

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: IDENTITIES, POWER & INEQUALITIES
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 24.00
Total Delivered Hours: 80.00
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 160

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	25.000
Online	3.000
Workshop	50.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2000 word essay	50.0	
Exam	AS2	2 hour exam	50.0	2.00

Aims

- 1. To introduce key sociological concepts and themes such as gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, age, disability, social class.*
- 2. To ask what we mean by identity, what the significance of identity is in society and*

how social identities are constructed, maintained and performed.

3. To examine inequalities in societies, looking at various explanations of power and inequality as linked to identity.

4. To consider the relationships between identity, community, belonging and social inclusion.

5. To consider the relationships between identity, difference, prejudice and social exclusion and to consider the reproduction of such thinking within society and the specific forms of resistance it meets.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Understand the relationship between power, inequalities, and commonsense ideas about 'race', gender and social class.
- 2 Understand key concepts in the sociological exploration of identity.
- 3 Assess the usefulness of readings on social identity and associated sociological themes
- 4 Reflect upon the social, political and cultural dimensions of social identities

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

2000 word essay	3	4
2hr exam	1	2

Outline Syllabus

Social identities, belonging and community

Power, inequality and difference

Social Class

Culture and Ideology

Mass Media and Identity/ies

Youth Culture

Ageing and Identity

Dis/ability

Race and Ethnicity

Race and Racism

Post-colonialism

Gender, power and resistance

Feminism and beyond

Masculinity

Sexuality

Intersectionality

Learning Activities

Integrated sessions comprising short lectures, discussions, directed reading and problem-solving activities via group work.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Abbott, P. Wallace, C. & Tyler, M.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Introduction to Sociology, Feminist Perspectives.
Subtitle	
Edition	3rd Edition.
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Back, L. & Solomos, J.
Publishing Year	2000
Title	Theories of Race and Racism.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Bhattacharyya, G. Gabriel, J. & Small, S.
Publishing Year	2002
Title	Race and Power.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Connell, R.W.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	Gender: A short introduction.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Cambridge, Polity.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Gilroy, P.

Publishing Year	2002
Title	There Ain't No Black in the Union Jack.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kundnani, A.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	The End of Tolerance:
Subtitle	Racism in 21st Century Britain.
Edition	
Publisher	London, Pluto Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Marchbank, J. & Letherby, G.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Introduction to Gender:
Subtitle	Social Science Perspectives.
Edition	
Publisher	Harlow, Pearson Longman.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Jenkin, R.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Social Identity.
Subtitle	
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hall, S., Evans, J. & Nixon, S. (eds).
Publishing Year	2013
Title	Representation:
Subtitle	Cultural Representations and Signifying Practices.
Edition	2nd Edition
Publisher	London, Sage.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Pincus, F.
Publishing Year	2011
Title	Understanding Diversity:

Subtitle	An introduction to class, race, gender, sexual orientation, and disability.
Edition	
Publisher	Lynne Rienner Publisher.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Taylor, G. & Spencer, S. (eds).
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Social Identities:
Subtitle	Multidisciplinary Approaches.
Edition	
Publisher	London Routledge.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Weedon, C.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Identity and Culture:
Subtitle	Narratives of Difference and Belonging.
Edition	
Publisher	Maidenhead, Open University Press.
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Woodward, K.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Questioning Identity:
Subtitle	Gender, Class, Ethnicity.
Edition	
Publisher	London, Routledge.
ISBN	

Notes

This module introduces students to the key debates and issues in sociological approaches to social identities such as gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, age, culture, social class and disability. It looks at theories and issues around such topics and key social divisions based on social identity.