

Summary Information

Module Code	4101SOC
Formal Module Title	Sociological Imaginations
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	24
Tutorial	3
Workshop	12

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	1. To provide an introduction to the rise of the discipline of sociology.2. To develop students' understanding of the relationship of sociology to other academic disciplines.3. To demonstrate the role of social context in understanding sociological ideas and their significance.4. To provide opportunities for students to engage with selected examples of the original writings of sociologists from different theoretical perspectives.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Account for the rise and development of the sociological imagination in a variety of social and historical contexts.
MLO2	2	Comprehend and comment on selections from original sociological writings.
MLO3	3	Make preliminary distinctions between a range of sociological perspectives and their role in understanding social phenomena.
MLO4	4	Demonstrate an understanding of the 'sociological imagination' and the relationship between sociology and other academic disciplines.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The Sociological Imagination and the Sociological vocation; Founding Mothers and Fathers of Sociology, Structural functionalism, The Chicago School of Sociology; The relation between the sociological imagination and literary, biological and theological imaginations, Sociology and Two World Wars, British Sociology in the 1950's, Imperial Sociology and post-colonial perspectives on classical sociology.
Module Overview	Through a history of sociology, explored through its major thinkers and their texts and activities, from the origins of the discipline to modern times, this module enables you to investigate the nature of the sociological vocation and the range of sociological imaginations developed by individual sociological thinkers and institutional schools of sociology. You will explore how sociology both reflects and critically engages with its social and cultural context and major historical events and processes, which it seeks to understand and often seeks to change. The ways in which sociology draws on, but also distances itself from, other forms of knowing, including theological, literary, biological, historical, psychological and visual imaginations, is kept in mind throughout and encountered in the selected texts on the module.
Additional Information	Syllabus is indicative and themes may be taught together or singularly.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Portfolio	2700 word workbook	70	0	MLO4, MLO2
Centralised Exam	Unseen Examination	30	1.25	MLO3, MLO1

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings

David Chalcraft	Yes	N/A
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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