

SOC105 Introduction to Sociology

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY REGULAR SEMESTER

Synopsis:

As social beings, we are part of a larger society governed by institutions, structures, norms, and rules. This reflects in our day-to-day lives; how we present ourselves, make decisions, or interact with others. In SOC105 Introduction to Sociology, we will explore the different dimensions of society and our place in it, in a systematic manner. Using relevant concepts, theories and scientific methods, you will learn about the “Sociological Imagination”, and different approaches to develop the sociological way of seeing. We encourage you to read, observe, participate in class discussions and engage in group activities to reflect on various topics we cover in the course. Our goal is to make you more aware as individuals and better equipped to question accepted/common sense assumptions about the world around you.

Topics:

- The Sociological Imagination
- Three major schools of thought – Functionalist, Conflict, and Symbolic Interactionism
- Classical theorists – Marx, Weber, Durkheim
- Social research methods
- Culture
- Family and community
- Stratification and Social Inequality
- Social Organisations
- Race and Ethnicity
- Social networks
- Globalisation
- Social Change

Textbooks:

SOC105 Study Guide (UDC - SUSS) SUSS
ISBN-13: SG-1964

Sociology: The Essentials 10th Margaret L. Andersen, Howard F. Taylor. Cengage
ISBN-13: 9789814915953

Sociology 9th Anthony Giddens Polity
ISBN-13: 9781509539239

Learning Outcome:

- Explain major concepts and theoretical perspectives in Sociology
- Develop a “sociological” lens with which to see the world
- Discuss different research strategies and methods used by sociologists
- Apply sociological perspectives to understand personal experiences and the social environment
- Deconstruct social and cultural stereotypes and taken-for-granted social norms and conventions
- Demonstrate a sociological argument effectively in written or oral forms

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	25
	GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	PARTICIPATION 1	10
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	5
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	40
Total		100

*The information listed is subject to review and change.