

**The University of North Texas
College of Health and Public Service
Department of Social Work**

SOWK 2430 (Section 002)

Policies, Issues, and Programs in Social Welfare (3 credit hours)

Classroom: Matthews Hall, Rm 102

Meeting Time: Tuesday & Thursday 9:35 am – 10:55 am

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CREATING AN INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

I value the many perspectives that students bring to our campus. Please work with me to create a classroom culture of open communication, mutual respect, and belonging. All discussions should be respectful and civil. Although disagreements and debates may occur, personal attacks are unacceptable. Together, we can ensure a safe and welcoming classroom for all. If you ever feel like this is not the case, please arrange a meeting with me to discuss your concerns.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Current social policies and issues affecting the development of social welfare services; relationships between basic societal values and social welfare services.

COURSE STRUCTURE & SUCCESS

This is a face-to-face course that encompasses lectures; in-class activities, discussions, and assignments; individual and small group work; exploring social welfare policies through published literature; a policy analysis paper; and online quizzes. To succeed in this course, you must attend class, complete readings and assignments on time, and engage with the course content as we move through the semester. Additionally, this course relies on the UNT learning management system (i.e., Canvas) for multiple course functions. In this course, Canvas is used for communication purposes, providing course documents and resources, submitting and returning assignments, online quizzes, and tracking grades. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the content of the course Canvas site.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS RESOURCES

UNT strives to offer you a high-quality education and a supportive environment, so you learn and grow. As a faculty member, I am committed to helping you be successful as a student. To learn more about campus resources and information on how you can be successful at UNT, go to unt.edu/success and explore unt.edu/wellness. To get all your enrollment and student financial-related questions answered, go to scrappysays.unt.edu.

REQUIRED / RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

Required Textbook

Karger, H., & Stoesz, D. (2022). American social welfare policy: A pluralist approach (9th Edition). Pearson Education

[UNT Bookstore](#)

Additional Required Reading

Purdue Online Writing Lab. (n.d.). General format.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

Note: This resource is used for APA 7th Edition writing style.

- Other “readings” (such as podcasts, websites, videos) will be included in Canvas.

Suggested Reading for Writing and Framing Health Equity

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2024). Resources & style guides for framing health equity & avoiding stigmatizing language. https://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/php/toolkit/resources-styleguides.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/Resources.html

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment	Points Possible	Percentage of Final Grade
Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper	260	26%
Social Welfare Policy Article Reviews (3 at 70 points each)	210	21%
Quizzes (1 at 50 points; 2 at 80 points each)	210	21%
Policy Activities (4 at differing values – 30, 40, 60 & 80 points)	210	21%
Reflection Paper: Personal Values and Political Ideology	60	6%
Outline: Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper	50	5%
Total	1000	100%

BRIEF ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTIONS

(Full assignment descriptions are provided in Canvas; due dates are provided in the “Course Outline” at the end of this syllabus and in Canvas):

Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper

- The Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper will focus on your selected social welfare policy.
- See assignment overview and grading rubric (in Canvas) for detailed information.

Social Welfare Policy Article Reviews

- Three (3) Social Welfare Policy Article Reviews that correspond to your selected social welfare policy.
- See assignment overview and grading rubrics (in Canvas) for detailed information.

Quizzes

- Three (3) Canvas-based quizzes that review the main social welfare policy content from course readings and lectures.
- Completed individually; open book/open note; untimed.

Policy Activities

- Four (4) social welfare policy-related activity assignments.
- Activities vary and may be organized as small group or individual assignments.
- See assignment overviews and applicable grading rubrics (in Canvas) for detailed information.

Reflection Paper: Personal Values and Political Ideology

- A brief reflection paper focused on your personal values and political ideology.
- See assignment overview and grading rubric (in Canvas) for detailed information.

Outline: Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper

- This outline will assist you in preparing to complete the Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper, particularly in the area of APA formatting and the initial structuring of assignment content.
- See assignment overview and grading rubric (in Canvas) for detailed information.

GRADING

Final course grades will be assigned based on the following point system:

- A = 900-1000 points
- B = 800-899 points
- C = 700-799 points
- D = 600-699 points
- F = < 600 points

COURSE EVALUATION

The Student Perception of Teaching (SPOT) is required for all classes at UNT. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. The SPOT survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you with a chance to comment on how this class is taught. Please visit my.unt.edu and fill out the evaluation form when it is available. Bonus points can be earned.

UNT / CLASS POLICIES

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Active participation in class is a fundamental component of this course. The insight and experiences of every student provide unique contributions to the learning environment. Attendance is taken every class, and attendance points are deducted for each absence.

PARTICIPATION

Class participation and professionalism must be demonstrated during this course in both the classroom and when engaging with community organizations as social work is a vocation that requires a very high level of personal ethics and professionalism. Social work students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to live up to these expectations throughout the semester and as a gatekeeper of the profession, I take this very seriously. Participation is observed and gauged through thoughtful, purposeful, and effective interaction by students in the classroom and through assignments. Students will have the opportunity to participate through multiple outlets which can include both synchronous and asynchronous discussions, audio/video discussions, collaboration, and assignments.

ASSIGNMENTS, FEEDBACK AND MAKE-UP POLICY

Students must complete assignments as specified in this syllabus, learning modules, or other informational materials. You are required to read the Learning Modules and assigned readings to make a contribution to weekly course activities such as discussions, exercises, activities, or other assignments. Make every effort to clearly understand the expectations for all assignments and deadlines as located in this syllabus or posted online.

Carefully review the syllabus or instructions outlined in each module for official due dates. Assignments are typically due before midnight on the due date and will be closed and locked after this time period. However, the learning modules and course content will remain open and available for your ongoing educational needs. For organizational purposes, keep track of all important assignment due dates in your own personal calendar! All assignments must be submitted in Canvas during the established timeframes and when the available assignment links are open. The modules or syllabus usually provide descriptions of assignments. In addition, assignment guidelines may be available to provide extended details. Always carefully review and follow instructions before submitting assignments!

Assignments completed for this course should first be saved on your computer and then submitted in a readable format that is friendly to an online environment (for example, PDF, Microsoft Word, Word for Mac, or Rich Text). Google docs is NOT an allowable format for Canvas submissions.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS

Late assignments will **not** be accepted in this class. All written assignments will be turned in on Canvas. There will be no exceptions so please pay attention to all due dates on this syllabus.

Do not wait until the last day to submit assignments – as potential problems are unpredictable. Always allow yourself a minimum of several hours to upload assignments and remember that submitting an assignment even a minute late is considered late.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity emanates from a culture that embraces the core values of trust and honesty necessary for full learning to occur. As a student-centered public research university, UNT promotes the integrity of the learning process by establishing and enforcing academic standards. Academic dishonesty breaches the mutual trust necessary in an academic environment and undermines all scholarships. Academic dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism, forging the signature of the instructor or of another student, fabrication, and/or facilitating or sabotaging the academic dishonesty of other students.

Any suspected occurrence of academic dishonesty will be investigated and handled in accordance with UNT policy and procedures. The following academic penalties may be assessed at the instructor's discretion upon determination that academic dishonesty has occurred. *Admonitions and educational assignments are not appealable.*

1. *Admonition.* The student may be issued a verbal or written warning.
2. *Assignment of Educational Coursework.* The student may be required to perform additional coursework not required of other students in the specific course.
3. *Partial or no credit for an assignment or assessment.* The instructor may award partial or no credit for the assignment or assessment on which the student engaged in academic dishonesty, to be calculated into the final course grade.
4. *Course Failure.* The instructor may assign a failing grade for the course.

Should the procedure for appeal of a case of academic dishonesty extend beyond the date when the instructor submits course grades for the semester, the student will be assigned a grade that reflects the penalty, which shall be adjusted, as appropriate, at the conclusion of any appeal process.

Specific details and description of UNT's Policy on Student Standards of Academic Integrity (18.1.16) and students' right to appeal are available at <https://policy.unt.edu/policydesc/student-standards-academic-integrity-18-1-16>

GENERATIVE AI – PROHIBITED USE

In this course, I want you to engage deeply with the materials and develop your own critical thinking and writing skills. For this reason, the use of Generative AI (GenAI) tools like (Claude, ChatGPT, and Gemini) is not permitted. While these tools can be helpful in some contexts, they do not align with our goal of fostering the development of your independent thinking. Using GenAI to complete any part of an assignment, exam, or coursework will be considered a violation of academic integrity, as it prevents the development of your own skills, and will be addressed according to the Student Academic Integrity policy.

Additionally, tools like [Grammarly, Paper Pal, and Jenni AI) are not allowed as they blur authorship and misrepresent your independent work. All work must be your own.

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION

In accordance with university policies and state and federal regulations, UNT is committed to full academic access for all qualified students, including those with disabilities. To this end, all academic units are willing to make reasonable and appropriate adjustments to the classroom environment and the teaching, testing, or learning methodologies in order to facilitate equality of educational access for persons with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide the student with an accommodation letter to be hand delivered to the instructor to begin a private discussion regarding the student's specific needs in the course.

Students may request accommodations at any time; however, ODA notices of accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Every semester, students must obtain a new letter of accommodation, and they must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class.

Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to request that students discuss such letters during their designated office hours in order to protect the privacy of the student.

For additional information, visit the Office of Disability Accommodation (ODA) in 1800 Chestnut St. Suite 102 & 115 or their website at <http://disability.unt.edu>. You may also contact the ODA office by phone at 940.565.4323 or email disability@unt.edu. Specific information on UNT's policies related to disability accommodations is available at <http://policy.unt.edu/policy/18-1-14>.

Please note that disability accommodations are not retroactively applied to the start of a course. Accommodations in the course becomes effective after the student has delivered an official accommodation letter from UNT's ODA.

STUDENT CONDUCT

Any student behavior that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct class or other students' opportunity to learn is unacceptable and will not be tolerated in any instructional setting at UNT. This includes traditional face-to-face classes, online or blended classes, labs, discussion groups or boards, field trips, and verbal and/or written (including email) communication with the instructor and/or other students. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to, disrespectful treatment of other students (verbal or written), disrupting lecture, and use of inappropriate or profane language or gestures in class or other instructional settings.

A student engaging in unacceptable behavior may be directed to leave the classroom or other instructional setting and may also be referred to the Dean of Students to consider whether his/her conduct violates UNT's Student Code of Conduct.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Due to the sensitive nature of our course content, you may experience a range of raw reactions, opinions or emotions; making the concept of safety very important. Some of you may have had experience with the topics we address or have severe reactions to this study. We must be cognizant of this as we address these many compelling issues. Regardless, it is essential that all students make every effort to take care of yourself and immediately seek out resources and support upon signs of distress as needed! Keep in mind there are resources on and off campus for students who have faced interpersonal violence or other types of trauma.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION

UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Federal laws (Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act) and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex and therefore prohibit sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking, and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. UNT's Survivor Advocates can assist a student who has been impacted by violence by filing protective orders, completing crime victim's compensation applications, contacting professors for absences related to an assault, working with housing to facilitate a room change where appropriate, and connecting students to other resources available both on and off campus. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565- 2648. Additionally, alleged sexual misconduct can be non-confidentially reported to the Title IX Coordinator at oeo@unt.edu or at (940) 565 2759.

PROFESSIONAL ETIQUETTE

The college experience is intended to assist in preparing students for professional and career pursuits. That preparation includes learning to use professional etiquette in dealing with people in positions of authority. The appropriate way to address your instructor depends on their particular education credentials. These are usually indicated on the course syllabus. If your instructor has a:

- Doctorate (Ph.D., DSW or Ed.D.), you should address them as: Dr. Instructor's last name
- Master's degree (MA, MS, MSW, MSSW) you should address them as: Professor Instructor's last name

If you are not certain about an instructor's education credentials, you should address them as "Professor." It is not appropriate to call the instructor by their first name unless given permission.

Professional etiquette extends to all types of communication with your instructor. Written communication—including email—forms a permanent record and so it is important to use care about how you make requests, ask questions, or express concerns. Slang and texting abbreviations should be avoided. The use of profanity is not permitted.

Any type of communication—verbal or written—is most likely to achieve the intended result when it is polite or courteous. Please note that communication can be polite even if there is some type of conflict involved. Instructors may choose not to respond to emails or other forms of communication that is perceived as insulting, disrespectful, or unprofessional.

Using proper grammar in written communications is very important. It demonstrates professionalism and helps to establish your credibility. Turning in a professional product that you can be proud of should be a priority every

time! Make sure that all of your work is carefully proofread and is typed, double spaced, and has one-inch margins, 12 font size, a cover page and pages are numbered, following APA guidelines. It should be easy for the reader to understand your line of reasoning. Excessive grammatical/syntactical errors will result in a lower grade. Please proofread.

REQUESTS TO DROP THE CLASS

We want you to succeed in this class and at UNT. If you are concerned about your progress in the course, or believe you need to drop for other reasons, it is important that you contact the instructor as soon as possible. We want to make sure that dropping the course is your best or only option.

There are consequences to dropping classes that extend beyond losing your invested time, money, and effort. Dropping one or more classes may make you ineligible for financial aid. There are also limits on the number of courses you can drop. You can learn more about this at <http://registrar.unt.edu/registration/dropping-class>. Check with the Registrar's Office or UNT Academic Calendar on deadlines for withdrawing or dropping a class!

REQUESTS FOR AN INCOMPLETE

Students must meet specific criteria to be eligible to receive an incomplete in a course. Review these guidelines on UNT's Incomplete Grade policy is available at <http://registrar.unt.edu/grades/incompletes>.

RETENTION OF STUDENT RECORDS

Student records pertaining to this course are maintained in a secure location by the instructor of record. All records such as exams, answer sheets (with keys), and written papers submitted during the duration of the course are kept for at least one calendar year after course completion. Course work completed via the Canvas online system, including grading information and comments, is also stored in a safe electronic environment for one year. Students have the right to view their individual record; however, information about student's records will not be divulged to other individuals without proper written consent. Students are encouraged to review the Public Information Policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws and the University's policy. See UNT Policy 10.10, Records Management and Retention for additional information.

From time to time, the instructor may need to communicate with the entire class or contact you individually. If/when those occasions arise, only your UNT email account will be used. You are responsible for the information in that email. **Failing to check it or have the address in the proper format will not be excused. Information may also be posted on Canvas Announcements.**

Students must have a university account while enrolled in this class. Students may obtain an email address by logging onto <https://ams.unt.edu/>. This will put you into the computer account management system and you will be able to get Eagle mail. You can arrange for this email to be forwarded to a preferred address if desired.

Please remember to keep all communication with your instructor professional. Keep in mind that anytime you write something in an email message, it is there forever. All emails should be written in a professional manner and spell checked before being sent. Students who are encountering problems are invited to make an appointment to talk with the instructor.

COMMUNICATION EXPECTATIONS

The primary tools the instructor or teaching assistants will use to communicate with students is the 'inbox' available in the Canvas learning management system and UNT email. Canvas will be used to address personal concerns or questions and may also be used to contact other students in this course. Students are responsible for ensuring that they receive notifications in Canvas regarding course information in a timely manner. The default is the students' UNT email account. Students may choose to add additional email addresses or change their default email to receive notifications of course information (see Canvas Guide). Students also have the option of using direct emails.

Contact the Instructor regarding your personal concerns or course related issues. The Instructor will try to respond to your emails in a reasonable timeframe (typically within three business days if possible). The methods used to provide you with feedback include emails, assignment feedback, and grades. We are typically not available on weekends/holidays. Feel free to reach out as needed.

NETIQUETTE

Netiquette, or online etiquette, refers to the way students are expected to interact with each other and with their instructors online. Here are some general guidelines:

- Treat your instructor and classmates with respect in email or any other communication.
- Always use your professors' proper title: Dr. or Prof.
- Unless specifically invited, don't refer to your instructor by first name.
- Use clear and concise language.
- The use of profanity is not permitted.
- Remember that all college level communication should have correct spelling and grammar (this includes discussion boards).
- Please note that communication can be civil even if there is some type of conflict involved. Instructors may choose not to respond to emails or other forms of communication that are perceived as insulting or disrespectful.
- Avoid slang terms.
- Use standard fonts such as Times new Roman and use a size 12-point font.
- Avoid using the caps lock feature.
- Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post and your message might be taken seriously or sound offensive.
- Be careful with personal information (both yours and others).
- Do not send confidential information via e-mail.
- Written communication—including email—forms a permanent record and so it is important to use care about how you make requests, ask questions, or express concerns.

For more information, see these [Netiquette Guidelines](http://teach.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR F-1 STUDENTS TAKING DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES

FEDERAL REGULATIONS

To read detailed Immigration and Customs Enforcement regulations for F-1 students taking online courses, please go to the [Electronic Code of Federal Regulations website](http://www.ecfr.gov/) (<http://www.ecfr.gov/>). The specific portion concerning distance education courses is located at Title 8 CFR 214.2 Paragraph (f)(6)(i)(G).

The paragraph reads: (G) For F-1 students enrolled in classes for credit or classroom hours, no more than the equivalent of one class or three credits per session, term, semester, trimester, or quarter may be counted toward the full course of study requirement if the class is taken on-line or through distance education and does not require the student's physical attendance for classes, examination or other purposes integral to completion of the class. An on-line or distance education course is a course that is offered principally through the use of television, audio, or computer transmission including open broadcast, closed circuit, cable, microwave, satellite, audio conferencing, or computer conferencing. If the F-1 student's course of study is in a language study program, no on-line or distance education classes may be considered to count toward a student's full course of study requirement.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS COMPLIANCE

To comply with immigration regulations, an F-1 visa holder within the United States may need to engage in an on-campus experiential component for this course. This component (which must be approved in advance by the instructor) can include activities such as taking an on-campus exam, participating in an on-campus lecture or lab activity, or other on-campus experience integral to the completion of this course.

If such an on-campus activity is required, it is the student's responsibility to do the following:

- (1) Submit a written request to the instructor for an on-campus experiential component within one week of the start of the course.
- (2) Ensure that the activity on campus takes place and the instructor documents it in writing with a notice sent to the International Student and Scholar Services Office. ISSS has a form available that you may use for this purpose.

Because the decision may have serious immigration consequences, if an F-1 student is unsure about his or her need to participate in an on-campus experiential component for this course, s/he should contact the UNT International Student and Scholar Services Office (telephone 940-565-2195 or email internationaladvising@unt.edu) to get clarification before the one-week deadline.

STUDENT VERIFICATION

UNT takes measures to protect the integrity of educational credentials awarded to students enrolled in distance education courses by verifying student identity, protecting student privacy, and notifying students of any special meeting times/locations or additional charges associated with student identity verification in distance education courses. See [UNT Policy 07-002 Student Identity Verification, Privacy, and Notification and Distance Education Courses](https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002) (<https://policy.unt.edu/policy/07-002>).

USE OF STUDENT WORK

A student owns the copyright for all work (e.g. software, photographs, reports, presentations, and email postings) he or she creates within a class, and the University is not entitled to use any student work without the student's permission unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The work is used only once.
- The work is not used in its entirety.
- Use of the work does not affect any potential profits from the work.
- The student is not identified.
- The work is identified as student work.

If the use of the work does not meet all of the above criteria, then the University office or department using the work must obtain the student's written permission.

TRANSMISSION AND RECORDING OF STUDENT IMAGES IN ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED COURSES

1. No permission is needed from a student for his or her image or voice to be transmitted live via video conference or streaming media, but all students should be informed when courses are to be conducted using either method of delivery.
2. In the event an instructor records student presentations, he or she must obtain permission from the student using a signed release in order to use the recording for future classes in accordance with the Use of Student-Created Work guidelines above.
3. Instructors who video-record their class lectures with the intention of re-using some or all of recordings for future class offerings must notify students on the course syllabus if students' images may appear on video. Instructors are also advised to provide accommodation for students who do not wish to appear in class recordings.

Example: This course employs lecture capture technology to record class sessions. Students may occasionally appear on video. The lecture recordings will be available to you for study purposes and may also be reused in future course offerings.

No notification is needed if only audio and slide capture is used or if the video only records the instructor's image. However, the instructor is encouraged to let students know the recordings will be available to them for study purposes.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS & SKILLS

MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of the minimum technology requirements for students enrolled in this course, such as:

- Computer skills
- Reliable internet access
- Speakers
- Microphone
- Plug-ins

- Microsoft Office Suite
- [Canvas Technical Requirements](https://clear.unt.edu/supported-technologies/canvas/requirements) (<https://clear.unt.edu/supported-technologies/canvas/requirements>)

COMPUTER SKILLS & DIGITAL LITERACY

The minimum, course-specific technical skills needed for learners in this course are:

- Using Canvas
- Create documents/presentations, download/upload files, send emails, and use attachments

TECHINICAL ASSISTANCE

Part of working in the online environment involves dealing with the inconveniences and frustration that can arise when technology breaks down or does not perform as expected. Here at UNT we have a Student Help Desk that you can contact for help with Canvas or other technology issues.

UNT Help Desk: <http://www.unt.edu/helpdesk/index.htm>

Email: helpdesk@unt.edu

Phone: 940-565-2324

In Person: Sage Hall, Room 130

Walk-In Availability: 8am-9pm

Telephone Availability:

- Sunday: noon-midnight
- Monday-Thursday: 8am-midnight
- Friday: 8am-8pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm

Laptop Checkout: 8am-7pm

For additional support, visit [Canvas Technical Help](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328) (<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10554-4212710328>)

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The University is committed to providing a reliable online course system to all users. However, in the event of any unexpected server outage or any unusual technical difficulty which prevents students from completing a time sensitive assessment activity, the instructor will extend the time windows and provide an appropriate accommodation based on the situation. Students should immediately report any problems to the instructor and contact the UNT Student Help Desk: helpdesk@unt.edu or 940.565.2324 and obtain a ticket number. The instructor and the UNT Student Help Desk will work with the student to resolve any issues at the earliest possible time. Always keep a copy of your work before submitting it in case glitches or errors occur.

INSTRUCTOR RESPONSIBILITIES AND FEEDBACK

My responsibility is to help you grow and learn in this course. As such, I am committed to providing clear instructions for assignments, answering questions, identifying additional resources as necessary, providing rubrics as appropriate, and continually reviewing and updating course content. You may typically expect responses regarding your emails within two business days. Feedback and grades on assignments may take up to two weeks.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT & STUDENT SERVICES

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

- [Student Health and Wellness Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center>)
- [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>)
- [UNT Care Team](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care>)
- [UNT Psychiatric Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry>)
- [Individual Counseling](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling>)

CHOSEN NAMES

A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

- [UNT Records](#)
- [UNT ID Card](#)
- [UNT Email Address](#)
- [Legal Name](#)

**UNT equids cannot be changed at this time. The collaborating offices are working on a process to make this option accessible to UNT community members.*

PRONOUNS

Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don't assume someone's name, we should also ask and not assume someone's pronouns.

You can [add your pronouns to your Canvas account](#) so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc.

Below is a list of additional resources regarding pronouns and their usage:

- [What are pronouns and why are they important?](#)
- [How do I use pronouns?](#)
- [How do I share my pronouns?](#)
- [How do I ask for another person's pronouns?](#)
- [How do I correct myself or others when the wrong pronoun is used?](#)

ADDITIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- [Registrar](https://registrar.unt.edu/registration) (<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration>)
- [Financial Aid](https://financialaid.unt.edu/) (<https://financialaid.unt.edu/>)
- [Student Legal Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services>)
- [Career Center](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/career-center>)
- [Multicultural Center](https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center) (<https://edo.unt.edu/multicultural-center>)
- [Counseling and Testing Services](https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services) (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>)
- [Pride Alliance](https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance) (<https://edo.unt.edu/pridealliance>)
- [UNT Food Pantry](https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry) (<https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/resources/food-pantry>)

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- [Academic Resource Center](https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources) (<https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources>)
- [Academic Success Center](https://success.unt.edu/asc) (<https://success.unt.edu/asc>)
- [UNT Libraries](https://library.unt.edu/) (<https://library.unt.edu/>)
- [Writing Lab](http://writingcenter.unt.edu/) (<http://writingcenter.unt.edu/>)

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COURSE OUTLINE, READINGS, & ASSIGNMENTS

*It is expected that readings will be done **prior** to class meetings.*

The professor reserves the right to modify the schedule, as course needs dictate

Class	Course Topics	Readings	Assignments
Week 1 Aug 18 & Aug 20	- General introduction & discussion - Course introduction & syllabus - What is the “welfare state”?		
Week 2 Aug 25 & Aug 27	- Policy Activity 1 - Social Policy and the American Welfare State	Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 1	Policy Activity 1; Due Thursday, August 27th (by end of class)
Week 3 Sept 1 & Sept 3	- Guest speaker: Dr. Cassidy Baker (BSW Application Presentation) - The Origins of American Social Welfare	Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 2 (Stop at “The Great Depression and the Modern Welfare State”)	Reflection Paper; Personal Values and Political Ideology: Due Sunday, September 13th (11:59 p.m.)
Week 4 Sept 8 & Sept 10	- Cause Advocacy - The Origins of American Social Welfare	Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 2 (From “The Great Depression and the Modern Welfare State” to the end of chapter)	Submit social welfare policy of interest to your instructor: Due Sunday, September 13th (11:59 p.m.)
Week 5 Sept 15 & Sept 17	- Policy Activity (Group meeting time) - Social Welfare Policy Research - Article Searching (Social Welfare Policy Article Reviews, Policy Analysis Paper)	Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 3	
Week 6 Sept 22 & Sept 24	- Policy Activity (Group meeting time) - Discrimination and Stigma in American Society	Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 4 (Stop at “LGBTQIA+ Populations at Risk”)	Quiz 1; Due Sunday, September 27th (11:59 p.m.)
Week 7 Sept 29 & Oct 1	- Complete Policy Activity 2 - Work on Article Review 1		Policy Activity 2; Due Sunday, October 4th (11:59 p.m.)
Week 8 Oct 6 & Oct 8 (semester midpoint)	- Discrimination and Stigma in American Society - Poverty in America	- Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 4 (From “LGBTQIA+ Populations at Risk” to the end of chapter) - Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 5 (Stop at “Poverty and the Economy”)	Social Welfare Policy Article Review 1; Due Sunday, October 18th (11:59 p.m.)
Week 9 Oct 13 & Oct 15	- Poverty in America - Policy Activity (Class time to discuss and work on project)	Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 5 (From “Poverty and the Economy” to the end of chapter)	Policy Activity 3; Due Thursday, October 22nd (end of class)
Class	Course Topics	Readings	Assignments

Week 10 Oct 20 & Oct 22	▪ The Voluntary Sector Today ▪ Privatization and Human Services Corporations	▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 6 ▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 7	▪ Social Welfare Policy Article Review 2; Due Sunday, October 25th (11:59 p.m.) ▪ Outline: Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper; Due Sunday, November 1st (11:59 p.m.)
Week 11 Oct 27 & Oct 29	▪ Policy Activity 3 advocacy poster “gallery” and discussion ▪ The Making of Governmental Policy	▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 8	▪ Quiz 2; Due Sunday, November 1st (11:59 p.m.)
Week 12 Nov 3 & Nov 5	▪ Tax Policy and Income Distribution ▪ Social Insurance Programs	▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 9 ▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 10	▪ Social Welfare Policy Article Review 3; Due Sunday, November 8th (11:59 p.m.)
Week 13 Nov 10 & Nov 12	▪ Public Assistance Programs ▪ The American Health Care System	▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 11 ▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 12	▪ Policy Activity 4; Due Thursday, November 12th (end of class)
Week 14 Nov 17 & Nov 19	▪ Mental Health and Substance Abuse Policy	▪ Karger & Stoesz, Ch. 13	▪ Quiz 3; Due Sunday, November 22nd (11:59 p.m.)
Thanksgiving Break – No Classes (November 23rd – 27th)			
Week 15 Dec 1 & Dec 3	▪ Review day (extra credit)		▪ Social Welfare Policy Analysis Paper; Due Thursday, December 3rd (11:59 p.m.)
Final Exams Dec 7-11	No Final Exam; No Assignment Due		

Failure to complete all of the above assignments may result in a failing grade.

Please note that the instructor for this course has the option to revise or alter the course syllabus at any time as class needs dictate.