

SOCIOLOGY SPECIALISATION

WHY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociologists study a wide variety of topics, including:

- education, work and unemployment
- the family
- health, sex, gender and sexuality
- ethnicity and racism
- equality, opportunity, inequity
- crime, law and social justice

Of course sociology is not the only disciplinary framework through which to explore aspects of contemporary social life as far-ranging as gender relations and law-and-order. So, what makes a sociological approach distinct? C. Wright Mills suggested that sociology is distinguished by the application of a particular kind of imagination—'the sociological imagination'.

The Sociology specialisation begins with an overview of sociology—an introduction to how we might go about applying the sociological imagination to a wide range of aspects of contemporary social arrangements. A specialisation in sociology provides students with the opportunity in later semesters to focus more closely on specific aspects of social life, both local and international.

The Sociology specialisation aims to foster students' critical analytical skills and to offer opportunities for students to apply sociological tools of analysis to their own inquiries into contemporary social life.

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Sociology specialisation answers employment demands for graduates with a strong social science background and well developed analytical skills. It assists students to prepare themselves for a wide range of employment opportunities including roles in public administration, education, community services, as well as para-legal, policy and social research positions.

STRUCTURE OF THE SOCIOLOGY SPECIALISATION

This specialisation is taken as part of a three year sequence of study in a Bachelor of Arts degree at either the Footscray Park or St Albans Campus. Units may also be taken as electives within other degree programs. Students are required to complete **SIX** units including the two first-year units.

CORE UNITS

First Year Only

ASS1051 Sociology 1A

ASS1052 Sociology 1B

Other specialisation units - students select four

ASL3002 Law and Governance

ASS1005 Social and Cultural Change in South Pacific Islands

ASS2009 Making Modern Identities

ASS2013 Sociology Of The Body

ASS2025 Transnational Social Movements

ASS2027 Timor Leste: History, Politics and Society

ASS2028 Contemporary Africa And Social Change

ASS2051 Sociology of Childhood

ASS2052 Meaning and Social Context

ASS3007 Space, Knowledge and Power

ASS3009 Sociology of Law

ASS3013 Sociology 3B: International Social Policy

ASS3031 Sociology 3C: Governing Civic Life: Citizen, Nation, Self

ASS3032 Sociology 3D: Formations Of Power: Governing Cultural Identity In A 'Postcolonial' World

ASS3036 Sociology 2/3E: The Eco-Social: Place, Policy And Politics

ASS3037 Inquiring into the Social

ASS3050 Migration, Mobility and Globalisation

ASX3500 International Interdisciplinary Project

Units offered may vary each year. List of offerings in each academic year is published on the Faculty Student Website: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/AEHD/

Detailed unit outlines can be obtained from the Victoria University online handbook: WWW.VU.EDU.AU/COURSES

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