

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title	: HS4035 Sociology of Ageing
Pre-requisites	: HS1001 Person and Society HS2001 Classical Social Theory HS2002 Doing Social Research HS3001 Contemporary Social Theory HS3002 Understanding Social Statistics
No. of AUs.	: 4
Contact Hours	: 52

Course Aims

This course considers ageing in a broad sociological context with comparative perspectives. The course addresses the ways in which ageing is socially defined and experienced. It also applies a critical perspective to the ways in which ageing is framed by family, groups, and society. The course covers how ageing issues are constructed differently over time and in different cultures. In this course, you will gain a thorough understanding of ageing and the various factors that affect ageing experience in our society. You will also have opportunities to apply the knowledge to address ageing-related issues and problems that facing us.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of this course, you (as a student) would be able to:

1. Discuss how ageing is socially defined and experienced
2. Describe how ageing issues are framed in the larger social context
3. Identify interdisciplinary approaches to the ageing experience
4. Synthesize different types of sources of information to examine ageing issues through the paper, readings and activities, and discussions
5. Demonstrate critical thinking and inquiry skills through course assignments and discussions.

Course Content

1. Overview of ageing in global perspectives
 - Our ageing world
 - The study of global ageing
 - The welfare state and global ageing
 - Demographic perspectives on ageing
2. Issues of ageing and health
 - Disability and active life expectancy

- Health and health care systems
- Long-term services and supports

3. Work and retirement

- Defining work and retirement
- Work in late life
- Retirement in developing nations

4. Families, caregiving, and community support systems

- Ageing families
- Who provides care for older adults?
- Community care and support

Course Assessment

CA1	Class participation	: 15%
CA2	Group project (Article report)	: 30%
CA3	Reflection notes	: 15%
	Final Examination	: 40%

Total		100%