

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SOCIAL POLICY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (ONLINE)

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Social Policy and Social Justice (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts and current debates in relation to social policy and social justice;
- Demonstrate knowledge of various theoretical and ideological perspectives on social policy and social justice and their influence on the history of social policy development and contemporary social policy-making;
- Evaluate social policies and assess their intended and unintended consequences for individuals and groups in terms of social justice, equity, and social inclusion;
- Demonstrate critical thinking and self-directed research skills in investigating and responding to complex social justice issues;
- Demonstrate advanced disciplinary understanding in several specialist fields of knowledge relevant to social policy and social justice;
- Use information technology to support high-level academic writing and research on social policy and social justice;
- Demonstrate knowledge of the social research process, including research planning and design, methodology, ethics, and data analysis;
- Express complex analysis of social policy and social justice issues in an appropriate style in different formats and for different audiences.