

# WELF 3006 FAMILY VIOLENCE: POLICY AND PRACTICE

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101597

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**Description** This subject examines the nature, incidence and extent of family violence. The focus is on the effects on women and children, who are the victims of this violence. Current sociological explanations are examined, including a critical examination of the myths and stereotypes that help to reinforce the hidden nature of this problem. Some solutions and possible ways of alleviating the suffering caused by this violence are canvassed.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Human Welfare Studies and Services, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 3 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LGYA 1388 - Family Violence

**Restrictions**

Successful completion of 60 credit points.

## Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the scope and impact of family violence.
2. Critically evaluate a range of theoretical perspectives utilised to understand family violence.
3. Evaluate cross-cultural (including Aboriginal) perspectives in relation to family violence.
4. Critically evaluate policies that have been devised to deal with family violence.
5. Critically assess policies and practices that deal with family violence.

## Subject Content

Conceptualising the family; official definitions and assumptions; diversity and difference; public and private domains. Theories of the family from the 'haven in a heartless world' to the 'family as a place of harm'. History of research on family violence: Australia and internationally. Family violence and the effects and consequences for children, young women, older women, Aboriginal women, women with disabilities, women from non-English speaking backgrounds, women living in rural or isolated areas, gay couples, lesbian couples and men. Overview of policy initiatives, programs and strategies to deal with family violence: Australia and international. Developing promising practices and policies.

## 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
Critical Review	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Annotated Bibliography	800 words	30	N	Individual	N
Report	1,200 words	40	N	Individual	N

## WSU Online Trimester 1

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Teaching Periods

## Autumn (2025)

### Liverpool

**On-site**

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### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

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## WSU Online TRI-2 (2025)

### Wsu Online

**Online**

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