



Course Outline (Higher Education)

School:	School of Arts
Course Title:	SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANCE
Course ID:	SOCIO3734
Credit Points:	15.00
Prerequisite(s):	(BAXDC1003 or SOCIO1001 or SOSCI1002) (At least 30 credit points from BASOC or SOCIO or SOSCI subject-area at 2000-2999 level)
Co-requisite(s):	Nil
Exclusion(s):	(ATSGC2734 and ATSGC3734 and SOCIO2734)
ASCED:	090301

Description of the Course:

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Grade Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, P, MF, F, XF)

Work Experience:

No work experience: Student is not undertaking work experience in industry.

Placement Component: No

Supplementary Assessment: Yes

Where supplementary assessment is available a student must have failed overall in the course but gained a final mark of 45 per cent or above and submitted all major assessment tasks.

Program Level:

Level of course in Program	AQF Level of Program					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Introductory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Level of course in Program	AQF Level of Program					
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	✓	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Explore the sub-discipline of the sociology of deviance and its role in contemporary sociology
- K2.** Examine and analyse core theoretical and methodological knowledge in the sociology of deviance from the classics to more contemporary works
- K3.** Identify and critically examine issues related to the sociology of deviance and critique them using theories and methods from the course.

Skills:

- S1.** Apply sociological reasoning to social issues and problems related to deviance in everyday life
- S2.** Conduct research using databases, the library and other resources
- S3.** Construct written pieces with well-developed arguments based on prior and current research
- S4.** Critically reflect on theory, methods and assumptions in prior sociological and other social science research in deviance.

Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply sociological imagination to everyday and more complex acts of deviance and crime
- A2.** Apply theoretical knowledge to understand social issues today
- A3.** Apply critical reasoning skills on readings and other material from the course.

Course Content:

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Values:

- V1.** Professional autonomy and accountability in the field of social science;
- V2.** Importance of building a sociological understanding of the Australian society;
- V3.** Understanding social issues and critically negotiating present public policies;
- V4.** Developing a sociological imagination in writing and understanding need for argument;
- V5.** Critical evaluation of contemporary and historical sociological theories and methods.

Graduate Attributes

The Federation University FedUni graduate attributes (GA) are entrenched in the [Higher Education Graduate Attributes Policy](#) (LT1228). FedUni graduates develop these graduate attributes through their engagement in explicit learning and teaching and assessment tasks that are embedded in all FedUni programs. Graduate attribute attainment typically follows an incremental development process mapped through program

progression. **One or more graduate attributes must be evident in the specified learning outcomes and assessment for each FedUni course, and all attributes must be directly assessed in each program**

Graduate attribute and descriptor		Development and acquisition of GAs in the course	
		Learning Outcomes (KSA)	Assessment task (AT#)
GA 1 Thinkers	Our graduates are curious, reflective and critical. Able to analyse the world in a way that generates valued insights, they are change makers seeking and creating new solutions.	K1, K2, K3, S1, S4, A3	AT1
GA 2 Innovators	Our graduates have ideas and are able to realise their dreams. They think and act creatively to achieve and inspire positive change.	A1	AT2
GA 3 Citizens	Our graduates engage in socially and culturally appropriate ways to advance individual, community and global well-being. They are socially and environmentally aware, acting ethically, equitably and compassionately.	S1, A2	AT1, AT2
GA 4 Communicators	Our graduates create, exchange, impart and convey information, ideas, and concepts effectively. They are respectful, inclusive and empathetic towards their audience, and express thoughts, feelings and information in ways that help others to understand.	S2, S3	AT1, AT2
GA 5 Leaders	Our graduates display and promote positive behaviours, and aspire to make a difference. They act with integrity, are receptive to alternatives and foster sustainable and resilient practices.	A2	N/A

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Learning Tasks	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, S1, S2, A1	Research and writing skills, construction of an informed and substantiated argument, using relevant evidence at an advanced level.	Essay Format	40-60%
K1, K3, S2, S3, A2, A3	Students develop skills in independent research and analysis of key resources and the construction of an informed and substantiated argument at an advanced level.	Essay Format	40-60%

Adopted Reference Style:

Other (Harvard)

Refer to the [library website](#) for more information

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