



# COURSE DESCRIPTOR

## UFP SOCIOLOGY

### SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Foundation Sociology is a very popular and successful course because it introduces students to the subject by engaging them within a multi-cultural context. It focuses on key themes and social characteristics which allow students in an international setting to engage in cross-cultural comparisons. Sociology encourages enthusiasm for research and investigation, and it offers opportunities to undertake independent research work. Finally, the course has been designed to ensure that students who aim to study at university can invest their time developing essential skills to help them succeed at university and achieve their career goals.

### PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in, and a desire to study, History are essential, along with curiosity about the past, and interest in research and problem solving.

GCSE or equivalent

IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

### COURSE CONTENT

Year 1
<b>Unit 1</b> – The Sociological Imagination
<b>Unit 2</b> – Global Culture

### ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.

Grades are determined by five components internally assessed: two coursework components, a controlled assessment, a portfolio of short essays, and a final exam to take place at the end of the course.

Component	Type and length	Weighting
Coursework 1	Research Design - 40 marks Individual Presentation – 10 marks	10% of the final grade
Controlled Assessment	90 marks 4 hours written paper	30% of the final grade
Coursework 2	Research Report - 60 marks	20% of the final grade
Continuous Assessment	4 Short Essays – 25 marks each	10% of the final grade
Final Exam	Individual Presentation - 30 marks	30% of the final grade

#### TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Sociology: A Global Introduction	978-0273727910	John Macionis and Ken Plummer

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.





### **HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS**

Sociology requires analysis of evidence, decision-making and effective communication, all skills which are highly valued by universities and employers. Sociology is popular with students who wish to read any of the human and social sciences at university and enter careers in a range of industries, including Law, Politics, International Relations, Psychology, Counselling, Marketing, Environmental Policy and Business Management.

### **COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS OF STUDY**

History, Psychology; International Politics.

### **CURRICULUM DIRECTOR**

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