SOCX1010

Introduction to Sociology: Understanding everyday life

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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 In this unit you are introduced to the analysis of everyday situations such as the home, the street, work, shopping, community, neighbourhoods, and various sites of leisure and entertainment. We also reveal and scrutinize the many tools and props that we use to negotiate these everyday activities (eg, clothes, mobile phones, automobiles, computers, furnishings etc) and explore the hidden social forces that shape our lives. All enrolment queries should be directed to Open Universities Australia (OUA): see www.open.edu.au

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:

ULO1: demonstrate awareness of the history and importance of the study of the sociology of everyday life.

ULO2: demonstrate a broad understanding of how the 'sociological imagination' can be applied to our everyday lives.

ULO3: demonstrate the ability to summarise and apply important readings in sociology and the sociology of everyday life.

ULO4: demonstrate an awareness of a range of research skills, such as ethnography and visual analysis, used to carry out research in the area of the sociology of everyday life.

General Assessment Information

LATE PENALTY: Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. This late penalty will apply to non-time sensitive assessment (incl. essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special Consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Reflection Essay	20%	No	Week 5 Sunday
Quiz	25%	No	Week 10 Sunday
Take-home Exam	40%	No	Week 13 Tuesday
Discussion board participation	15%	No	Ongoing

Reflection Essay

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 32 hours
Due: **Week 5 Sunday**
Weighting: **20%**

A reflective essay on an everyday space.

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- demonstrate an awareness of a range of research skills, such as ethnography and visual analysis, used to carry out research in the area of the sociology of everyday life.

Quiz

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **Week 10 Sunday**
Weighting: **25%**

Weekly quizzes which test lecture and reading material.

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Take-home Exam

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **Week 13 Tuesday**
Weighting: **40%**

A take-home exam consisting of short answers to questions. The exam will cover content from the whole unit.

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- demonstrate the ability to summarise and apply important readings in sociology and the sociology of everyday life.
- demonstrate an awareness of a range of research skills, such as ethnography and visual analysis, used to carry out research in the area of the sociology of everyday life.

Discussion board participation

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 12 hours
Due: **Ongoing**
Weighting: **15%**

Students are expected to participate in the weekly exercises and contribute to discussions in the online discussion boards.

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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 required readings are avilable on ilearn.

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 Advocacy provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

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.

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