



**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION**

**COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2012
SOCIAL WORK 2020 – 3(3-0-0)45 HOURS**

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PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: none

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS: Hick, Steven. (2007). Social Welfare in Canada: Understanding Income Security. 2nd ed. ON: Thompson Educational Publishing.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION: This course is designed to create an inquiry-based approach to the critical examination of income security programs. This course will enable students to form an understanding of different income security programs, their utility and worth in a civilized society, and their potential roles as citizen and social work practitioners.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS: 45 hours

DELIVERY MODE(S): face to face

OBJECTIVES:

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. articulate an understanding of income security programs in Canada.
2. demonstrate the historical and modern trends of these programs and their connection to political and policy perspectives.
3. actively engage in advocacy/actions that challenge aspects of the current delivery of income security programs.
4. apply different theoretical perspectives to income security programs.
5. situate trends in Canada within the Global economy.

TRANSFERABILITY:

University of Alberta
University of Calgary *
Athabasca University
Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta
University of Lethbridge

* An asterisk (*) beside any transfer institution indicates important transfer information. Consult the Alberta Transfer Guide.

**** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

GRADING CRITERIA:

Page 3 of the course outline lays out the grading of assignments, inclusive of criteria for successful completion. Please note: students will be evaluated using the grading conversion of the University of Calgary, Faculty of Social Work. While it is close in the conversion of percentage to letter grades at the lower levels, the higher levels are much more stringent in the faculty's conversion chart. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the conversion chart early on in the semester as this is the chart the instructor will be employing in the grading of assignments.

Letter Grade	Grade Point Value	Percentage Range	Description
A+	4		Outstanding
A	4	95 - 100	Excellent
A-	3.7	90 - 94	
B+	3.3	85 - 89	
B	3	80 - 84	Good
B-	2.7	75 - 79	
C+	2.3	70 - 74	
C	2	65 - 69	Satisfactory
C-	1.7	60 - 64	
D+	1.3	55 - 59	
D	1	50 - 54	Minimal Pass
F	0	Below 50	Fail

Specification of Assignments

Assignments have been designed to utilize the many skills required of a social worker and engaged citizens in Canada. The ability to write and communicate to an audience is important in all social worker roles. The assignments reflect this.

- Due dates:**
- 1. Chapter summary January 26 – 20%**
 - 2. Chapter summary March 1 – 20%**
 - 3. Teaching Presentations March 15 and March 22 – 40%**
 - 4. Focus group talks April 05 – 10%**
 - 5. Participation self-assessment April 12 – 10%**

NOTE: Assignments are due at the beginning of the corresponding class. Late Assignments will be penalized 25%. No assignments will be accepted beyond one week after the date they were due.

1. & 2. **Chapter Summaries (4 in total, 4x5% = 20%)**

There are two chapter summary assignments, the first due on Jan.26 and the second due on Mar.1. Each of the summaries are worth 20% of the course grade. The breakdown of EACH of the two assignments is as follows:

- Select two chapters from the course text.
- For chapters selected, answer TWO of the discussion questions at the end of the chapter. That is, you will answer FOUR questions in total, each worth 5 marks (2 from one chapter selected and 2 from the other chapter selected).
- You must incorporate 2 key concepts as well as some of the literature from at least one of the websites referenced in the chapter.
- Where appropriate, state your own position in relation to the question.

(that means, in total for the term, you will have handed in summaries from 4 different chapters in the text, 2 each time.)

Paper Format

- title page with student name.
- use of header containing student name and date.
- 12pt font, double spaced.
- 1" margins.
- MAXIMUM 2 pages per chapter summary (therefore, each assignment worth 20% will have 4 pages PLUS reference page).

Therefore, in total, over the course of the term you will have done chapter summaries on four chapters, each chapter worth 5% toward the course grade.

Specification of grading for each chapter reviewed.

For each discussion question answered (5 marks)

- Thoroughness of response to the question yet focused and concise (2 marks).
- Level of Analysis Present – not just word for word from Hick (2 marks).
- appropriate use of key concepts and at least one reference source (1 mark).

3. **Teaching Presentation (40%)**

The teaching presentation provides students the opportunity and experience of engaging the seminar group in a structured learning experience. The difference between teaching versus presenting is that teaching requires the group to have a learning objective – that is, what they are wanting the seminar group to have learned at the end of their one hour teaching presentation. The teaching presentation will be one hour in length and contain the following:

- Information about the topic investigated
- A position taken in relation to the topic (critical analysis)
- An interactive exercise designed to stimulate thinking and/or discussion about the topic
- A proposed, concrete, and feasible action plan to address any issues/problems related to the topic
- Visuals, such as hand-outs, powerpoint, outlines, media (articles etc), references).

The seminar members will be randomly divided into groups at the first seminar. Each group is expected to meet a minimum of four times prior to the teaching presentation. Some of these meetings will occur during seminar time where the instructor will be on hand to assist in the formation of the teaching. At the first seminar the groups will select from the following topics:

- Income assistance and people with physical disabilities

- Impact of income security on people with mental health issues
- Income security and homelessness
- Medical Conditions and poverty
- Canadian Migration and income supports
- Education and poverty
- Visible minority immigration and sponsorship/refugee status
- Child support and economical impact
- Youth and the labor market

The teaching presentation grade is broken down into the following four areas:

- Group members assessment 10%
- Grading summary by members 10%
- Class assessment of teaching presentation 10%
- Instructor assessment of teaching presentation 10%

a. Group members assessment (10%)

You will grade each of your group members on the following areas:

1. active participation at meetings (max. 3 marks)
 - shared ideas
 - listened well to others
 - incorporation of all members knowledge/ideas
2. task completion (max. 3 marks)
 - willingly took on tasks
 - completed tasks in a timely manner
 - completion of tasks contributed to the teaching presentation
3. teaching presentation (max. 4 marks)
 - took active role in teaching seminar group
 - supported others in their roles
 - was focused and knowledgeable about assigned area of instruction
 - was prepared with all necessary teaching materials

b. Grading summary by members (10%)

-each student will submit a maximum of two pages providing justification for their grade of the other group members. This summary will review the strengths demonstrated by the student in contribution to the teaching presentation as well as what areas could use improvement. Furthermore, suggestions for future participation in groups will be made.

Note: the grading summary and group member assessment will be provided to the instructor WITHIN three days following the teaching presentation. The instructor will then summarize the results and provide written feedback to the individual student.

c. Class assessment of teaching presentation (10%)

The seminar group will assess the teaching presentation on the following:

- clarity and focus of teaching (2 marks)
- interactive exercise was creative and informative (2 marks)
- furthered/enhanced understanding of subject matter (2 marks)
- all group members participated in teaching (2 marks)
- well organized and flowed together coherently (2 marks)

d. Instructor assessment of teaching presentation (10%)

The instructor will grade the teaching presentation on the following (2 marks each)

- Information about the topic investigated
- A position taken in relation to the topic (critical analysis)
- An interactive exercise designed to stimulate thinking and/or discussion about the topic
- A proposed, concrete, and feasible action plan to address any issues/problems related to the topic
- Visuals, such as hand-outs, powerpoint, outlines, media (articles etc), references).

4. Focus Group Talks (10%)

At the final class for the term, students will be divided into groups to discuss the learning taken from the guest presenters over the course of the term. Each group will hand in a one page sheet containing the presentation learning themes. This is an opportunity for term reflection and summarizing of learning.

5. Participation self-assessment (10%)

Students will self-evaluate at the end of term on the following:

- Participated in class discussions (2 marks)
- Shared ideas/opinions in seminars (2 marks)
- Attended classes and seminars (2 marks)
- Contributed in a positive manner to the learning culture (2 marks)
- Was vigilant in completing readings in a timely manner (2 marks)

*****A separate hand-out containing dates, topics, and readings will be handed out in addition to this course outline at the first class.**

Group members assessment (10%)

You will grade each of your group members on the following areas:

Assessors Name: _____

Member Name: _____ Total: ____ /10

active participation at meetings (max. 3 marks) _____

- shared idea
- listened well to others
- incorporation of all members knowledge/ideas

task completion (max. 3 marks) _____

- willingly took on tasks
- completed tasks in a timely manner
- completion of tasks contributed to the teaching presentation

teaching presentation (max. 4 marks) _____

- took active role in teaching seminar group
- supported others in their roles
- was focused and knowledgeable about assigned area of instruction
- was prepared with all necessary teaching materials

Member Name: _____ Total: ____ /10

active participation at meetings (max. 3 marks) _____

- shared idea
- listened well to others
- incorporation of all members knowledge/ideas

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- willingly took on tasks
- completed tasks in a timely manner
- completion of tasks contributed to the teaching presentation

teaching presentation (max. 4 marks) _____

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- completed tasks in a timely manner
- completion of tasks contributed to the teaching presentation

teaching presentation (max. 4 marks) _____

- took active role in teaching seminar group
- supported others in their roles
- was focused and knowledgeable about assigned area of instruction
- was prepared with all necessary teaching materials

Class assessment of teaching presentation (10%)

Teaching presenter names:

The seminar group will assess the teaching presentation on the following:

- clarity and focus of teaching (2 marks)

- interactive exercise was creative and informative (2 marks)

- furthered/enhanced understanding of subject matter (2 marks)

- all group members participated in teaching (2 marks)

- well organized and flowed together coherently (2 marks)

Summary Comments:

Assessor's name:

Total mark: ___/10

Participation Self-Assessment
To be completed by the student at the final class

Student Name: _____ **Total:** _____ **(of 10)**

Participated in class discussions (2 marks)

Shared ideas/opinions in seminars (2 marks)

Attended classes and seminars (2 marks)

Contributed in a positive manner to the learning culture (2 marks)

Was vigilant in completing readings in a timely manner (2 marks)

