



SOC 866

Sociology of Work and Employment

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Sociology

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General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MPASR or PGDipPASR or PGCertPASR

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

The importance of work and employment for individuals as well as societies suggests that we live in work societies. Work is a basic social experience and a key sociological category. Policies around work and employment affect us in ways that we are not always aware of and can improve or hinder our well-being. This unit invites you to explore the relevance of work for individuals as well as societies. It studies the trends and processes at the workplace and contemplates the future role of work. The unit develops a map of how work fits into the structures of broader societies by making sense of your own work experiences, facts about work and contemporary policies.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Identify the characteristics of contemporary work societies and the prevalence of work

and employment for individual, organisation and social wellbeing.

2. Recognise the risk and opportunities originating in the organisation , structures and processes characterising work societies.

3. Integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments to understand the link between economic and social roles of work and employment for individuals and societies.

4. Students will learn how to think sociologically.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Participation</u>	20%	ongoing
<u>Annotated bibliography</u>	40%	TBA
<u>Review Essay</u>	40%	TBA

Participation

Due: **ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

Students are expected to attend classes every week, prepare for classes by doing the reading(s) and participate in class discussion on an ongoing basis.

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Annotated bibliography

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **40%**

This assignment is about engaging in depth with a few readings of the course. The readings will be announced in class.

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Review Essay

Due: **TBA**

Weighting: **40%**

You are required to write a review of either a book (e.g. Ehrenreich B. Nickel and Dimed) or an article (e.g. Calhoun C. The Infrastructure of Modernity).

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Delivery and Resources

This is an on campus course and the main mode of teaching are lectures plus calls participation. In addition some material will be available to support the lectures on iLearn.

Unit Schedule

Please refer to iLearn for a more detailed list of the weekly topics.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- 1. Identify the characteristics of contemporary work societies and the prevalence of work and employment for individual, organisation and social wellbeing.

Assessment tasks

- Participation
- Annotated bibliography
- Review Essay

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

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Assessment tasks

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- Review Essay

PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Assessment tasks

- Annotated bibliography
- Review Essay

PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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Assessment tasks

- Participation
- Annotated bibliography
- Review Essay

PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- 1. Identify the characteristics of contemporary work societies and the prevalence of work and employment for individual, organisation and social wellbeing.

Assessment task

- Participation

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcome

- 1. Identify the characteristics of contemporary work societies and the prevalence of work and employment for individual, organisation and social wellbeing.

Assessment task

- Participation

Changes from Previous Offering

None