

**SOCU 1003**  
**Course Code: 06865**  
**L 1 (13) – T 2 (13); S/1**

**SOCIOLOGY 1**

**ACI/M**  
**4.5 units**

**Prerequisite(s)**

Nil

**Aim**

To introduce students to a sociologically critical understanding of society.

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts of sociological thought
- demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between society and the individual
- demonstrate an understanding of the structural bases of inequality and social difference
- critically analyse Australia's social institutions.

By undertaking this course, students will progress in the development of the following qualities:

Graduate quality	Body of knowledge	Lifelong learning	Effective problem solving	Work alone and in teams	Ethical action	Communicate effectively	International perspective
Indicative unit weighting	1.75	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.25	0.25	0.75

**Syllabus**

The concepts of culture; socialisation; social class and stratification; deviance and conformity; the social construction of gender, race and ethnicity; age; social institutions such as the family, religion, work, media, politics and education; an introduction to major theoretical approaches.

**Teaching and learning arrangements**

This course will be delivered using the following means:

- Lectures, (13 x 1 hr) to give an outline of work to be covered
- Tutorials, (13 x 2 hr) to give an opportunity for reflection on lecture material and assigned reading, as well as the opportunity for group work and problem-solving
- Or online, using hypertext documents as weekly readings, the lecture content in weekly modules linked to hypertext documents, discussion line and listservs.

**Assessment**

1 x 2500 word research essay	50%
1 x tutorial assignment	30%
1 x tutorial presentation and participation	20%
Or online: as above except that in lieu of the Tutorial presentation and participation: weekly one-page assignments submitted electronically (best 4 of 10)	20%

**Textbooks**

Earle, L. & Fopp R. 1999, *Introduction to Australian Society*, (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), Harcourt Brace, Sydney.

or

Sargent, M. Nilan, P. & Winter, G. 1997, *The New Sociology for Australians*, (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Longman, South Melbourne.

or

Waters, M. & Crook, R.Z. 1993, *Sociology One*, (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), Longman Cheshire, Melbourne.

**References**

Bessant, J. & Watts, R. 1998, *Sociology Australia*, Allen and Unwin, St. Leonards, New South Wales.

Najman, J. & Western, J. 2000, *A Sociology of Australian Society*, (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), Macmillan, South Yarra, Victoria.

Newman, D. 2000, *Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life*, (3<sup>rd</sup> edition), Pine Forge Press, California.

Van Kriekan, P., Smith, P., Habibis, D., McDonald, L., Haralambos, M. & Holborn, R. 2000, *Sociology: Themes and Perspective*, (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) Pearson, Frenchs Forest, New South Wales.

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