

Social Policy Programs

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What is Social Policy?

designed for individuals interested in:

economic inequality

children, youth and families

demography

educational access and quality

political inequalities and participation

comparative and institutional studies

employment

disabilities

social inclusion

health

peace and conflict studies

development studies

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What is Social Policy?

How can we use policy to work towards the well-being of all members of society?

Through graduate education, the pursuit of applied interdisciplinary research and active public engagement, we have a long history of responding to the changing needs of vulnerable populations

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What is Social Policy?

teaches students to think beyond current structures and to pursue tangible progress through pragmatic, politically feasible approaches to social change. Framework for understanding of the broader context around social issues, the systemic inequities that exacerbate them and the analytical tools necessary to assess root causes and implement equitable solutions

What is Social Policy?

What areas do social policy programs cover?

- Communications skills, with a focus on writing and public speaking
- Ability to evaluate social policies and programs through statistics and quantitative and qualitative research tools
- A theoretical and practical understanding of how policy-related organizations operate and how the field is organized
- An understanding of the history of social policy
- Insight into how government institutions, interest groups, political parties and leaders shape policy
- Knowledge of how advocacy and strategic communications frame policies and influence policy adoption
- Opportunities to demonstrate competence in research, policy design and evaluation of social policies through coursework, internships and a capstone policy analysis project

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