

WELF 1002 CONTEXT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 101596

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Description This subject introduces students to the role of human services within the Australian political context. Students will develop a critical analysis of the contribution of the market, state and community encouraging reflection on underpinning values. It will also identify the change strategies which can be developed and used in each of these domains to bring about socially just outcomes.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Social Work

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Incompatible Subjects WELF 1005 - Introduction to Welfare POLI 1005 - Social Policy

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe the shifts in Australian socio-political environment and apply this knowledge to locate how the human services are positioned within our contemporary context
2. Explain the competing interests that challenge explanations of human services provision
3. Distinguish the values of divergent perspectives underpinning competing explanations to critically evaluate their own values
4. Develop strategies which can be used to generate positive social change

Subject Content

- Australian political structure
- Australian welfare provision
- Introduction and analysis of the state
- Introduction and analysis of the market
- Introduction and analysis of community
- Value underpinnings of individual and systemic understandings
- Identification of change strategies
- Operationalisation of change towards socially just ends

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	5 questions per week (12 weeks); At least one quiz to be submitted	20	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Proposal	1,500 words	45	N	Individual	N
Prescribed Texts					
The Road to Social Work & Human Service Practice 6th edition (revised edition) By: Lesley Chenoweth, Donna McAuliffe Published: 10th September 2020 ISBN: 9780170446860					

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-2 (2025)

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Online

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Spring (2025)

Liverpool

On-site

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Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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Summer (2025)

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