.

Oral Exam: Group presentation after field visits.

Course assessment

In-class presentation

The coursework requirement needs to be passed before the school exam.

In-class presentation: Essay preparation describing home country or region on various indexes.

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European Master in Social Work with Families and Children

Exam

Standard evaluation in accordance with Faculty and MFAMILY guidelines

Literature

Main Texts (C: Article is in compendium for sale; B: books students can buy at the University-bookshop)

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