

Mizan-Tepi University
College of Social Science and Humanities
Department of Sociology
Course Outline

<u>Background Information</u>			
Module Name	Social Policy and Planning	Module Code	SOCM ₃₁₈₁
Course Name	Social Policy and Planning	Course Code	SOCI ₃₁₈₁
Module ECTS	5 ECTS		
Instructor's Name	Demelash Belay		
Consultation Hours (Local Time)	Monday (7:30-9:30) Wednesday (7:30-9:30) Friday (7:30-9:30)		

I. Module Description

This module involves two courses that introduce students to the basic principles and practices of social policy, planning and project management. The module first introduces concepts, theories, approaches and procedures in social planning, including project cycle management. This will be followed by rigorous field based assignments on social policy analysis, project designing and project appraisal.

II. Module Objectives

The main objective of this module is to acquaint students with the basic theoretical discussions and practices. At the end of the module, students will be able to describe and apply procedures and principles in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating social policies and programs. Besides, students who take this module should understand roles of social planner and techniques of intervention in development planning more generally.

III. Module Competency

- ✓ Understand basic concepts of Social policy, planning and project management
- ✓ Analyze different social policies
- ✓ Articulate project proposal on various social issues.
- ✓ Monitor and evaluate projects
- ✓ Link social policy with social planning and project management

IV. Objectives of the Course

The overall objective of this course is to acquaint students with the basic concepts, principles, procedures, ideologies and theories in the field of social policy and social planning. Students will also be able to analyze how policies, programs and projects are identified, formulated, implemented, monitored and evaluated in different socio-economic and cultural contexts. This is where students develop hypothetical understanding of the subject which could serve as a key input in carrying out field based practical assignments.

V. Mode of Delivery and Study Hour

The mode of delivery for this course is interactive teaching and learning, independent learning and collaborative learning. The total study hours allocated for this course is 135 hours. Of this time, 30 hours is allocated for lectures, 19 hours for assignments, 15 hours for presentation, 20 hours for tutorials and problem solving sessions, 16 hours for assessment and 35 hours for independent study.



VI. Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this module students will:




- ✓ Understand the concept and principle of social policy
- ✓ Understand elements and steps in the formulation and analysis of social policy
- ✓ Well-versed with the strengths and weakness of different social planning approaches

- ✓ Clearly understand their role in any planning environment and program management
- ✓ Fathom the concept of project cycle and procedures required to approach problems of communities

VII. Course Contents

-  **Section One: Social Policy:** *The concept of social policy, principles of social policy process and Policy analysis*
-  **Section Two: Social Planning:** *the concept of social planning, approaches to planning, and fields of social planning focusing on social services planning, the role of social planning in national development planning and ensuring popular participation in planning.*

VIII. Mode of Assessment

-  **Assignment I: Social policy analysis:** In this assignment students are required to select one of the social policies of government of Ethiopia and assess the policy in detail. It will account for 30% (15% submission and 15% presentation) of the total marks. Here students should pay attention to the organization of the paper, problem statement, objective, methods, content, conclusion and recommendation. During presentation students should give emphasis for the content and language of presentation, time management and efficiency in answering questions.
-  **Tests: -----20%**
-  **Final Examination:** There will also be a final exam at the end of the course which will account for 50 % of the total course mark.

IX. Reading Materials

Aubel, J . 1993. *Participatory Program Evaluation*. Dakar.

Conyers, D. 1986 *An Introduction to Social Planning in the Third World*. John Wiley and sons

Drake, F. 2001. *The Principles of Social Policy*

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Hobart, A. 1996. *Basic Social Policy and planning: Strategies and Practice Methods*.
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Reeves, Dory 2005. *Planning for Diversity: Policy and Planning in a World of Difference*.
Rutledge

Rugh, J. 1992. *Self-Evaluation: Ideas for Participatory Evaluation of Rural Community Development Projects*. Oklahoma: World Neighbors, Inc.

Walt, Gill 2004. *Health Policy: An Introduction to Process and Power*. London and New Jersey: Zed Books Ltd.