

H6ISO: Introduction to Sociology

Module Code:	H6ISO
Long Title	Introduction to Sociology APPROVED
Title	Introduction to Sociology
Module Level:	LEVEL 6
EQF Level:	5
EHEA Level:	Short Cycle
Credits:	5
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Departments:	NCI Learning & Teaching
Specifications of the qualifications and experience required of staff	
Learning Outcomes	
<i>On successful completion of this module the learner will be able to:</i>	
#	Learning Outcome Description
LO1	Demonstrate knowledge of the major theories and issues relating to sociology.
LO2	Demonstrate an understanding of sociology as a discipline, its origins and development.
LO3	Compare and contrast how different groups are treated around such themes as race, gender and social structure.
LO4	Identify how social issues inform public policy on such issues as crime, health and education.
LO5	Discuss the relevance of sociological concepts and theories in relation to the distribution of wealth and resources.
Dependencies	
Module Recommendations	
No recommendations listed	
Co-requisite Modules	
No Co-requisite modules listed	
Entry requirements	

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Module Content & Assessment			
Indicative Content			
Key theorists and theoretical approaches in Sociology Various theoretical approaches to sociology such as Durkheim, Weber Marx			
Development and origins of sociology as a discipline - The language of sociology - Social interaction - Social relations, groups and institutions of society			
Social stratification and inequality Exploration of themes such as ethnicity, gender and social structure and how membership of these groups may affect life chances			
Development of public policy from a sociological perspective Exploration of the way in which public policy is developed around such issues as education, crime and health.			
Sociological debates in contemporary society Investigation of the latest changes in society (such as the collapse of the Irish economy) using a sociological lens			
Assessment Breakdown			%
Coursework			50.00%
End of Module Assessment			50.00%
Assessments			
Full Time			
Coursework			
Assessment Type:	Essay	% of total:	50
Assessment Date:	n/a	Outcome addressed:	1,2,3,4,5
Non-Marked:	No		
Assessment Description: The learner will be asked to present an essay based on an issue using the tools of sociological investigation. The topic can be selected in collaboration with the lecturer. It will be an individual assignment in which the learner will demonstrate an ability to research with a sociological perspective. The essay should present the findings of the research alongside the relevant theoretical approaches.			
End of Module Assessment			
Assessment Type:	Terminal Exam	% of total:	50
Assessment Date:	End-of-Semester	Outcome addressed:	1,2,3,4,5
Non-Marked:	No		
Assessment Description: n/a			
No Workplace Assessment			
Reassessment Requirement			
Repeat failed items <i>The student must repeat any item failed</i>			

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Module Workload				
Module Target Workload Hours 0 Hours				
Workload: Full Time				
Workload Type	Workload Description	Hours	Frequency	Average Weekly Learner Workload
Lecture	per week	2	Once per semester	0.17
Independent Learning	No Description	8.5	Once per semester	0.71
Total Weekly Contact Hours				0.17
Workload: Part Time				
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Independent Learning	No Description	8.5	Once per semester	0.71
Lecture	per week	2	Once per semester	0.17
Total Weekly Contact Hours				0.17

Module Resources	
<i>Recommended Book Resources</i>	
Cohen, R. and Kennedy, P.. (2013), Global Sociology, 3rd ed.. Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke. Craib, I.. (1997), Classical Social Theory, Oxford University Press, Oxford. Giddens, A. and Sutton, P.W.. (2012), Sociology, 7th ed.. Polity, UK. Ritzer, G.. (2011), Sociological Theory, 6th ed.. McGraw Hill, New York. Share, P., Corcoran, M. and Conway, B.. (2012), Sociology of Ireland, Gill and Macmillan, Dublin.	
<i>Supplementary Book Resources</i>	
Chambliss, D.F. and Schutt, R.K.. (2013), Making Sense of the Social World: methods of investigation, 4th ed. Sage, London.	
<i>This module does not have any article/paper resources</i>	
<i>Other Resources</i>	
[Journal], Irish Journal of Sociology.	
Discussion Note:	