



# Sociology, Social Policy and Criminology

## Year 2

### **SOCI 205: Social Exclusion** 15 Credits | Semester 1

This module is concerned with studying the origins and development of the concept of Social Exclusion. Students will explore and evaluate its theory and practice and will consider a number of case studies around class, 'race' and ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation and gender. You will evaluate policy responses and social action to counter social exclusion; discuss the relationship between exclusion and other forms of social stratification and consider a number of theoretical perspectives that utilise inclusion/exclusion concepts.

Assessment Type: 100% Coursework

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### **SOCI 207: Comparing Welfare States** 15 Credits | Semester 2

Based on Esping-Andersen's classic analysis of the 'three worlds of welfare capitalism', this module provides a framework for comparing welfare states, i.e. 'the mixed economy of welfare' in different 'welfare regimes': including the 'liberal' regime in America, the 'conservative' regime in Germany and the 'social democratic' regime in Sweden. It examines the ways in which these different regimes emerged historically, how they organise and deliver welfare, the social, political and economic priorities they embody, the outcomes they have for different social groups and their prospects for the future.

Assessment Type: 100% Coursework

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### **SOCI 213: Understanding Digital Culture and Society** 30 Credits | Semester 1

Digital technologies now permeate our day to day lives, so much so that we have increasingly come to take them for granted. The increasing digitization of our lives should not be over looked however. This module involves critical exploration of the place and role of digital technology in society, engaging theoretically and empirically with important questions regarding the implications of digitisation in social, political, economic and cultural life. As well as engaging with key ideas and debates, students are encouraged to reflect critically on their own digital lives and practice.

Assessment Type: 100% Coursework

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### **SOCI 218: Sexualities in Society** 15 Credits | Semester 2

This module is designed to enable students to explore sociological theories and consider research findings relating to the study of sexualities in society. Through lectures and seminars students will consider how the ideas, beliefs and practices of sexualities intersect with other factors, such as gender, ethnicity, disability, class, religion, and age, and will focus on particular contemporary debates in order to do this.

Assessment Type: 100% Coursework

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**SOCI 223: The Black Presence –Migration and Settlement in Britain 1800-1979**  
15 Credits | Semester 2

This module introduces students to the recent history (circa last 250 years) of black migration and settlement to the UK. It will look at the importance of historical change on contemporary understandings of 'race' and ethnic diversity. Through examining the slave trade, colonialism and post-war migration, students will gain a sense of the resilience of such communities to different forms of racism and discrimination. In addition, the module assesses the neglected contribution that black communities have made to British society.

**Assessment Type:** 100% Coursework

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**SOCI 236: Urban Sociology**  
15 Credits | Semester 1

The majority of the world's population can now be said to be urban and the most acute social challenges of the age to centre on cities. This module provides a comprehensive introduction to classical and contemporary social scientific studies of urban contexts. Tracing the development of theories of urban life - and the empirical studies that have accompanied them - this module is concerned with the variety of ways in which social scientists have sought to understand the complex and contested social spaces of cities.

**Assessment Type:** 100% Coursework

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**SOCI 241: Policing in a Divided Society**  
15 Credits | Semester 1

*Pre-requisites: SOCI107 & SOCI108*

This module provides an introduction to the sociology of policing and the police. Using a range of approaches to teaching, learning and assessment this module will equip you with knowledge and skills which will enable you to consider key issues in contemporary policing from an informed and critical perspective. Upon completing the module you should have a solid understanding of key concepts used to understand policing and the police from a sociological perspective, and you should be able to apply these concepts to a range of policing topics.

**Assessment Type:** 100% Coursework

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**SOCI 248: Qualitative Social Research Methods**  
15 Credits | Semester 2

This module is designed to provide students with an introduction to the theory and practice of social research using qualitative methods. The module covers qualitative research principles and design, ethics and reflexivity, data generation, data analysis, and presentation of findings. The module encourages students to develop both a critical understanding of and practical competencies in qualitative social research.

**Assessment Type:** (90%, 10%) Coursework

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**SOCI 252: Deviance, Youth and Culture**  
15 Credits | Semester 2

This module introduces students to the core sociological understandings of deviance in both a domestic and international context. The module is designed to provide a critical insight into the concept of deviance, connecting significant past and present issues in the construction of deviants with sociological analyses and broader social, legal and cultural changes.

**Assessment Type:** 100% coursework

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**SOCI 254: Punishment, Penalty and Prisons: Critical Debates**     *Pre-requisites: SOCI107 & SOCI108*  
15 Credits | Semester 2

The module is underpinned by three core aims. First, to provide a broad overview of the historical, theoretical and comparative foundations of punishment and imprisonment nationally and internationally. Second, to examine the experiences and outcomes of imprisonment for identifiable groups of prisoners including: children and young people; women; black and minoritised people; older people. Third, to introduce a range of key debates and controversies surrounding the questions of punishment, penalty and prisons in 'modern' societies and to subject them to social scientific interrogation.

**Assessment Type:** 100% coursework

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**SOCI 256: Culture, Power and Social Change**  
15 Credits | Semester 1

This module introduces you to social harm, transgression and the carnivalesque. We then explore these as integral to social relations found in subculture/counterculture, pornography, popular protest and media images of women. In this way the module explores the society we live in beyond the boundaries established by crime and law.

**Assessment Type:** 100% Coursework

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**SOCI 294: Age Studies**  
15 Credits | Semester 2

This module looks at all aspects of the life course - from childhood to old age - in late modernity. Taking gender studies as a paradigm its key aim is to explore the ways in which age stratification operates along with class, gender and other characteristics, to order, classify and divide populations in ways consistent with the maintenance of existing power hierarchies.

**Assessment Type:** 100% Coursework

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## SOCI 296: Understanding Violence

15 Credits | Semester 2

This module will provide students with a critical introduction to sociological perspectives on violence. Different conceptual appreciations of violence will be presented and students will be expected to interrogate what is considered 'violent', the contexts in which violence occurs, who is assumed to engage in violence and who becomes a victim of it. Students will also be encouraged to critically consider where violence is said to occur the most, where it is obscured from view and how violence impacts upon society.

**Assessment Type:** 100% Group Presentation

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