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CANTERBURY

# COURSE DESCRIPTOR

## UFP SOCIOLOGY

### SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Foundation Sociology is a very popular and successful course that introduces students to the subject by engaging them within a multi-cultural context. It focuses on key themes and social characteristics which enable students from 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 level 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 |
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| **Unit 1** – The Sociological Imagination |
| **Unit 2** – 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 |
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| Coursework 1 | Research Design - 40 marks<br>Individual Presentation – 10 marks | 10% of the final grade |
| Controlled Assessment | 90 marks<br>4 hours<br>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.

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## 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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