

Course Outline

School / Portfolio: Faculty of Education and Arts

Course Title: THEORY AND PRACTICE IN SOCIOLOGY

Course ID: ATSGC4677

Credit Points: 30.00

Prerequisite(s): (A Bachelor of Arts program with a sequence in the relevant discipline with Distinction average)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): Nil

ASCED Code: 090301

Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Identify and explain the major theoretical approaches to sociological research;
- K2.** Identify and explain specific methodological approaches to sociological research;
- K3.** Appraise diverse views of sociological studies;
- K4.** Recognise opportunities for research concerning sociological debates;
- K5.** Appraise ethical considerations in sociological research.

Skills:

- S1.** Formulate a viable research question;
- S2.** Locate and analyse primary and secondary sources for independent research;
- S3.** Express substantiated and reasoned advanced level arguments concerning sociological research approaches;
- S4.** Develop a structured project for independent research;
- S5.** Critically analyse, utilise and integrate primary and secondary sources in research at advanced level.
- S6.** Utilise conventions in academic writing by providing correct citation, footnoting and bibliographic details.

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Application of knowledge and skills:

- A1.** Apply advanced level critical thinking skills to key debates, concepts, and approaches to research in sociology;
- A2.** Utilise and integrate advanced level scholarly knowledge of an array of sociological research methods;
- A3.** Evaluate the importance of methodological considerations for academic research in sociology;
- A4.** Present a sustained argument with a logical introduction and conclusion based largely on documentary sources.

Course Content:

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

- V1.** Develop advanced understanding of the ways in which sociological research contribute to knowledge and influence societies;
- V2.** Appreciate diverse academic approaches to sociology;
- V3.** Develop advanced understanding of the role of the researcher as a positive social agent.

Graduate Attributes:

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Continuous Learning	Students develop their abilities to identify and understand the roles of relevant sociological processes, structures, values and actors	High
Self Reliance	Students develop skills in independent research and analysis in sociology	Medium
Engaged Citizenship	Students engage with sociological ideas, concepts, debates and perspectives as influences upon relationships within society	High
Social Responsibility	Students develop their understanding of social order and societal change	Medium

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Task	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, S5, S6, A1, A4	Present a comprehensive summary and critical evaluation of the key themes of the first three chapters of each of the following texts	Summary and critical evaluation	20 - 30%
K5, K6, S1, S2, S4, A2, A3	Critical assessment of sample draft research proposals and development of detailed proposal for a potential research project	Critical evaluation of sample proposals and development of detailed research proposal	30 - 40%
K1, K3 or K4, S3, S5, S6, A1, A2, A4	Critical evaluation of relevant theoretical literature	Essay	30-40%

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Adopted Reference Style:

APA