

Summary Information

Module Code	4106SOC
Formal Module Title	Introduction to Sociology
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Mary Jane O'Leary	Yes	N/A

Module Team Member

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Simone Krueger Bridge	Yes	N/A
Kerry Wilson	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Seminar	11
Tutorial	2

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	This module introduces students to the discipline of sociology, covering both classic and contemporary research as applied to issues of contemporary debate.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Reach informed judgements about the value of classic and contemporary approaches to sociology.
MLO2	Use their sociological imaginations to consider contemporary issues.
MLO3	Draw on the basic skills required for effective study and learning.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
<p>This module is based on the principle of student-centred student choice to ensure that students' experience is engaging and democratic, and provides opportunities to experience choice, autonomy and freedom in what is studied. While Part 1 will be compulsory, students may choose their preferred topics from the below list of sessions from parts 2 to 5. Part 1: Thinking Sociologically: Theories and Methods What is sociology? Theories and theorizing Options part 2: Social Identities Socialization, identity and interaction Sex, gender, and sexuality Racial and ethnic identities Crime and deviance Body, health and medicine Options part 3: Culture, Knowledge, and Belief Education Communication and the media Religion, belief and meaning Options part 4: - Social Organization and Control Family and life course Cities and communities Organization, management and control The state, social policy and welfare Globalization Options part 5: Production, Inequalities and Social Divisions Work, employment and leisure Inequality, poverty and wealth Stratification, class and status Power, division and protest</p>

Module Overview

Additional Information

This module introduces students to the discipline of sociology. It provides an authoritative and theoretically grounded approach to sociology, covering both classic and contemporary research. It provides the context for debate and discussion that enables students to develop their critical awareness skills. It deals clearly with the full complexity of sociological issues, examining questions of theory and method and presenting clear accounts of major studies in sociology. It also applies sociology to important issues of contemporary debate, such as global warming, faith schools, violence in the media, and others.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	5 x Short essay (300 wds each)	50	0	MLO3, MLO1
Essay	Academic essay (2500 words)	50	0	MLO2, MLO3