

Paper Number:
176.101



Paper Title:
Introductory Sociology

Credit Value:
15 credits

Calendar Prescription:

A foundation paper in Sociology covering a range of topics including class, gender, ethnicity, population, the city, politics, health, research, sociological theory and the family. Three general themes give the paper a strong overall coherence: 'the social and the personal', 'the local and the global' and 'differences and divisions'.

Pre and co requisites:
None

Semester:
Semester 1

Campus:
Auckland (Albany)

Mode:
Internal

E-Learning Category:
S- Web Supported

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Timetable:

The timetable for lectures, laboratories, and tutorials can be found at <http://publictimetable.massey.ac.nz/>

Learning outcomes:

As a consequence of undertaking this paper, students will be able to

- Think sociologically about society using the course themes of
 - The social and the personal
 - Differences and divisions
 - The local and the global

- Understand contemporary social life through a study of topics such as health, the state, racism, population, crime and deviance, cities, and the family.
- Develop an awareness of, and competence in, the sociological skills of thinking theoretically and of research investigation.
- Develop an informed and critical look at key features of their own society
- Be able to progress to more advanced-level courses in sociology and related disciplines.

Major topics or paper structure:

This paper introduces students to the discipline of sociology. It applies three course themes – the social and the personal, the local and the global, and differences and divisions – to important areas of the social world (including racism and ethnicity, population, social divisions, gender, etc). In so doing, the paper initiates students into the ways in which sociologists understand social life.

Assessment Proportions:

Internal Assessment 45%

Final Examination 55%

Description of assessment activities:

Assignment 20%

Essay 25%

Final Examination 3 hours 55%

Due dates / deadlines:

The due dates for assignments (and any other internal assessment components) will be advised at the start of the semester.

Final examination dates can be found at

<http://study.massey.ac.nz/massey/students/studymassey/search.cfm?view=paper>

Penalties for late assignment submission:

N/A

Assignment turnaround:

Three weeks.

Any specific requirements for passing the paper:

Each student should take 2 hours of lectures and a one hour tutorial per week.

Principal Textbook:

McLennan, Gregor, Ryan, Allanah, Spoonley Paul. (2004). Exploring Society Sociology for New Zealand students. (3rd Edition) Longman Auckland.

Disclaimer:

The information contained in this paper outline is correct as of 15/9/2009. Any changes will be notified to students at the beginning of the year.