



Social Stratification & Inequality (1) | SOU33041

Year	Senior Fresh
ECTS Credits	5
Contact Hours	
Pre-requisite	
Semester	1
Module Leader & Lecturer	
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Module Outline:

All societies have patterns of stratification and inequality, i.e. structured differences in economic resources, power and prestige which are relatively enduring and often reproduced between generations. What's interesting from a sociological perspective is that the structure and pattern of these inequalities varies between societies and over time in the same society. This suggests that the fundamental processes driving inequality and stratification are social and economic processes. This module focuses on the theories and measures of social class as well as social class inequalities in electoral behaviour, education and health.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this module students should be able to:

1. Contrast different theories and measures of social class.
2. Discuss social inequalities within and between high-income democracies.
3. Assess the evidence for theories of the causes of social inequality.
4. Identify the policy implications of research findings in social inequality research.
5. Work effectively and collaboratively in small groups.

Assessment:

Presentations 20% : end of term essay 80%

Recommended Reading List

- Erik Olin Wright (2015) *Understanding Class*. London: Verso.
- Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett (2009) *The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone*. London: Penguin Books.
- Geoffrey Evans and James Tilley (2017) *The New Politics of Class*. Oxford: OUP