



Course Code SOWK 411	Course Title European Social Security Law & Policy	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Work	Semester Fall	Prerequisites Full progression
Type of Course Required	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 4 th	Lecturer(s) Despina Cochliou
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Draw lessons of good practice in social policy from other European countries.
- Explore the structure and policy of decision-making of the European Union.
- Explore and analyse European welfare states.
- Analyse and assess European social policy.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Utilise a cross-national analysis of the development of European welfare states.
2. Analyse basic concepts and processes needed to understand contemporary social problems and the changing nature of welfare.
3. Explore the growing social policy competences at EU level.
4. Analyse current processes of national and EU policy-making and implementation in the context of contemporary issues in social policy.

Course Contents:

1. Comparative Social Work and social policy.
2. The origins and structure of European Union.
3. The role of Social Policy in Social Work.
4. Economic Policy and Social Work Practice: The Netherlands example.
5. The Third Sector and Social Work: The German Welfare State.
6. Social Work Education and Training in Europe.
7. Contexts of Social Work: Social Policies and Social Trends in Contemporary Europe.
8. European Union social policy and related legislation.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Group Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Homework, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Mousis, N.	Social Policy of the European Union	Papazisis	2002	

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Venieris, D	European Social Map: The Social Policy of the European Council	Ellinika Grammata	2002	
Esping Andersen, G.	The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism	Polity, Cambridge	1990	