

SS2029: BASIC SOCIOLOGY

Effective Term

Semester A 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Basic Sociology

Subject Code

SS - Social and Behavioural Sciences

Course Number

2029

Academic Unit

Social and Behavioural Sciences (SS)

College/School

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CH)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course aims to enable students to develop skills and concepts to perform sociological analyses of the structured human associations encountered in everyday life; and it also enables students to develop a scientific approach to the understanding of human relationships resulting from subjective meaningful interactions in society.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Identify sociological principles, concepts and research findings;	40	x	x	
2	Apply sociological analysis to human relationships and interactions of real life; and	40	x	x	x
3	Enhance students' sense of being a sociological practitioner in society.	20	x	x	

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Lectures	Students will engage in formal lectures to gain knowledge about sociological principles and concepts supported with daily examples.	1, 2, 3
2	Film screening; use of digital video	Students will participate in film screenings and engage with selected video clips to gain deeper knowledge of topical issues (such as Labor Process, Presentation of Self, and Development of the Internet, to name a few) and stimulate critical reflection.	1, 2, 3

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- " for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Individual Term Paper	1, 2, 3	40	Allow students to use AI to search related journal articles.	Yes
2	Mid-term In-class Quiz	1, 2	20	-	No
3	In-class Quiz	1, 2	40	-	No

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Examination (%)

0

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

1. Mid-term In-class Quiz

Criterion

Scores of MCQ obtained

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

75 marks or above

Good (B+, B, B-)

60 to 74 marks

Fair (C+, C, C-)

45 to 59 marks

Marginal (D)

40 to 44 marks

Failure (F)

Below 40 marks

Assessment Task

2. In-class Quiz

Criterion

Scores of MCQ obtained

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

75 marks or above

Good (B+, B, B-)

60 to 74 marks

Fair (C+, C, C-)

45 to 59 marks

Marginal (D)

40 to 44 marks

Failure (F)

Below 40 marks

Assessment Task

3. Individual Term paper

Criterion

1. Organisation: Refers to format and presentation: logical structure, good use of headings where appropriate# effective presentation.
2. Originality: Refers to original thinking, creativity, innovative analysis
3. Analysis: Refers to the quality, clarity, and depth of the analytical work involved in addressing questions and issues
4. Research effort: Includes resourcefulness, effort, and diligence in the search for and presentation of suitable information
5. English writing: Grammar, spelling, sentence construction, etc.
6. Referencing: Refers to the use of an accurate referencing system, appropriate citations in the essay, and avoidance of plagiarism.

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

An excellent paper# very good mastery of the ideas or concepts, with excellent or innovative analysis. A is on the edge of this category, but still very good

Good (B+, B, B-)

A solid paper with reasonably good analysis and use of information.

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Documentation, analysis, writing, use of concepts, referencing, and effort are mostly adequate for a passing grade, but with enough flaws and shortcomings that it cannot be judged to be “good” or “very good” .

Marginal (D)

Barely a pass. Many serious flaws and shortcomings, but adequate effort and some research

Failure (F)

Does not demonstrate the minimum research effort and documentation# or substantial plagiarism

Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

Sociology and the study of society; Methods of social research; Cultural systems; Personality and socialization; Deviance and social control; Social institutions; Social class and social inequality; Collective behavior and social movements; Social and cultural change and globalization.

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	Macionis, J. J. (2015) Sociology, 17th Ed. Global Ed.
2	Giddens, A. & Sutton, P. W. (2021). Sociology, 9th Ed. UK: Cambridge.

Additional Readings

	Title
1	Berger, P. L. (1981). Invitation to sociology: A humanistic perspective. Harmondsworth: Penguin.
2	Bilton, T. et al. (2002). Introductory sociology (4th ed.) New York: Palgrave.
3	Chambliss, W. & Eglitis, D. S. (2017) Discovering Sociology, 3rd Ed California: Sage.cmillan.
4	Giddens, A. et al. (2020). Introduction to Sociology, 12th Ed. New York: W.W. North & Company.. (Chinese edition comes with eBook version)
5	Haralambos, M., and Holbron,. (2008). Sociology: Themes and Perspectives, 7th Ed. London: Collins.
6	Henslin, J. M. (2019) Sociology: a Down-to-earth Approach, 14 Ed. Boston: Pearson.
7	Mills, C. W. (1970) The Sociological Imagination. London: Oxford University Press.
8	American Journal of Sociology (HML.A43e)
9	American Sociological Review (HML.A75e)
10	Annual Review of Sociology (HM1.A56e)
11	British Journal of Sociology (HML.B74e)
12	South East Asian Journal of Sociology (HM661.S59e)
13	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociology
14	http://twstreetcorner.org/
15	http://www.isa-sociology.org/
16	http://www.macionis.com
17	http://www.sociosite.net/