COURSE OUTLINE

(1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCES				
ACADEMIC UNIT	SOCIOLOGY				
LEVEL OF STUDIES	UNDERGADUATE				
COURSE CODE	ПРОК 372	522512			
COURSE TITLE	SPECIAL TOPICS ON SOCIAL POLICY AND THE WELFARE STATE				
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g. lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits			WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	G CREDITS	
			3	5	
Add rows if necessary. The organisation of methods used are described in detail at (a COURSE TYPE general background, special background, special background, knowledge, skills development					
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	Written and oral paper presentation				
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:	Greek				
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes				
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	https://student.cc.uoc.gr/main.asp				

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes

The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.

Consult Appendix A

- Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area
- Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B
- Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes
 - Students will have the opportunity to focus on a subject matter of their choice.
 - They will gain in depth knowledge of the contemporary debates on the welfare state and social policy outcomes.
 - They will learn to express arguments both orally and in written form and apply theoretical concepts and typologies to interpret social outcomes.
 - They will be able to assess the impact and effectiveness of social institutions and social policies.

General Competences

Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim?

- 1		
	Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and	Project planning and management
	information, with the use of the necessary technology	Respect for difference and multiculturalism
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Adapting to new situations
Decision-making
Working independently
Team work
Working in an international environment
Working in an interdisciplinary environment
Production of new research ideas

Respect for the natural environment
Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and
sensitivity to gender issues
Criticism and self-criticism
Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

Others...

- To be able to analyze complicated issues and synthesize information and data.
- Learn how to present existing arguments and information in a creative and synthetic fashion.
- Learn how to collect, analyze and present information and data.
- Be able to work independently and write a research paper.
- Be critical towards theoretical propositions and social policies.
- Gain awareness of social differences and problems of social exclusion.

(3) SYLLABUS

The seminar will explore in depth issues pertaining to the structure and development of the welfare state and the theoretical discussions surrounding it. Emphasis will be placed on comparing welfare regimes, policies and outcomes, in different countries. In addition we will address the challenges facing contemporary societies as a result of globalization, changes in household structure, flexible work arrangements, new forms of poverty and social exclusion.

Topics covered:

- 1. Comparative social policy: alternative typologies
- 2. Historical development of welfare states in European
- 3. The welfare state in Southern Europe
- 4. Social policy in Greece problems and challenges
- 5. Gender and social policy
- 6. Policies for dealing with social exclusion
- 7. New forms of poverty and social policies
- 8. Immigration and social policy

(4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

DELIVERY Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.	Face-to-face			
USE OF INFORMATION AND	Use of ICT in teaching and communication with			
COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY	students			
Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education, communication with students				
TEACHING METHODS				
The manner and methods of teaching are described in detail.	Activity	Semester workload		
Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice,	Seminar	39		
fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art	Study and analysis of	46		
workshop, interactive teaching, educational	bibliography			
visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity, etc.	Writing of report	40		
The student's study hours for each learning				
activity are given as well as the hours of non- directed study according to the principles of				
the ECTS				
	Course total	125		
STUDENT PERFORMANCE	I final research paper pr	esented both orally and		
EVALUATION Description of the evaluation procedure	in written form. Erasmus students will prepare a paper in English			
Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation, other				
Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.				

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