



Module Title: Introduction to Sociology 2

Module Code: SOU11012/4

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- **ECTS Weighting:** 5
- **Semester/Term Taught:** Hilary Term
- **Contact Hours:** 22
- **Module Personnel:** Professor Daniel Faas

Module Learning Aims and Outcomes:

Module Content:

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behaviour. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies, and how people interact within these contexts. The module provides a sociological understanding of the key social, demographic and economic transformations that have occurred in Ireland, Europe and globally in recent decades. It adopts a comparative approach to examine the increasing migration-related diversity of societies; the transition from agriculture to knowledge-based and digitalised societies; the changing role of families; religion in society and secularisation trends; the emergence and development of ethno-racial, political and sexual identities; as well as knowledge traditions, neoliberalisation and inequalities in education. Key concepts and theories used in international research on these sociological topics will also be introduced. Finally, the module will provide training how to write a successful social science essay and introduce students to the main quantitative and qualitative research methods.

Recommended Reading List:

The main textbook for this module is: Macionis, J. and Plummer, K., 2012. Sociology: A Global Introduction, Harlow: Pearson Education/Prentice Hall Europe.

Each week, you are asked to read and prepare one or more chapters from our main textbook, as specified in the reading list. In addition, the Teaching Assistants will assign you readings in advance of the weekly tutorials. They will be placed on Blackboard Learn in the relevant folder 'Introduction to Sociology'.

Module Pre-Requisite:

Module Co-Requisite:

Assessment Details:



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- 80% Essay due at the end of term (1,500-words)
- 20% Thematic Bibliography

Failure to attend at least half of the tutorials will automatically result in a 10% deduction (one full grade) from the overall module grade.

Module Website: