

SOU11022 — Making Sense of the Social World II

Module Information	
Module Code	SOU11022
Module Title	Making Sense of the Social World II
Department	Sociology
Year Group	Junior Fresh
Module Personnel	Dr David Kretschmer
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 2
Contact Hours	2 lectures + 1 tutorial per week

Module Content	
Module Description	This module provides an introduction to major domains of sociological research. Topics include social inequality, migration, families, and other key areas of sociological inquiry. Across these domains the module also examines major patterns of social change in contemporary societies. For each domain, the module introduces key theoretical approaches used in sociological study and assesses central empirical findings from quantitative and qualitative research. Through these topics, the module explores how sociologists explain social phenomena and patterns of social change.
Module Learning Aims	
Learning Outcomes	• Describe and explain major domains of sociological research • Discuss and evaluate sociological theories used to explain phenomena within these domains • Describe and explain major patterns of social change in contemporary societies • Evaluate sociological theories using evidence from quantitative and qualitative research • Apply sociological theories to real-world social phenomena

Module Content

Indicative Reading / Resources

- Van Tubergen, F. (2020). Introduction to Sociology. Routledge, London.
- Coleman, J. S. (1990). Foundations of Social Theory. Belknap, Cambridge, MA.

Assessment

Assessment Components

- In-class exam (80%)
- Presentation in tutorial (20%)

Assessment Details

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

Additional Information

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None

Any other information