

Workshop

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Essay: Students should write an essay of a maximum of 2000 words (6 sides of A4 paper) in answer to **ONE** of the questions shown below. *Essays should be properly and fully referenced, and include a full bibliography.* They should be word-processed.

PLEASE NOTE: Essays that are more than 10 per cent above or below the word limit will be penalised through the deduction of marks, as will essays that are not properly or fully referenced or do not include a full bibliography. (In text references count towards the word limit. Your list of references and sources used at the end of your essay does not count towards the word limit.)

ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO JOHN WILTON BY EMAIL TO jitaly25@hotmail.com OR THROUGH THE MASARYK UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SYSTEM BY 11.11.2021.

PLEASE NOTE: ESSAYS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN MSWORD OR PDF FORMAT

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Essay Questions:

1. Using examples from *at least two* social policy areas illustrate practically and theoretically how social policy has grown in importance in the European Union integration project. Suggest political, social or economic reasons for that development.
2. Critically assess whether, in terms of social and political factors and principles, European Union social policy can be characterised as *Europeanised*. Provide evidence and examples from social policy areas to support your assessment.

Structure of Essay Answers

Analyse the question – ‘content words’, ‘process words’

Structure of your essay/answer – in what order, and how will you address the question (brief in introduction)

Theories and Arguments – theories, models and arguments you will employ to analyse, critically assess, evaluate, compare and contrast

Content and evidence – examples, in terms of information or details you use in order to sustain or challenge the various theories and arguments you have employed in analysis of the question

Conclusion – your summary of the various points and arguments/theories of explanation, and your critical evaluation/assessment/comparison of them based on that