Module Specification

Understanding Sociology

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Understanding Sociology

Module code: UZSYP6-30-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2024-25

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School 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: This module will introduce key concepts, explanations and theories relating to sociology and to explore how society is structured and how social groups engage with social structures and social action.

Features: Students will learn key sociological concepts relating to social roles, relationships and processes within UK society. Gaining an understanding of social structures relating to consensus and conflict whilst exploring the significance of stratification within society.

Educational aims: Students will gain an understanding of the concepts of society, culture, social interaction, social organisation, social institutions, and social change.

Outline syllabus: Topics covered in the lecture programme will include but are not limited to:

Culture, norms and values including subcultures

Status and Power

Agencies of socialisation

Introduction to social control

Identity and Ethnicity, Class, Sexuality, Age, Disability

Introduction to Sociological theory

Introduction to Research Methods & Social Research

Inequality and Ethnicity, Class, Age, Disability

Sociology of the Media and New Media

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module may consist of the following activities:

Lectures

Seminars

1:1 tutorials

Guest Speakers

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

MO1 Undertake research related to sociological concepts, theories and methods.

MO2 Analyse key sociological factors that impact society and/or social groups within society.

MO3 Apply sociological concepts and theories to concrete examples or issues relating to class, ethnicity, gender, age, disability and sexuality.

MO4 Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships between society and socialisation agencies such as the media.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/A7DA3B05-5A57-6413-2437-E8195CBAF4B1.html?lang=en-GB&login=1

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessment strategy for this module will provide a sound understanding sociological issues within society. The assessments of this module are split into two areas, a sociological survey and a report. Students will be given the opportunities for formative feedback through the use of seminars, presentations, class discussion etc.

Task One: Completion of a sociological survey.

Task Two: 1500 word written report.

Assessment tasks:

Survey (First Sit)

Description: 1500 words.

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Report (First Sit)

Description: 1500 words.

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4

Survey (Resit)

Description: 1500 words.

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Report (Resit)

Description: 1500 words.

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2, MO3, MO4

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

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