

City University of Hong Kong

Information on a Course offered by Department of Asian and International Studies with effect from Semester A in 2011/ 2012

Part I

Course Title: Introduction to Sociology

Course Code: AIS2020

Course Duration: One Semester

No. of Credit Units: 3

Level: B2

Prerequisites: (Course Code and Title): Nil

Precursors: (Course Code and Title): Nil

Equivalent Courses: (Course Code and Title): AIS2030 Traditions of Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Exclusive Courses: (Course Code and Title): Nil

Part II

1. Course Aims:

This course aims to help students use sociological perspectives to analyze human societies and important questions in contemporary social life. Both macro- and micro-perspectives will be emphasized.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	Explain basic sociological concepts and sociological paradigms;	25%
2.	Apply the sociological concepts and paradigms to analyzing social issues and everyday-life situations;	30%
3.	Examine social actions from a sociological point of view, instead of from an individualistic point of view; and	30%
4.	Use the sociological literature and other reference materials in oral presentations as well as papers.	15%

3. Teaching and learning Activities (TLAs)

(designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs)

Indicative of likely activities and tasks students will undertake to learn in this course. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course.

ILO No	TLAs	Hours/week (if applicable)
CILO 1	Lectures (concepts and paradigms explained by the lecturer, questions and answers; small-group discussions, exercises); Tutorial discussions (questions on particular areas, students answer questions by explaining the concepts and paradigms); Test (students prepare to answer questions on the concepts and paradigms).	
CILO 2	Lectures (use examples to apply the concepts and paradigms); Tutorial presentations and discussions (students take turn to present their work based on literature review and critical analysis and comment on the presentations done by other students); Test (students prepare to answer questions on applying the concepts to analyzing social issues) Term paper writing (students apply the concepts and paradigms).	
CILO 3	Lectures (illustrations of sociological reasoning); Tutorial discussions and presentations (students present their work from a sociological point of view); Term paper writing (students analyse social issues from a sociological point of view); Test (students answer questions using sociological perspectives).	
CILO 4	Seminar (to guide students to use the sociological literature and reference materials and to present to them the proper referencing format uses in sociology); Tutorial presentations and term paper writing (students use the literature and reference materials for their presentations and papers, and cite them using the ASA format).	

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities

(designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs)

Indicative of likely activities and tasks students will undertake to learn in this course. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course.

ILO	Type of assessment tasks/activities				Total
	Tutorial discussions	Tutorial presentations	Term Paper	Test	
1	5%	-	-	20%	25%
2	5%	5%	10%	10%	30%
3	5%	5%	10%	10%	30%
4	-	5%	10%	-	15%
Total	15%	15%	30%	40%	100%

5. Grading of Student Achievement: Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations

A-/A/A+	Correct explanation and application of sociological concepts and paradigms; ability to analyze social issues with reference to sociological concepts and paradigms, outstanding ability to give insightful sociological accounts of social issues; evidence of using the sociological literature widely; evidence of using the ASA reference format correctly.
B-/B/B+	Correct explanation of sociological concepts and paradigms; adequate application of sociological concepts and paradigms; ability to give relevant and well-reasoned sociological accounts of social issues, evidence of using the ASA reference format correctly.
C-/C/C+	Correct explanation of some sociological concepts and paradigms; limited application of sociological concepts and paradigms; m
D	Can explain some sociological concepts; inappropriate application of concepts and paradigms; few instances of sociological analysis; not using the sociological literature in the presentation and the term paper.
F	Inability to explain key concepts and paradigms; inability to apply sociological concepts and paradigms in the presentation, the term paper and the test. Plagiarism.

Part III

Keyword Syllabus:

Sociology and its origin; Sociological and global perspectives; Major theoretical approaches and their classical roots; The foundations of society and dimensions of modern social life; Social institutions; Social and global divisions and inequalities; Social change and changing societies.

Recommended Reading:

Text(s): Macionis, John J. 2006. *Society: The Basics* (8th ed.). Upper Saddle River: Prentice Hall.

Online Resources:

<http://www.pscw.uva.nl/sociosite/index.html>

<http://www.sociolog.com/>

<http://www.marxists.org/>

<http://durkheim.ito.com>

<http://www.ne.jp/asahi/moriyuki/abukuma/>

<http://www2.pfeiffer.edu/~lridener/DSS/DEADSOC.HTML>

<http://www.info.gov.hk>

<http://www.oecd.org/home/>

<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>