



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK  
SW 3000-B01: Social Policy  
[3.0 CREDIT HOURS]  
Fall 2024

**Class meets in person every M/W from 10:20 AM – 11:15 AM in ACB-116**

## Instructor Information

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Students can expect to receive a response from the instructor within 48 hours of receipt unless notified of extenuating circumstances.

Please schedule an appointment to make the most of your time with the instructor, as multiple students may require meeting time slots. However, drop-ins are still welcome during posted office hours if time permits. Thank you.

## Syllabus Changes

The instructor reserves the right to make changes to this syllabus and course outline as necessary. If changes are necessary during the term, the instructor will immediately notify students in class (if applicable) by posting both the notification and the nature of the change(s) **on the course news feed/bulletin board**.

## Communication Guidelines

### Feedback

A student can expect to receive a response from the instructor within 48 hours of a student's email to the instructor unless notified of extenuating circumstances. **Assignments must be submitted in class (if applicable) or to the D2L dropbox and will not be accepted via email.** All assignment deadlines will be displayed on the calendar in D2L.

## Email

Per the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#), all course communication will be conducted using D2L email. Faculty will not respond to student emails via a non-institutional assigned email account (e.g., a Gmail or Yahoo account). Students should

- include a concise subject line, body, closing, and signature (use standard fonts);
- avoid inflammatory (or antagonistic criticism) and avoid sending insulting, abusive, or threatening remarks;
- not send large attachments without permission;
- not overuse special formatting (e.g., centering, audio messages, tables, HTML, etc.);
- not spam others;
- respect the privacy of other class members.; and,
- remember that email is not necessarily private.

## Course Information

### Catalog Description

Emphasis on recurring themes in social welfare policy development processes, historical turning points, societal ethics, causal relationships in social problems, social change, and analytical frameworks for assessing social welfare policy and programs.

### Course Description

This course is a survey of social welfare policy and services. It focuses on the relationship between social problems and social welfare policy. The principles involved in analyzing social welfare policy and services will be examined. Recurring themes in social welfare policy will be identified. Emphasis will be placed upon the historical context of social welfare policy. Activities, lectures, and assignments will focus on how recurring themes undermine efforts to develop a socially and economically just and diverse society.

### Prerequisites

SW 2570: Introduction to Social Work

### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate an ability to:

1. Demonstrate professional demeanor in behavior; appearance; and oral, written, and electronic communication.
2. Apply and communicate an understanding of the importance of diversity and difference in shaping life experiences in practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
3. Apply understanding of human rights and social, economic, and environmental justice, as well as their relationship to social policy analysis within the global context.
4. Assess how social welfare and economic policies impact the delivery of and access to social services.

5. Identify local, state, and federal social policy that impacts well-being, service delivery, and access to social services.
6. Collect and organize data and apply critical thinking to interpret information from clients and constituencies.

### **Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 2022 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS)**

Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior.

Competency 2: Advance Human Rights and Social, Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice.

Competency 3: Engage Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ADEI) in Practice.

Competency 4: Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice.

Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice.

Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities.

Successful completion of this course implies that the student has achieved competency in the following practice behaviors:

<b>Competency</b>	<b>Practice Behavior</b>	<b>*Standardized Assignment</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>
Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice	5.a. Use social justice, anti-racist, and anti-oppressive lenses to assess how social welfare policies affect the delivery of and access to social services.	Policy Analysis Paper	KVSC & AP
	5.b. Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice.	Policy Analysis Paper	KVSC & AP

### **Course Content Areas**

- I. Policy-making process
- II. Poverty
- III. Federal programs
- IV. Prevention programs
- V. Challenges for a diverse society

### **Course Materials**

The course requires a textbook, a web-based management system (Tevera), the NASW Code of Ethics booklet, and the APA manual. All items may be purchased at [www.mtsu.bncollege.com](http://www.mtsu.bncollege.com).

## Required Textbook

Popple, P. R., & Leighninger, L. (2019). *The policy-based professional: An introduction to social welfare policy analysis for social workers* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). Pearson.

## Additional Required Materials (course readings are included in D2L)

Boone, K., Roets, G., & Roose, R. (2018). Social work, poverty, and anti-poverty strategies: cultural forums. *British Journal of Social Work*, 48(8), 2381-2399.

Crewe, S. E., & Gourdine, R. M. (2019). Race and social policy: Confronting our discomfort. *Social Work in Public Health*, 34(1), 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2018.1562397>

Morris, K., Mason, W., Bywaters, P., Featherstone, B., Daniel, B., Brady, G.,...Scourfield, J. (2018). Social work, poverty, and child welfare interventions. *Child & Family Social Work*, 23(3), 364-372. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12423>

## Tevera Practicum Management and Accreditation Software

Tevera is a web-based data management system that the Department of Social Work uses to collect data for assessment, evaluation, and accreditation purposes. Tevera is an integral part of all core courses, including practicum education. Practicum candidates are expected to have an activated Tevera account. Candidates for the BSW and MSW programs will complete assignments, assessments, and time logs, which require an activated account. There are no exceptions to this policy for social work majors.

Tevera is a one-time purchase that you will have lifetime access to. Once purchased, Tevera must be activated. You DO NOT need to purchase and activate Tevera a second time or for any subsequent courses. Tevera is covered through financial aid with Phillips Bookstore only.

<https://mtsu.bncollege.com>  
<https://knowledge.tevera.com/space/AS/622428297/Tevera+Purchase+Options>

## Recommended

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). American Psychological Association.

## Supplementary Reading

The profession of social work is steered by six core values: service, social justice, dignity and worth of the individual, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. Values and principles aid in setting a standard for social workers' behavior. Social work professionals are required to have the ongoing ability to develop knowledge, skills, and judgment, for safe and ethical practice. Students will need to review the professional ethics of social work, which are guided by the following organizations:

International Federation of Social Workers  
(IFSW)

<https://www.ifsw.org/global-social-work-statement-of-ethical-principles/>

National Association of Black Social Workers  
(NABSW)

<https://www.nabsw.org/page/CodeofEthics>

National Association of Social Workers  
(NASW)

<https://www.socialworkers.org/about/ethics/code-of-ethics>

## Graduation Information

### Standardized Examinations Requirements

The following are required standardized examinations for all graduating seniors at MTSU.

1. **General Education Core** - All university graduates must complete a group of basic courses known as the General Education Core. Undergraduate students demonstrate their basic knowledge by taking a General Education exam the semester they graduate. MTSU's current General Education exam is the California Critical Thinking Skills Test (CCTST). The exam is given to all seniors who will graduate with a bachelor's degree. Test dates are scheduled during the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Testing sessions last approximately one hour online. The exam is online at the University Testing Center in the KUC. You will take this exam on your own time, not class time. For additional information, you may send an email to [iepr@mtsu.edu](mailto:iepr@mtsu.edu).
2. **Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT)** - All graduating seniors at MTSU must take a Major Field Test. For social work, the Major Field Test is the Area Concentration Achievement Test (ACAT) which assesses content knowledge and retention by students after their major field of study. This is an online exam. Students should schedule the above major field tests by visiting the website <https://w1.mtsu.edu/testing/online.php>.

Students registered with the Disability Access Center (DAC) must check to see if they are eligible to waive both exams. To receive a waiver of exams, students must check with DAC at 615-898-2783 or [dacemail@mtsu.edu](mailto:dacemail@mtsu.edu). Additional information regarding these examinations can be found at [https://w1.mtsu.edu/iepr/field\\_test.php](https://w1.mtsu.edu/iepr/field_test.php).

### Additional Graduation Information

May be found at <https://w1.mtsu.edu/one-stop/index.php>

## Course Requirements

### Style & Formatting

Unless otherwise specified, all assignments utilize the APA 7th edition format. For assignments requiring submittal to the D2L dropbox, students should use **Microsoft Word** and label the document using this format for each assignment: **Last Name Assignment Name** (e.g., Coble Social Research Problem Paper). **Do NOT submit assignments in any other format such as Google Docs, PDF, etc.). They will not be accepted, and a grade of [0] will be given for the assignment.** It is highly suggested you create a folder for each class and save a copy of each assignment you submit.

## Class Attendance, Participation, and Professionalism

Students are expected to attend class on time and exhibit mutual respect toward classmates, the professor, and guest lecturers. Students are expected to maintain professional behavior and language in class. Finally, students must follow the Academic and Professional Standards of the Department of Social Work (see the *MTSU Social Work Student Handbook*). If the instructor notices trends in a student's lack of participation, an in-person or virtual meeting may be called to address participation issues.

### Attendance Reporting

Class attendance is expected and will be monitored to keep the students on track. MTSU requires that instructors complete an attendance report for each course at midterm and at the end of each semester. The student is also expected to participate in all interactive aspects of the course (in-class and online). For example, you must communicate with other students via emails and chat discussion board exchanges. **Students are also expected to check their D2L email and news feed/bulletin board regularly for announcements and instructions regarding class assignments.**

### Make-Up Policy

A calendar of due dates for course assignments is provided in the syllabus and D2L.

**Late assignments will be considered only in extenuating circumstances.** Note: "extenuating circumstances" will be defined by the instructor, not the student; therefore, do NOT assume your reason for not submitting an assignment by the deadline will be acceptable.

### Assignments

There are six (6) categories of assignments in the course:

1. **In-Class Assignments (ICA)** - Students will earn points for completing eight (8) In-Class Assignments throughout the semester that support learning objectives throughout the course content topics. Students must attend class on those days to receive full credit for the assignments (5 points; deductions will be made for tardiness or early departure). In addition, students must upload the related documentation (either take a picture of the completed assignment or submit notes/reflection in **Word** format) in the dropbox for each given assignment in D2L (5 points) to receive a total of **10 points** per assignment.
2. **Online Discussion Boards (DB)**—Students will earn points for completing eight (8) graded online discussion board assignments. All discussions open on Sundays at 6:00 AM and close on Saturdays at 11:59 PM of the week of the assignment. Students may also participate in an *ungraded introduction discussion* at the start of the course (review in D2L).

Students should post their original discussion by **Thursday at 11:59 PM** the week of the assignment and then make the required responses as outlined by the assignment by Saturday of that week (points will be deducted if not completed by this deadline). **Do not wait to post the initial post at the last minute.** This is inconsiderate to your classmates and reflects poor time management skills.

All **initial** discussion board posts (at least 100 words unless otherwise noted on the assignment) must be entered using APA 7 formatting (TNR-12 pt. font, double spacing, proper citations, and **References**). *Note: write a post in Word, save the document, and copy and paste it to the appropriate DB assignment.* Go to **Resources** in D2L for a sample of how discussion board posts should be presented.

Review the discussion threads thoroughly before replying to others' posts. Try maintaining threads using the "Reply" button instead of starting a new topic. It is important to observe the following guidelines:

- Do not make insulting or inflammatory statements to other discussion group members.
- Be respectful of others' ideas.
- Be constructive and add to the theme of the post.
- Respond to discussion topics or questions in a thoughtful, timely, and thorough manner.
- Replies should be approximately 50 – 75 words unless otherwise noted for the assignment.
- For some of the Discussion Board (DB) assignments, the instructor may assign group work to create response presentations in class instead of posting replies online. If students are absent on the Monday following the close of the DB assignment, points will be deducted. However, in the case of an excusable absence, the student may be given an alternative method to provide replies and receive full credit. The instructor will provide advance notice regarding to which assignments this method applies.

**Participation** in class and with responses to discussion board posts must be thoughtful and qualitative:

- Raise and answer questions related to the assigned readings.
- Share ideas, insights, outside readings, and observations with peers.
- Relate to the ideas of others respectfully, providing them with constructive feedback.
- Help others develop their views and ideas.

Participating by only saying or stating, "Great post, Robert!" or "Anna, I couldn't agree with you more!" will **NOT** count as participation. While there is merit in creating a supportive learning atmosphere, these comments do not fulfill the intellectual requirements and stimulation the course requires.

3. **Online Quizzes** - The student will complete five (5) quizzes in the course. One quiz reviews the general orientation and the course syllabus, whereas the other four (4) quizzes cover course material from the required readings and/or lectures. The students will have one attempt per quiz and will be allotted 45 minutes to complete each. All quizzes will open on Sundays at 6:00 AM and close on Saturdays at 11:59 PM of the week of the assignment (unless otherwise noted in the course schedule). The format of the quizzes is multiple-choice, True/False, matching, or fill-in-the-blank. Quizzes are strictly an independent evaluation tool. Although students may use their text, class lecture notes, and online resources to take the test, they should refrain from taking the quizzes or collaborating in any capacity with other students. Also, the quiz questions or answers should not be shared with other students.

When taking online quizzes, students should access D2L through <http://elearn.mtsu.edu> instead of Pipeline MT. Students should save each answer to online quiz questions as they answer each question in case a computer crashes or loses Internet connectivity. Students may reboot their computers or wait for internet connectivity to access the test again, and D2L will allow students to continue taking the test using the time left and the question answers they have saved.

4. **Social Problem Research (SPR) Paper** - Students will select a contemporary social problem (e.g., homelessness, infant mortality, mental illness, poverty, food insecurity, education gap, etc.) to examine in this course. Based on information from scholarly sources (peer-reviewed articles, books, etc.), the paper should include the following:
  - 4.1 Introduction – an introduction paragraph with a clear, concise thesis statement.
  - 4.2 Definition of the social problem (describe how the problem has been defined, measured, etc.). This component requires a scholarly definition, not a dictionary-type definition or description.
  - 4.3 Describe the impact of the social problem (e.g., prevalence, incidence, severity, trends).
  - 4.4 Describe the population most impacted by the social problem (e.g., race/ethnicity, age, gender, rural/urban).
  - 4.5 Conclusion - a concluding paragraph summarizing the paper's main points and providing closure. No new concepts or information should be introduced in this section.

The paper should be 3-5 double-spaced pages in length (excluding the title page and reference pages) using APA format. This assignment should include 5-7 scholarly sources published in the past ten (10) years.

5. **Social Welfare Program (SWP) Paper** - Students will identify a federal social program (e.g., WIC, SNAP, TANF, Child Protective Services, Head Start, etc.) designed to address the social problem researched in assignment #4. The paper should include the following components:
  - 5.1 Provide a brief description of the social program (include this in the introduction paragraph).
  - 5.2 Provide a brief description of the target population.
  - 5.3 Provide information about the penetration rate of the program (is it reaching those it is intended to serve?).
  - 5.4 Elaborate on three (3) recommendations to improve the program.
  - 5.5 Conclusion – a concluding paragraph summarizing the paper's main points and providing closure. No new concepts or information should be introduced in this section.

The paper should be 3-5 double-spaced pages in length (excluding the title page and reference pages) using APA format. This assignment should include 5-7 scholarly sources (peer-reviewed articles, books, etc.) published in the past ten (10) years.

6. **\*Social Policy Analysis (SPA) Paper** – This is a department Standardized Assignment. In addition to a numeric grade, the assignment assesses competencies designated at points in your education. The instructor will provide a competency report you can access in Tevera (see the last page of the syllabus for a sample). Students will analyze a social policy relevant to assignments 4 and 5. The social policy analysis paper should be organized using appropriate headings to reflect the following information.



- 6.1 Introduction (this section of the paper is NOT labeled) – Based on the instructor’s feedback on assignment #4, clearly identify the social problem (e.g., define the problem, describe the nature of the problem, magnitude, and cause[s] of the problem). The introduction is NOT labeled as a heading.
- 6.2 Overview of policy – a brief account of how the policy developed to address the social problem (e.g., Ryan White Act, Stewart B. McKinley, Mental Health Parity Act, Food Stamp Act).
- 6.3 Using the Gilbert & Terrell Policy Framework, describe the identified policy components. Resource: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMaDqHvoJ4o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMaDqHvoJ4o)
  - a. Basis of Social Allocation – who benefits from the social policy; addresses eligibility. Resource: <https://youtu.be/mMaDqHvoJ4o>
  - b. Nature of Social Provisions – describe the types/forms of benefits (cash, in-kind, vouchers, etc.) to be allocated. Resource: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1WR6b\\_QDfE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1WR6b_QDfE)
  - c. Design of the Delivery System – organization of service providers; strategies for delivering provisions/benefits. Resource: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OWDGfzZaUcg>
  - d. Mode of Finance – address the source of revenue/funding (e.g., taxation, voluntary giving, fees, etc.) and system of transfer of funds (e.g., delivery of benefits from source to recipients). Resource: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tp1csIJJ1ZE>
- 6.4 Based on program evaluations, identify 2-3 policy changes that have been recommended to improve the policy and identify possible unintended consequences of the policy.
- 6.5 Address how the policy aligns with social work values, particularly social, racial, economic, and environmental justice, dignity and worth, and self-determination.

This paper should have 7-10 double-spaced pages (excluding title page and References) and comply with APA guidelines. Use only scholarly sources (peer-reviewed articles, books, etc.) published in the past ten (10) years. The paper should have a minimum of seven (7) scholarly sources (sources ending in .com, .net, and .org are not scholarly sources and will NOT receive credit toward the minimum number of required sources).

### Grade Distribution

In-Class Assignments [ICA] (8 @ 10 points each)	80 Total Possible Points
Online Discussions (8 @ 15 points each, 1 intro DB – not graded)	120 Total Possible Points
Online Quizzes (5 @ 20 points each)	100 Total Possible Points
Social Problem Research (SPR) Paper	50 Total Possible Points
Social Welfare Program (SWP) Paper	50 Total Possible Points
*Social Policy Analysis (SPA) Paper	100 Total Possible Points
<b>500 Total Points Possible</b>	

- The student’s final grade for the course will consist of points earned in all assignments and any extra credit attempted.
- There are **500** total points possible in this course. The grading scale contains the point value that accompanies the letter grade.

- Note that grades are related to and reflect the expected learning outcomes of the course.  
**Students must earn a minimum grade of “C—” in this course to graduate with a degree in social work.**

### Extra Credit (EC) Opportunities

These are optional. Verification from the Writing Center (WC) should be uploaded to dropbox in its designated section for each specific assignment. Please refer to D2L for specific instructions and an example of the verification form from the WC. Additional extra credit opportunities may be offered at the instructor's discretion and will be announced during class and/or on the news feed/bulletin board in D2L. **Other extra credit opportunities are not guaranteed.**

- EC 1-Writing Center Documentation (5 points) – Student must provide evidence of completion from the Writing Center of the Social Problem Research paper review.
- EC 2-Writing Center Documentation (5 points) – Student must provide evidence of completion from the Writing Center of the Social Welfare Program paper review.
- EC 3-Writing Center Documentation (5 points) – Student must provide evidence of completion from the Writing Center of the Social Policy Analysis paper review.

### Grading Procedure

The assignments will give each student a chance to apply the material covered in the course. The assignment grading will emphasize the completion of the tasks, as described, and the quality with which each task is completed. The grading scale for all assignments is presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Grading Scale for All Assignments

Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
450-500	90-100	A
400-449	80-89	B
350-399	70-79	C
300-249	60-69	D
≤ 299	≤ 59.8	F

**The midterm grade** will be based on the total points accumulated by mid-semester. For example, if a student has earned 195 of 215 points by mid-semester, this student would have a mid-term grade of A ( $195/215 = .90.6 = 90.6\%$ ). The student's final grade in the course is based on the total accumulated points earned on all assignments, as listed in the table above. **There is no midterm or final exam for this course.**

Incomplete grades are given rarely and only in extenuating circumstances. Page 31 of the 2023-2024 MTSU [Undergraduate Catalog](#) states: “The grade [I] indicates that the student has not completed all course requirements because of illness or other uncontrollable circumstances, especially those which may occur toward the close of the term. Mere failure to make up work or turn in required work on time does not provide a basis for the grade of [I] unless the extenuating circumstances noted above are present for reasons acceptable to the instructor.”

Please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog for the complete policy on the [Grades \(Marking System\)](#).

## **Student Evaluation**

Student evaluation may include but is not limited to exams, in-class assignments, written assignments, and oral presentations.

## **Course Evaluation**

The course is evaluated formally using the Middle Tennessee State University student evaluation of courses format. In addition, individual suggestions and comments by students will be accepted. Faculty peer evaluation may be employed at the discretion of the instructor.

## **Academic Integrity/Misconduct**

Please review the [information on Academic Integrity and Misconduct](#). Academic integrity is a hallmark of Middle Tennessee State University. We expect students to present original work for all academic assignments turned in for credit and appropriately credit all sources used.

Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to:

1. Plagiarism: The adoption or reproduction of ideas, words, statements, images, or works of another person as one's own without proper attribution. This includes self-plagiarism, which occurs when an author submits material or research from a previous academic exercise to satisfy the requirements of another exercise and uses it without proper citation of its reuse.
2. Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. This includes unapproved collaboration, which occurs when a student works with others on an academic exercise without the express permission of the professor. It also includes purchasing assignments or paying another person to complete a course for you.
3. Fabrication: Unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise.

Going online and using information without proper citation, copying parts of other students' work, creating information to establish credibility, or using someone else's thoughts or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment is academic misconduct. If you have a question about an assignment, please ask me to clarify. All cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Director of Student Academic Ethics and may result in failure on the test/assignment or for the course.

Students guilty of academic misconduct are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions (including suspension from the university), which may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign an "F" or zero for an activity or to assign an "F" for the course. Students accused of plagiarism will be immediately reported to the Director of Student Academic Ethics.

The instructor will submit materials to an online service (Turnitin.com), which will review the work for plagiarism. The student should also review the report generated for each assignment and self-check for plagiarism. Information on how to cite work correctly is provided within the course modules or through the [University Writing Center](#).

## Student Resources

### [Frequently Used Student Resources](#)

#### Technical Support

Students who experience technical problems including, but not limited to, logging into their course, timing out of their course, and using the course website tools are encouraged to contact the [MTSU Help Desk](#) online (24/7) or at 1-615-898-5345.

#### Students with Disabilities

Middle Tennessee State University is committed to campus access in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Any student interested in reasonable accommodations can consult the Disability & Access Center (DAC) website, <https://w1.mtsu.edu/dac/index.php> and/or contact the DAC for assistance at 615-898-2783 or [dacemail@mtsu.edu](mailto:dacemail@mtsu.edu). Accommodations are not provided unless they are approved in advance by the Disability Access Center.

#### Scholarship Information

The MTSU Scholarship Application opens each year on October 1, with a due date of February 15. Go to [www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities](http://www.mtsu.edu/scholarships/opportunities) and log in using your Pipeline MT username and password. Once logged in, complete the General Scholarship Application and the Supplemental Application, where social work-specific scholarship questions are located. To learn more about the Department of Social Work awards and scholarships, visit <https://w1.mtsu.edu/socialwork/scholarships.php>.

#### Hope (Lottery) Scholarship Information

Do you have a lottery scholarship? To retain the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship eligibility, you must earn a cumulative TELS GPA of 2.75 after 24 and 48 attempted hours and a cumulative TELS GPA of 3.0 thereafter. A grade of C, D, F, FA, or I in this class may negatively impact TELS eligibility.

If you drop this class, withdraw, or stop attending this class, you may lose eligibility for your lottery scholarship, and you may not be able to regain eligibility.

For additional Lottery rules, please refer to your [Lottery Statement of Understanding form](#) or contact your [MT One Stop Enrollment Counselor](#).

#### Grade Appeals

[University Policy 313, Student Grade Appeals](#), provides an avenue for MTSU students to appeal a final course grade in cases in which the student alleges that unethical or unprofessional actions by the instructor and/or grading inequities improperly impacted the final grade.

## **Title IX**

Students who believe they have been harassed discriminated against, or been the victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking should contact a Title IX/Deputy Coordinator at 615-898- 2185 or 615-898-2750 for assistance or review [MTSU's Title IX website](#) for resources. MTSU faculty are concerned about the well-being and development of our students and are legally obligated to share reports of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking with the University's Title IX coordinator to help ensure students' safety and welfare. Please refer to [MTSU's Title IX website](#) for contact information and details.

## **Outreach and Support Programs**

The MTSU community is committed to the academic achievement of each student, and we know that struggling to address basic needs can affect a student's ability to perform academically. If you are having trouble finding a safe and stable place to live or enough food to eat, please contact <https://mtsu.edu/one-stop/outreach.php> or 615-898-2808, or come by the MTSU Food Pantry at the MT One Stop, or speak with your instructor to get the assistance and resources you need.

## **D2L Assistance**

Students needing assistance with the D2L system are encouraged to contact the support staff at 615-904-8189 or visit <https://elearn.mtsu.edu>

## **Writing Assistance**

Students are expected to use good academic English; grades will be lowered for poor grammar, syntax, or spelling. The University Writing Center (UWC) offers free writing assistance for any writing assignment in any class. The UWC staff, comprised of English graduate assistants, works with students to develop the skills necessary to become confident, competent writers by providing one-to-one consultations and helpful handouts. The Writing Center offers many online services as well, including a Grammar hotline for quick questions, a learning environment system (LES) email dropbox and chat room, and a website filled with helpful handouts, exercises, and resource links for individual work. Check the Center website for hours. Access to online services is available 24/7. Additionally, students may refer to the MTSU Watson Library website, <https://w1.mtsu.edu/writing-center/index.php>.

## **Tutoring**

Student tutoring resources include the [University Computer Labs](#), and the [University Writing Center](#). Other tutoring resources are available on the [Student Support website](#).

MT Engage Training and Resources

Additional information can be located at [https://w1.mtsu.edu/mtengage/student\\_resources.php](https://w1.mtsu.edu/mtengage/student_resources.php)

## **The True Blue Pledge**

### [I am True Blue](#)

As a member of this diverse community, I am a valuable contributor to its progress and success.

I am engaged in the life of this community. I am a recipient and a giver. I am a listener and a speaker. I am honest in word and deed. I am committed to reason, not violence. I am a learner now and forever. I am a BLUE RAIDER. True Blue!

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### SW 3000-B01 Course Schedule Fall 2024

D2L has a detailed schedule with specific assignment instructions. Unless otherwise specified, readings will come from Popple & Leighninger (2019).

DB=Discussion Board		SPR=Social Problem Research Paper		
ICA=In Class Assignment		SWP=Social Welfare Program Paper		
EC=Extra Credit		SPA=Social Policy Analysis Paper	* Standardized Assignment	
Week	Topic	Readings	Assignments/Activities	Due Date
1	Class Overview, Introduction to Social Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boone et al (2018)</li><li>Crewe &amp; Gourdine (2019)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction Discussion (ungraded)</li></ul>	8/31
2	The Policy-Based Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 1 and 2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 1</li><li>DB 1</li><li>Quiz 1</li></ul>	9/4 9/7 9/7
3	Social Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 3</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 2</li><li>DB 2</li></ul>	9/11 9/14
4	Policy Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 4</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 3</li><li>DB 3</li><li>Quiz 2</li></ul>	9/18 9/21 9/21
5	Social & Economic Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 5</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DB 4</li></ul>	9/28
6	Fighting Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 6</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 4</li><li>SPR paper</li><li>EC 1</li></ul>	10/2 10/5 10/5
7	Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 7</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 5</li><li>Quiz 3</li></ul>	10/9 10/11 (Fri)
Fall Break - No Classes or assignments due (Oct. 12-15)				
8	Mental Health & Substance Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 8</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DB 5</li></ul>	10/19
9	Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 9</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 6</li><li>SWP paper</li><li>EC 2</li></ul>	10/23 10/26 10/26
10	Child Welfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 10</li><li>Morris, et al. (2018)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DB 6</li></ul>	11/2
11	Immigration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 11</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>DB 7</li></ul>	11/9
12	Politics & Social Welfare Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapter 12</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 7</li><li>Quiz 4</li></ul>	11/13 11/16
13	Taking Action on Policy Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 13 and 14</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ICA 8</li><li>DB 8</li></ul>	11/20 11/23
14/15	Wrap Up	Wrap up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quiz 5</li><li>*SPA paper</li><li>EC 3</li></ul>	11/26 12/4 12/4
For additional university calendar dates, visit, <a href="https://w1.mtsu.edu/calendar_academic.php">https://w1.mtsu.edu/calendar_academic.php</a>				

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## WEB RESOURCES

- Grand Challenges for Social Work. (2024). <https://grandchallengesforsocialwork.org/>
- Influencing State Policy: <http://statepolicy.org>
- Issue Lab: <http://www.issuelab.org/home>
- National Association of Social Workers Advocacy: <https://www.socialworkers.org/Advocacy>
- Search Congressional Legislation: <http://thomas.loc.gov>



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### Social Policy Analysis Paper

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Please assess student competency in the following area(s) using the rubric below. Remember to consider competency holistically, considering the application of knowledge, values, skills, and cognitive and affective processes (critical thinking, affective reactions, and exercise of judgment).

#### Levels of Assessment

Not proficient: Not able to demonstrate basic competency.  
Beginning: Unable to demonstrate more than basic competency.  
Competent: Demonstrates basic competency.  
Advanced: Demonstrates more than basic competency.  
Proficient: Demonstrates ability to articulate and apply competency.

Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice						
Behavior	Not proficient (0)	Beginning (1)	Competent (2)	Advanced (3)	Proficient (4)	Score
5.a. Use social justice, anti-racist, and anti-oppressive lenses to assess how social welfare policies affect the delivery of and access to social services.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.b. Apply critical thinking to analyze, formulate, and advocate for policies that advance human rights and social, racial, economic, and environmental justice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
COMMENTS						