



PARTNERS ACADEMIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

Syllabus for Sociology

Subject Area

This syllabus is for PARTNERS applicants seeking to progress to the degrees of:

- L300 BA Hons Sociology
 - LL32 BA Hons Politics and Sociology
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Aims

To allow students to demonstrate their potential to succeed in specified degree programmes by showing a grasp of entry-level subject-specific knowledge, understanding, cognitive and subject-specific skills.

Learning Outcomes

A good knowledge and understanding of ...

- theories and methods in the social sciences; thinking more critically about issues developed in lecture and seminar discussions
- practical skills, including searching for information in the university library and on the internet
- computing and word processing skills in completing assignments
- communication skills through participating in seminar discussions and presenting ideas in writing and orally

The ability to apply this knowledge and critical understanding to...

- set reading and independent research on topics of sociological interest. Topics include issues of current interest (e.g. identity, social divisions, food poverty, etc.) so that students will learn how to think and argue sociologically about contemporary issues that affect society

Competence in...

- researching a topic, using sources such as the Phillip Robinson Library, academic databases and the Internet
- identifying relevant literature, e.g. academic books and journals as opposed to popular media

- appropriate academic writing and referencing style
- computing skills
- communication skills, both written and oral, through participation in seminar discussions, oral presentations, and written assignments.

Summer School Syllabus

In order to achieve the stated aims and objectives, a combination of teaching methods will be used:

The programme consists of six academic topical sessions consisting of a lecture followed by a discussion/practice seminar. Four of these sessions will be on-campus sessions and two will be online. Online sessions will be delivered live via Zoom.

Students will also have a subject-specific introduction lecture at the start of the week, as well as Academic Open Office hours and time allocated for Independent study (personal reading time).

Online 'academic open office hours' will centre on Canvas Discussion Boards that will allow students to clarify ideas.

A live Zoom 'Assessment Hints and Tips' session to help with assignment preparation and provide broader tips for academic learning and writing in sociology.

The time slots for the academic sessions is the following:

Monday (on campus):

09:00-10:00 -- "Welcome to Sociology" lecture

10:00-12:00 -- Topic 1 Lecture and Seminar

13:00-14:00 -- Personal reading time (independent study)

14:00-16:00 -- Topic 2 Lecture and Seminar

16:00-17:00 -- Academic Open Office

Tuesday (on campus):

09:00-10:00 -- Personal reading time (independent study)

10:00-12:00 -- Topic 3 Lecture and Seminar

13:00-14:00 -- Personal reading time (independent study)

14:00-16:00 -- Topic 4 Lecture and Seminar

Wednesday (online):

13:00-14:00 -- Personal reading time (independent study)

14:00-16:00 -- Topic 5 Lecture and Seminar

16:00-17:00 -- Academic Open Office

Thursday (online):

09.00-12:00 -- Topic 6 Lecture, Academic Open Office/Canvas Discussion Board, Seminar

Friday (online):

09.00-10:00 -- "Assignment Hints and Tips" lecture

10:00-11:00 -- Academic Open Office/Canvas Discussion Board

11:00-12:00 -- Assessment Preparation (independent study)

Activities for Personal Study

At the start of the week, students will be provided with required readings and set questions to help them prepare for the seminar sessions, discussion boards and formative assessment.

On-Campus Teaching:

Sunday 30th June (PM), Monday 1st July & Tuesday 2nd July

Online Teaching:

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th (AM only) July

Formative Assessment Details

Essay based on a choice of essay titles relating to lecture topics

Hand-in Method

Digital

Assessment deadline

2pm Friday 5th July