

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HS1001 Person and Society

Pre-requisites : NIL

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

This is an introductory Sociology course – and as with any beginning course in a field of study, the purpose is to introduce students to the basic concepts and tools of analysis. We will review various theories and perspectives, and cover a wide range of subject matter. The strategy of this course will be to convey key concepts by using them to illuminate the experiences of different groups. Documentary films are important as a form of empirical evidence to help students understand important concepts.

For the first half of the semester, we will focus on the grand history and traditions in Sociology. For the second half of the semester, we will examine contemporary issues such as growing social inequalities. Lectures are intended to clarify central issues and enhance deeper understanding, and will not necessarily cover the same substantive problems of the readings. Indeed, repetition and rote learning are to be avoided as much as possible for university students.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Explain the concepts, theories, and methods of Sociology
2. Assess how social facts and social inequalities are produced through social, economic, political and cultural forces on macro, meso and micro levels
3. Synthesize different types of sources of information to examine and debate social issues

Course Content

Why Sociology? The Sociological Imagination

Is Sociology “Scientific”?

What is “Culture”? Culture and Religion

How Do People Make a Living? Economy and Society

What are the Major Forces Shaping Our Lives Today?

What Does It Mean to Be Human?

Why are People Unequal? Social Class and Gender

Why Can't They Be Like Us? Race and Ethnicity

Why is There Crime in Society? Social Control and Deviance

Course Assessment

CA1	Class participation	: 10%
CA2	Tutorial presentation	: 10%
CA3	Research report one	: 20%
CA4	Research report two	: 20%
	Final Examination	: 40%

Total		100%