

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Theorising Social Life

Reference	SS2036	Version	7
Created	June 2022	SCQF Level	SCQF 8
Approved	June 2008	SCQF Points	15
Amended	June 2022	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

The aim of this module is to provide students with an understanding of the "core" classical and modern sociological theoretical ideas, and to show their significance for critically analysing and researching multiple aspects of everyday social life. It also aims to provide students with anthropological notions and concepts to refine their ability to explore modernity from a non-western perspective.

Learning Outcomes for Module

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

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge of what constitute the "core" sociological and anthropological ways of theorising and researching aspects of social life.
- 2 Demonstrate understanding of different approaches in classical and modern sociology through the analysis of core authors and paradigms
- 3 Discuss the application of sociological ideas to the understanding of capitalism and modernity in the Western and non-Western world

Indicative Module Content

Main theories in classical sociology. Main paradigms in modern, 20th century sociology, including symbolic interactionism, critical and phenomenological theories. Anthropology sessions looking at modernity and capitalism in non-Western societies.

Module Delivery

This is a mainly lecture based module with supporting seminars/workshops and student-centred learning. The on-campus activities will be supplemented and supported with online activities where appropriate.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	24	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	126	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3
Description:	Component 1 will be assessed by an essay.				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

There is one coursework which contributes 100% to the module total.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	The student needs an A in C1.
B	The student needs a B in C1.
C	The student needs a C in C1.
D	The student needs a D in C1.
E	The student needs an E in C1.
F	The student needs an F in C1.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to SCQF 8 entry requirements or equivalent.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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