



Module Specification

Beliefs and Society

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Beliefs and Society

Module code: UZSNMB-30-2

Level: Level 5

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: Sociological contributions to beliefs and cultures: Durkheim; Marx; Freud; Weber; Simmel; Mannheim; Douglas; Elias.

Relativism and reflexivity in studying beliefs and cultures.

Sociologies of sexuality: the natural and the social.

The sociology of the civilising process

Sociologies of religion.

Ideologies: fascism and Nazism.

Sociologies of literature.

Sociologies of popular culture.

Sociologies of the self.

Sociologies of consumption.

Sociologies of language: gender, race and language.

Power and representation: witchcraft; madness.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The teaching and learning methods are focused on developing subject knowledge, sociological understanding and intellectual and work-relevant transferrable skills that will enhance the academic and career development of students. Lectures provide an introduction to relevant topics and areas of enquiry and disseminate the key subject knowledge which is fundamental to developing sociological understanding. This is explored and enhanced in seminars and tutorials which enable students to apply this knowledge and understanding to the analysis of belief systems.

Scheduled learning will include workshops and small-group tutorials

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc. These sessions constitute an average time per level as indicated in the table below. Scheduled sessions may vary slightly depending on the module choices you make.

Contact Hours There will be 3 hour contact per week comprising a 2 hours workshop and 1 hour for small group tutorials

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

MO1 Demonstrate a detailed understanding of the major sociological contributions to beliefs and cultures

MO2 Analyse the social functions of a range of belief systems in a variety of social contexts

MO3 Reflect critically on the range and diversity of belief systems

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/modules/uzsnmb-30-2.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzsnmb-30-2.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module has three pieces of assessment: a Cornell Notes; a Mindmap; an Inclass individual presentation of 25 minutes.

The Cornell Note – 500 words in length - will enable students to engage with a key area in the sociology of belief systems. A full explanation and example of this form of assessment will be provided in the module study guide.

The Mindmap will enable students to develop a detailed analysis of belief systems in contemporary societies and require them to include a critical evaluation element; the chosen topic will be additional to that covered in the Cornell Note.

The In-class Presentation – lasting 25-30 minutes - will enable students to further develop their understand and critical awareness of sociologies of belief.

The assessment strategy is developmental. Earlier forms of assessment aim to enhance students understanding of the module in order that they can maximise their performance in the final assessment, the individual, in-class presentation.

Assessment tasks:**Set Exercise** (First Sit)

Description: Cornell note of 500 words

Weighting: 16 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Set Exercise (First Sit)

Description: Mindmap

Weighting: 24 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: IN-CLASS INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION OF 25-30 MINUTES, INCLUDING A SLOT FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Set Exercise (Resit)

Description: Cornell note of 500 words

Weighting: 16 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Set Exercise (Resit)

Description: Mindmap

Weighting: 24 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Presentation (Resit)

Description: IN-CLASS INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION OF 25-30 MINUTES, INCLUDING A SLOT FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Sociology with Criminology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Sociology with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Sociology with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Psychology with Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] - Withdrawn BSc (Hons) 2018-19