

SOC331 Ageing and Society

Level: 3

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY JULY

Synopsis:

Population ageing will be one of the primary social forces shaping our world in this century. SOC331 Ageing and Society aims to help students to gain a comprehensive understanding of ageing by adopting a sociological lens and integrating research from the fields of sociology, demography, economics, medical science, psychology, and public health. We will start with a careful examination of the demographic foundations of population aging, review the major perspectives, frameworks, and theories of ageing, then visit various aspects of ageing such as health, work, retirement, volunteering, family and social lives, and care.

Topics:

- Introduction
- Global ageing
- Sociological perspectives and theories of ageing
- The life course perspective
- Gender, class, ethnicity and ageing
- Family relationships
- Work, retirement, and volunteering
- Health and its social determinants
- Caregiving in later life
- Age-friendly societies
- Hospice and end-of-life care
- Elderly care and global care drain

Textbooks:

: Hooyman, N. R., Kawamoto, K. Y., and Kiyak, H. A. (2021). Social Gerontology: A Multidisciplinary Perspective (10th Edition) 10th ed. Pearson
ISBN-13: 9780137528868

Learning Outcome:

- Discuss the major concepts, frameworks, models, and theories of the sociology of ageing
- Examine sources of diversity in the ageing experience
- Analyse the impact of social forces on older people
- Apply course content to personal and vocational experiences as well as issues related to ageing and society
- Evaluate arguments and explanations on ageing
- Demonstrate skills in sociological thinking and written and spoken expression

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	25
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	25
	PARTICIPATION 1	10
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	40
Total		100