



Module Specification

Religion and Society

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Religion and Society

Module code: UZSST7-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Sociology and Criminology

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See Learning Outcomes.

Outline syllabus:

The syllabus will introduce theoretical approaches to analysing the relations between religion and society. It will draw on the sociology of religion to consider the social

nature of religion and the impact of religion on past and contemporary societies. Students will investigate the impact of religion in private and a range of public and political spheres, and consider controversial aspects of religion in the modern world.

Topics will include:

The social and cultural nature of religion;

Sociological theoretical and methodological approaches to religion;

Secularisation;

Religion and identity;

Religious behaviour, beliefs and affiliation;

Post-modern religion;

Religion and consumption

Religion on the internet

Religion, gender, sexuality and ethnicity;

Religious fundamentalism;

Cults and New Religious Movements;

Religion and civil society;

Religious rights;

Religion in universities;

Religion in prison.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The outlined lecture programme will be supported by a seminar programme consisting of a mixture of conventional seminars, student presentations, video sessions and guest speakers related to weekly topics. Students will be expected to conduct independent study related to the presentations. Independent study is required in relation to set reading for lectures and seminars, as well as assessed work. Teaching and learning are supported by Blackboard which provides on-line and remote access to teaching and learning resources and a platform for student assessment and feedback.

Each weekly lectures (1hr) will introduce an area of the syllabus and set out the key

theoretical issues with examples drawn from sociological research;

Seminars are designed to be central to learning, teaching and assessment in this module through facilitating groups work and group presentations to further encourage and engagement with broader lecture themes. Students will be expected to undertake directed reading and preparation (3hrs) for the weekly seminars (1hr);

Tutorials are designed for assessment and seminar preparation and study skills;

Directed Tasks will include those based on reading in preparation for seminars. Students will be expected to spend at least 1hr per week on independent learning for assignment preparation;

At least one site visit (3 hours) will be planned to enable students to learn about the nature of religion.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Demonstrate a detailed understanding of a range of sociological approaches to the study of religion

MO2 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the social nature of religion

MO3 Demonstrate a detailed knowledge of a range empirical works focusing on religion

MO4 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the role of religion in pre-modern, modern and late-modern societies

MO5 Demonstrate a critical understanding of the relationship between sociological argument and evidence in relation to religion and society

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Assessment One is a 25 minute group Oral Presentation in class on a topic related to the themes of the module. The students will research and prepare a presentation demonstrating their engagement with the chosen topic and ability to apply key sociological concepts. Use of appropriate media tools to present their work will be expected, presentation and communication skills will be assessed and knowledge of the topic.

Assessment Two comprises a Mini-Project (3000 words) and will enable the student to demonstrate understanding of sociological approaches to religion and will allow research into an area of their choice. Written skills, knowledge and understanding of theory and engagement with empirical examples will be assessed. Evidence of reading, research and analytical skills will be assessed.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Presentation

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Presentation

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19

Psychology with Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2018-19