

# HUMN 2065 SELF AND SOCIETY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 102788

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**Description** This core theory subject for sociology majors introduces students to traditional and contemporary debates in social thought and provides tools for sociological analysis. The subject outlines the development of sociological thought in the context of changing social realities and relations between the individual and society, with a particular focus on the formation of the Self. A number of theorists and theoretical areas are addressed, spanning over 150 years of evolving sociological analysis. This enables students to better grasp the relation between theory and application, the diversity of sociological analysis, as well as providing the capacity to think across a number of different sociological schools of thought.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Sociology

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 2 subject

**Incompatible Subjects** HUMN 3071 - Self and Society

## Restrictions

Successful completion of 80 credit points.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Describe traditional and contemporary sociological debates on the formation of the self.
2. Outline the notion of agency, and critically evaluate the relations between the individual and society.
3. Apply major theories and theorists in sociology and social thought.
4. Demonstrate a critical, reflexive stance on classical and contemporary sociology in written form.
5. Analyse a real-life social issue through a sociological lens.
6. Compare and contrast different schools of sociological thinking.

## Subject Content

Introduction: Relation between the Self and Society  
 Classical sociologists: from Tradition to Modernity  
 Modernity 2: Late, Post- and Liquid Modernity  
 Consciousness and Identity  
 Values and Critical Theory: The Critique of Instrumental Reasoning and Reification  
 Value Freedom, Value Relevance and Political Commitment in Sociology  
 The Political Value Commitments of Sociologists and the Philosophical Justification  
 The Sociological Imagination and Civic Ethno methods  
 The Sociological Imagination and Political Strategy

'Key Sociological Thinkers'

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

| Type            | Length                                                                     | Percent | Threshold | Individual/ Group Task | Mandatory |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| Participation   | minimum 200 words for postings (total for all eight) 300 words for summary | 30      | N         | Individual             | Y         |
| Essay           | 1,000 words                                                                | 30      | N         | Individual             | Y         |
| Applied Project | 1,500 words                                                                | 40      | N         | Individual             | Y         |

Teaching Periods

## Spring (2025)

### Penrith (Kingswood)

#### On-site

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### Liverpool

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