



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

SOCIOLOGY I
GENERAL AND TUTORIAL INFORMATION
HANDOUT 2
2020

Welcome to Sociology 1. We hope you will find Sociology interesting and stimulating. To a large extent, this will depend on how much you are prepared to put into the course. It is our belief that the more you put in, the more you will get out. Real learning requires constant interaction between lecturer and student. We therefore urge you to participate actively in lectures and tutorials.

GENERAL

The term sociology refers to the study of societies. More specifically, sociologists are interested in understanding how societies work and how social factors influence the way we think and behave.

A major in sociology can lead to employment in various fields such as business, community development organisations, market research, industrial relations, human resources management and advertising. It combines well with a major in psychology, economics, law, geography, philosophy, journalism, politics, social work, history and management - to name but a few.

Timetable

Depending on other courses taken, students attend either lecture 1 or 2 each day. The following table shows the timetable and venue for the lectures:

LECTURE 1			LECTURE 2		
DATE	PERIOD	VENUE	DATE	PERIOD	VENUE
Monday	2nd	Chem Major	Monday	3rd	Chem Major
Tuesday	3rd	Chem Major	Tuesday	4th	Chem Major
Wednesday	4th	Chem Major	Wednesday	5th	Chem Major
Thursday	5th	Chem Major	Thursday	6th	Chem Major

The Sociology I course will increase your understanding of society by focussing on the following areas:

Term 1	Introduction to Sociology – Lecturer: Mr Penxa
Term 2	Social structure: institutions and inequality – Lecturers: Ms Alexander & Mr Sipungu
Term 3	Social and cultural change – Lecturer: Ms Chisaka
Term 4	Deviance – Lecturer: Ms Sishuta

Lecture attendance

Lecture attendance is very important, and students are expected to attend ALL lectures.

Course assessment

Course work:	30%
June examination: (write-off)	35%
November examination:	35%

Each term you will be assessed by means of assignments. These vary from term to term, but each term's assignment mark allocation is equal in value (see each term's course outline for further details).

Who to talk to if experiencing problems

Problems relating to the Sociology I course in general – Ms Chisaka & Mr Penxa.

Problems to do with a particular section of the course – Your lecturer.

Problems to do with tutorials – Your Tutor, and the Office Administrator, Mrs Juanita Fuller.

Tutorials

Tutorials are held regularly throughout the year, they are a crucial part of the Sociology 1 course. One of their main aims is to develop the academic skills associated with the sociological way of thinking. Tutorials also provide students with the opportunity to discuss and explore issues raised in lectures among peers and in a small-group setting.

Each tutorial is run by a tutor whose task is to stimulate discussion, clarify issues and raise any problems students may be experiencing with the lecturer concerned. Please make use of this opportunity.

Tutorials typically involve a question or questions to be discussed. These are chosen by lecturers who select course readings which they believe will assist students in preparing for the tutorial discussion and the exams. Often student are expected to write a short essay (about two pages long) in answer to the assignment question(s). Tutorial assignments are marked by the tutors who provide useful feedback. Although the tutorial mark does not count towards the course mark, the assignments are excellent test and exam preparation tools.

Tutors meet with the lecturer before each tutorial and are prepared for the tutorial by the lecturer who briefs them on what is required and how best to lead the tutorial discussion.

Advantages of the tutorial programme:

- Regular reading and preparation around important topics during the year;
- A chance to discuss topics and to assess for oneself how one is coping with the work;
- An interactive and engaging learning experience guided by informed and carefully selected tutors;
- The opportunity to submit a piece of writing and receive feedback from a tutor on how well one has addressed the question and on one's assignment writing skills and referencing techniques;
- **Tutorial topics are sometimes included in the exams and so preparing for them is a form of preparing for the exams;**
- An indication to the department that you are taking the course seriously.

Tutorial attendance is **compulsory**. Students who have not attended at least **80%** of all tutorials offered during the year and submitted the relevant assignments will have the Duly Performed certificate withdrawn, and will not be permitted to sit for the November examination. Please note that late registration does not exempt a student from this requirement. See Handout Number 1 for further information in this regard.