



SOCI1020

Economy and Society

Session 1, Fully online/virtual 2020

Department of Sociology

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Understanding the economy and markets is increasingly vital for us as workers and citizens. This unit provides students with a non-mathematical introduction to economic language and concepts to help you understand debates around the economy and see how economic decisions impact out everyday lives. It will help you to see the connections between the economy, politics, culture and society. We examine how social norms shape work and consumption, and how political decisions and institutions shape issues like inequality. We explore a range of contemporary issues from consumerism and ecological sustainability to the growing gap between rich and poor and financial instability.

Important Academic Dates

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

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: demonstrate an understanding of key concepts in economic sociology and political economy

ULO3: Apply concepts from economic sociology to contemporary social and economic issues

ULO2: Identify important historical developments in market societies

ULO4: Recognise economic arguments used in public and civic debates (public sociology)

ULO5: Analyse data to understand economic issues.

ULO6: Express economic ideas in writing and verbally.

Assessment Tasks

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Assessment details are no longer provided here as a result of changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Students should consult [iLearn](#) for revised unit information.

[Find out more about the Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and potential impacts on staff and students](#)

General Assessment Information

The major assignment has to be submitted through turnitin. The link for it will be provided on iLearn.

Delivery and Resources

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Any references to on-campus delivery below may no longer be relevant due to COVID-19.

Please check here for updated delivery information: https://ask.mq.edu.au/account/pub/display/unit_status

All course material and contents will be available through iLearn.

Unit Schedule

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

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Week	Date	Topic
1	27/02/2020	Understanding Market Society (lectures and tutorials start in week 1)
		REQUIRED: Academic Integrity Module (non-graded)
2	05/03/2020	Prices and Competition

		Quiz 1: on Friedman (5%)
3	12/03/2020	Market and Society
		Quiz 2: on Heilbroner (5%)
4	19/03/2020	Economic Growth, Economic Crisis
		Quiz 3: on Marx (5%)
5	26/03/2020	Inequality: Class, Income and Wealth
6	02/04/2020	The Market: Competition, Finance and Risk
7	09/04/2020	Inequality Beyond Class: Unpaid work, discrimination and trade
	16/04/2020	mid-session break (no classes)
	23/04/2020	mid-session break (no classes)
8	30/04/2020	The State: Property, Work and Welfare
9	07/05/2020	The Corporation, Work and Consumerism
10	14/05/2020	The Environment and Sustainability
11	21/05/2020	The Family, Care and Social Reproduction
12	28/05/2020	Civil Society and Reshaping the Economy
	28/05/2020	Major Assignment is due (40%); submit via turnitin
13	04/06/2020	Conclusion (no tutorials in week 13)
	final exam	during exam period (35%)

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)

- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

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 help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Enquiry Service

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity 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.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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