

SOC313 Sociology of Education

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JAN

Synopsis:

SOC313 Sociology of Education will examine the relationships between education and society by reviewing a variety of theoretical perspectives and empirical studies. Topics include selected aspects of school organisation (tracking/streaming, class size, special education), social and cultural reproduction, the effect of social class on schooling outcomes, knowledge production, teaching as a profession, higher education, and globalisation and education.

Topics:

- The growth of schooling in a global perspective
- Sociological theories on education
- Race, gender, class, and educational opportunity
- The influence of peer groups and parents in shaping education aspirations and success in Singapore
- Social and cultural reproduction in schools
- Differentiated curriculum and learning outcomes in Singapore
- Higher education and the labour market
- Elite education and the state apparatus
- Curricula, textbooks, and knowledge production
- Shifts in education strategy and globalisation
- Education change and reform
- The future of education

Textbooks:

SOC313 Study Guide

ISBN-13: SG-2142

SOC313 Readings

ISBN-13: RD-0118

Learning Outcome:

- Discuss the major sociological approaches to education
- Analyse the relationship of education to other social institutions such as the family, government, religion, and the economy
- Examine how students' background characteristics shape their educational opportunities and outcomes
- Apply course material to the analysis of educational policies, practices, and reform
- Evaluate evidence bearing on the relation between facts and theoretical perspectives on education
- Demonstrate communication skills in written and spoken expression

Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):

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

*The information listed is subject to review and change.