

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to the Social Sciences
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Owning School/Faculty: Academic Portfolio
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Academic Level: FHEQ3 **Credit Value:** 24 **Total Delivered Hours:** 121.5
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 118.5

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	120

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	exam	exam	50	1.5
Essay	essay	1000 word essay	50	

Aims

To examine contemporary society from the perspective of social science, in particular Sociology, Criminology and Media Studies.
To introduce students to the main disciplines in the social sciences
To introduce students to contemporary themes and issues in the social sciences

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge of how social scientists view the world
- 2 Apply social science theories to real world events
- 3 Identify basic research methods used in the social sciences

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

exam	1	3
1000 word essay	2	

Outline Syllabus

The sociological imagination
Power and inequality
Crime and deviance
Culture and identity
The media and mass communication
Social policy
Consumption
Globalisation
Politics and The State
Research methods in social science

Learning Activities

Lectures accompanied by workshops, group work, in-class debate and student presentations. Homework will support these activities, and should guide the student towards the development of self-study.

All students' homework will be graded with feedback and students will need to submit homework, as directed by the lecturer.

Notes

This option module is for those students intending to progress to the following undergraduate programmes at level 4:

BA (Hons) Sociology
BA (Hons) Criminology and Sociology
BA (Hons) Media, Culture and Communications
BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology
BA (Hons) Criminology