

## SOU33143— Comparative Sociology 1

| Module Information |                                   |
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| Module Code        | SOU33143                          |
| Module Title       | Comparative Sociology 1           |
| Department         | Sociology                         |
| Year Group         | Junior Sophister                  |
| Module Personnel   | Camilla Devitt                    |
| Academic Year      | 2026–27                           |
| Credit Weighting   | 5 credits                         |
| Semester           | Semester 1                        |
| Contact Hours      | 1 lecture and 1 tutorial per week |

| Module Content       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Module Description   | <p>The module examines how values, social relations and institutions have changed in European societies. Are there similar trends in all or at least most European societies? Have European societies converged, i.e. become more similar over time, or are there persisting divergences and cleavages? The module aims to identify the forces that drive changes in values, social relations and institutions in European societies and the structures that shape particular regional and country-specific responses. It deals with a variety of topics such as religion, gender relations and friendship patterns. While the module does compare a few countries at one point in time, it tends to look at many European countries (and occasionally countries beyond Europe) for longer periods to identify common patterns and the main differences between them.</p> |
| Module Learning Aims |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Learning Outcomes    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- outline the main sociological theories of value change, social cohesion and institutions relevant to contemporary Europe;</li> <li>• describe and explain the development trajectories and main differences in values, social cohesion and institutions between European societies;</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Module Content

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|                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>critically discuss and empirically evaluate theories of societal modernisation in Europe and of convergence and divergence of European societies</li> </ul> |
| <b>Indicative Reading / Resources</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Assessment

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| <b>Assessment Components</b> | Essay 80%, Presentation 20% |
| <b>Assessment Details</b>    |                             |

## Additional Information

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| <b>Prerequisites</b>         | None |
| <b>Co-requisites</b>         | None |
| <b>Any other information</b> |      |