

### Summary Information

Module Code	5101SOC
Formal Module Title	Knowing the Modern World
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 5
Grading Schema	40

### Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

### Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Workshop	11

### Module Offering(s)

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

### Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<p>1. To explore the development of sociological theory and how it enables the understanding of current social issues and debates.2. To compare and contrast theorists' work to establish an appreciation of the issues and tensions surrounding their theoretical orientation.3. To develop theoretical literacy so that students can independently identify and critically engage in literature from specific different theoretical traditions in their own written work.</p>
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**After completing the module the student should be able to:**

### Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Have an in-depth knowledge of the similarities and differences between two sociological theories.
MLO2	2	Differentiate between specific theoretical traditions and their relevance to contemporary social issues and debates.
MLO3	3	Evaluate work of selected contemporary social theorists highlighting the tensions surrounding their chosen theoretical orientation.

### Module Content

Outline Syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epistemology/ontology and its impact on sociological knowledge</li> <li>• The development of positivism and interpretivism within sociological theory</li> <li>• The role of structure/agency in understanding societies</li> <li>• Post-structuralism and postmodernism</li> <li>• Feminist epistemology</li> </ul> Work from a range of different sociological traditions will be selectively utilised to explore each of these themes, namely, Classical Sociology, Marxism, Weberianism, Durkheimianism, Feminism, Ethnomethodology, Constructionism, Interactionism, Post Humanism
Module Overview	This module enables you to explore the development of sociological theory and how it enables the understanding of current social issues and debates. You will compare and contrast theorists' work to establish an appreciation of the issues and tensions surrounding their theoretical orientation.
Additional Information	The assessment will take the form of an essay followed by a seen examination. The purpose of this is to encourage a greater depth of understanding in students, to establish their critical writings skills and to encourage them to develop confidence in conveying complex ideas in a timed setting.

### Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay	60	0	MLO1, MLO2
Centralised Exam	Exam	40	1.5	MLO3

### Module Contacts

#### Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Cassie Ogden	Yes	N/A

#### Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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