

SOC 3757 - Aging and Social Policy

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Course Description

3757. Aging and Social Policy. Critical examination of social policies and social systems which affect aging and retirement. Prereq.: SOC 1500, GERO 1501, or POL 1560. Listed also as GERO 3757 and POL 3757. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Aging and Social Policy in the United States	Kusmaul, N.	1793520712

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapters 1-2	Foundations of Aging & Social Policy	Feedback Fruit Lecture
8/31			Quiz 1
9/7	Chapter 3	Social Security & Economic Security	Feedback Fruit Lecture
9/14			Quiz 2
9/21	Chapter 4	Medicare & Health Care Policy	Feedback Fruit Lecture
9/28			Quiz 3
10/5	Chapter 5	Medicaid & Long-Term Services and Supports	Feedback Fruit Lecture
10/12			Policy Brief
10/19	Chapter 6	The Older Americans Act & Aging Services Network	Feedback Fruit Lecture
10/26			Site Visit Reflection

11/2	Chapter 7	Housing, Poverty & Economic Justice	Feedback Fruit Lecture
11/9			Quiz 4
11/16	Chapter 8	Caregiving, Family Policy & the Workforce	Feedback Fruit Lecture
11/23			Caregiving Interview
11/30	Chapter 9-10	Emerging Issues & Advocacy in Aging Policy	Feedback Fruit Lecture
12/7			Take Home Exam

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