

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 24.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 90.00
Total Learning Hours: 240 **Private Study:** 150

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24.000
Online	10.000
Tutorial	36.000
Workshop	18.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Examination.	50.0	2.00
Essay	AS2	Essay 2,000 words	50.0	

Aims

- 1. To introduce students to the ways in which sociologists interpret and analyse society by tracing the development of sociological understandings of aspects of contemporary society.*
- 2. To encourage the acquisition of effective study skills and development of sound*

academic practice amongst students.

3. To provide a foundation in sociological analysis which will be reinforced in other substantively and methodologically focused modules at Level 4 and which will be extended in subsequent levels of study.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an understanding of the 'sociological imagination'.
- 2 Account for the origins of Sociology and its role in understanding social change.
- 3 Recognise the influence of early sociologists on the development of the discipline.
- 4 Make preliminary distinctions between a range of sociological perspectives.
- 5 Use case studies of contemporary social phenomena to illustrate the use and application of sociological concepts and theories.
- 6 Identify and utilise the conventions to be adopted in the presentation of written work in Sociology.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

EXAM	1	2	3	4	5
ESSAY	1	3	6		

Outline Syllabus

The nature of the 'social' and the need for sociological imagination and explanation.

Sociological exploration of social phenomena such as cyberspace, consumerism, and surveillance.

Change and continuity in social divisions and social trends.

Current sociological explanations for these phenomena and their origins in the work of the founders of the discipline.

Controversies and developments within and among sociological perspectives.

Learning Activities

Lectures and tutorials.

Notes

This module is an introduction to how sociologists understand society and social change. It examines the contributions of a range of concepts and theories to the analysis of aspects of contemporary society such as consumer culture, information and communications technology and the impact of the mass media.