

Unit Title: Introduction to Sociology
Level: Three
Credit Value: 6
GLH:
NOCN Unit Code: EE2/3/TE/007
QCA Unit Reference
Grading Descriptors: 2, 7

This unit has 5 learning outcomes.

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the nature of sociology and the meaning of a sociological approach	1.1. Critically discuss the usefulness of sociology as opposed to 'common sense' approaches in contributing to an understanding of human behaviour.
2. Understand the uses and limitations of different methods of research and sources of data.	2.1. Evaluate the relative merits and disadvantages of the various methods of research.
3. Understand the major concepts involved in the various theoretical perspectives and recognise limitations of the perspectives	3.1. Critically discuss issues in sociology from the main perspectives with reference to different topic areas. 3.2. Evaluate the limitations of each perspective.
4. Recognise the relationship between theory and method.	4.1. Assess the reasons why structuralist and interpretive theorists favour particular research methods.
5. Understand the nature of scientific method.	5.1. Critically discuss whether or not the methods of the natural sciences can and should be used in sociology.

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ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Guidance:

This grid gives details of the assessment activities to be used with the unit attached. Please refer to the NOCN Handbook for definitions of each activity and the expectations for assessment practice and evidence for moderation.

The assessment activities for this unit are indicated in the table below:

Key: P = Prescribed – this assessment method *must* be used to assess the unit.

O = Optional – this assessment method *could* be used to assess the unit.

Case study		Project	
Written question & answer/test/exam		Role play/simulation	
Essay		Practical demonstration	
Report		Group discussion	
Oral question and answer		Performance/exhibition	
Written description		Production of artefact	
Reflective log / diary		Practice file	

Signposting Key Skills

This unit offers clear opportunities for learners to provide evidence of achievement in Key Skills achievement in the following skill area/s:

Key Skill		Wider Key Skill	
Communication		Working with others	
Information Technology		Problem solving	
Application of Number		Improving Own Learning and Performance	

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Availability for Use:

Purpose and Aim of the Unit	Free Text
Restrictions on the Availability	Free Text or N/A
Additional Assessment Requirements	Free Text or N/A
Details of relationship between the Unit and the NOS	Free Text or N/A
Details of relationship between the Unit and Standards (not NOS)	Free Text or N/A
Endorsement of the Unit by	Free Text or N/A