COURSE OBJECTIVES

1) Understand and analyze trends and changes in society as they impact on the development of social welfare policies and programs.

2) Understand the history, mission and philosophy of the social work profession.

3) Utilize systematic models to assess critically the problem of poverty in urban communities and historical and current efforts to address it including their theoretical assumptions and research base.

4) Analyze through the use of research, the impact of social policies on client systems, communities and agencies with special emphasis on diverse and vulnerable populations.

5) Demonstrate an understanding of strategies and skills of change that enhance social and economic justice.

6) Understand how social policy is affected by and in turn influences issues related to discrimination, oppression and inequality (such as racism, sexism, ageism and heterosexism).

7) Demonstrate the ability to apply an understanding of social theory and ethical reasoning through use of an analytic framework to social welfare policies and programs.

REQUIRED TEXTS
