

# **GER511 Social Policy in Gerontology**

**Level:** 5

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JAN

## **Synopsis:**

Social Policy in Gerontology is concerned with macro issues in gerontology. There are various concepts, ideologies and welfare systems around the world and they differ in responses to the challenges of an ageing population. A critical analysis of the benefits and limitations of different approaches to policy and planning will be encouraged, so that students are cognizant of the consequences of the choices. Health, welfare, economic and housing policies will be given greater focus. Singapore's choice of social policies and service delivery system will be analysed, interlinking the governmental and non-governmental service providers. Long term impact of the policies chosen will also be addressed.

## **Topics:**

- Factors that influence Singapore policy and decision making
- Basic framework in social policy development
- PPPOPPP framework - Philosophy, Policies, Priorities, Operations, Politics, Personalities, Paperwork, Partnerships
- Public policy making and advocacy
- Comparison of international ageing policies
- Healthcare and financial policies related to ageing
- Ageing policies: development and evaluation
- Current issues in social policy related to older people
- Examining Singapore's social policy approach in ageing sector
- Practice sessions in policy application

## **Textbooks:**

Reisman, David, Edward: Social policy in an Ageing society: Age and Health in Singapore Elgay Publishing  
ISBN-13: 9781848440944

Reisman, David, Edward: Social policy in an Ageing society: Age and Health in Singapore Elgay Publishing  
ISBN-13: 9781848440944-AA

**Learning Outcome:**

- analyse the key factors important in robust policy and decision making
- apply relevant conceptual frameworks in analysis of social policy approaches
- demonstrate knowledge of the ideologies, frameworks and methods in analysing social policy and social service delivery systems
- discuss and apply theories of ageing towards planning and policy formulation
- formulate possible strategies to address the challenges of an ageing population and the possible barriers to successful policy planning
- Critique articles with policy content to improve understanding of the impact of ageing population on various sectors, such as housing, finance, health

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	20
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	30
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Written Exam	50
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**