SOCI1000

Introduction to Sociology: Understanding contemporary society

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Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Life in the 21st century is politically, economically and culturally fast-changing, increasingly diverse and technology-driven. In this unit, you will discover how sociologists understand society through topics such as culture and the economy, power and politics, gender and sexuality, self and identity, family and generations, social inequality and class, religion and race. It provides you with new and exciting ways to understand the contemporary world and your place within it. The skills and perspectives you learn will help you communicate complex ideas effectively and provide you with the analytical skills and perspectives you need to successfully navigate the politics, labour markets and diverse cultures in our rapidly changing world.

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:

ULO2: Demonstrate a range of generic skills useful in tertiary education and vocational settings (reading and listening; critique; relational thinking; data collection and analysis; sociological observation; theoretical awareness; written and verbal expression)

ULO1: Describe key sociological concepts.

ULO3: Summarise and apply basic works of sociology to the study of contemporary life

ULO4: Distinguish the sociological imagination from other disciplinary approaches to analysing social issues and trends

ULO5: Apply basic social research techniques.

General Assessment Information

Late Submission Rules

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved,

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – 10/100 marks of credit (10% of the total assessment weighting) will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date – and

(b) no assignment will be accepted seven days (7) (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline.

No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessment - e.g., quizzes, online tests.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Participation.	20%	No	weekly
Quiz	30%	No	Quiz 1: 18/03/2022; Quiz 2: 08/04/2022; Quiz 3: 13/05/2022
Final online exam	50%	No	27/05/2022; 9am -12pm AEST

Participation.

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 10 hours
Due: **weekly**
Weighting: **20%**

Graded active participation in tutorials, evidence of reading and lecture attendance, participation in learning assistance activities. External students are graded on online discussion boards - including a weekly summary and interaction in forums

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Quiz

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 10 hours
Due: **Quiz 1: 18/03/2022; Quiz 2: 08/04/2022; Quiz 3: 13/05/2022**
Weighting: **30%**

Several quizzes based on readings, lectures and tutorials have to be completed.

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Final online exam

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 30 hours
Due: **27/05/2022; 9am -12pm AEST**
Weighting: **50%**

A final exam based on all lecture material, the readings and tutorial discussions will be set at the end of the course.

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[1] If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

[2] Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

All course material will be made available through iLearn.

Unit Schedule

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Wk 1	22/02/2022	Lectures and tutorials start in week 1
Wk 2	01/03/2022	
Wk 3	08/03/2022	
Wk 4	15/03/2022	
	18/03/2022	1st Quiz 5%
Wk 5	22/03/2022	
Wk 6	29/03/2022	
Wk 7	05/04/2022	
	08/04/2022	2nd Quiz 10%
	12/04/2022	Mid-session break
	19/04/2022	Mid-session break

Wk 8	26/04/2022	
Wk 9	03/05/2022	
Wk 10	10/05/2022	
	13/05/2022	3rd Quiz 15%
Wk 11	17/05/2022	
Wk 12	24/05/2022	
	27/05/2022	Final Quiz / Test 50% 9am – 12pm
Wk 13	31/05/2022	

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

Student Support

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

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the 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 Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.