

Module Title Theorising Social Life Keywords Theory, Sociology, Modern, Classical.	Reference SS2036 SCQF Level SCQF 8 SCQF Points 15 ECTS Points 7.5 Created March 2008 Approved June 2008 Amended August 2010 Version No. 2
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Prerequisites for Module

None, in addition to SCQF 8 entry requirements or equivalent.

Corequisite Modules

None.

Precluded Modules

None.

Aims of Module

To provide students with an understanding of the "core" classical and modern sociological theoretical schools, and their significance for theorising and researching various aspects of everyday social life.

Learning Outcomes for Module

Postmodernism

Bourdieu

Globalisation

Indicative Student Workload

<i>Contact Hours</i>	Full Time
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Lectures	12
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Online	6
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Discussions	6
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Seminars	6
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Directed Study

36

Private Study

90

Mode of Delivery

A mixture of lectures, seminar discussions, presentations and directed online learning exercises.

Assessment Plan

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

1. Identify what constitute the "core" sociological ways of theorising and researching aspects of social life.
2. Compare and contrast the various differences and similarities between types of sociological theories.
3. Apply sociological theories to evaluate empirical examples of everyday social life.

Indicative Module Content

Introductory Lecture:
 Theorising Social Life
 Karl Marx
 Emile Durkheim
 Max Weber
 Theories of Social Action
 Norbert Elias
 Foucault
 Feminism

	Learning Outcomes Assessed
Component 1	1,2,3

Component 1 will be assessed by Examination.

Indicative Bibliography

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