SOCA1010: Society & Culture: A Sociological Introduction
Course Outline
Semester 1, 2009

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Course Overview

Year & Semester | Semester 1 – 2009
Unit Weighting | 10
Teaching Methods | Lecture, Tutorial and Email Discussion Group
Brief Course Description | SOCA1010 introduces students to the sociological perspective through an exploration of contemporary social and cultural issues. Topics may include: socialisation and identity, sex and gender, race and ethnicity, class and social inequality, globalisation and work, deviance and social control, and media and popular culture. Key sociological concepts and theories are used to examine social patterns, social action and social change.
Contact Hours

2 hour lecture & 1 hour tutorial/email discussion group per week for the semester. Students choose EITHER a 1 hour tutorial (face to face contact) OR 1 hour of online contact via an email discussion group.

SOCA1010
Textbook and Learning Materials


Text website: www.allenandunwin.com/publicsociology/

The textbook will be used extensively in this course; it will also be a helpful resource in your further studies. It is available from: United Campus Bookshop (Callaghan campus) and the Co-op Bookshop (Newcastle city). It is also available from the Short Loan section of the Auchmuty library, along with many course specific references to help with assessment items.

Course Objectives

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:
1. Demonstrate an understanding of a range of sociological perspectives, concepts and research approaches
2. Critically appraise and discuss the sociological literature
3. Conduct planning of library research for assignments using information literacy skills
4. Research and write an academic essay.

Course Content

Course content will be drawn from a selection of the following topics:
- What is sociology? Developing a ‘sociological imagination’
- An overview of sociological perspectives and social research
- Socialisation and identity
- Sex and gender
- Race, racism, ethnicity and multiculturalism
- Globalisation
- Work and unemployment
- Class and social inequality
- Deviance and social control
- Media and popular culture.
### Assessment Items

1. **Tutorial exercises (15%): 500 words**
   Tutorial exercises will focus on the application of sociological knowledge and the development of students’ academic skills. Tutorial exercises involve the completion of prescribed reading and associated tasks that are to be presented in tutorials.

2. **Essay (40%): 1500 words due Week 12**
   The essay is chosen from a designated list of essay topics, which focus on key social and cultural issues identified in the course. The essay is designed to develop students' skills in research, writing and sociological analysis.

3. **Library Research Report (15%): 500 words due mid-semester**
   This assignment is designed to develop information literacy skills. It involves the preparation of an essay plan and the identification of relevant resources for the essay assessment item.

4. **Formal exam (30%)**
   Multiple-choice exam based on lecture and prescribed reading material.

### Assumed Knowledge
None

### Career Relevance
SOCA1010 is a prescribed course in the Bachelor of Social Science and **open to all students as an elective**. It is a foundation course for students **majoring in Sociology and Anthropology**, and relevant to majors in Leisure & Tourism Studies, Politics, Industrial Relations & HRM, Public Management, Social Policy, Welfare Studies, and those doing degrees in Arts, Social Work, and Teaching.

### Lecture and Tutorial Times

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Please note: Tutorial information is subject to change, but was correct as at February 06, 2009.

NA: Not available at time of printing; these tutorials will only be made available subject to sufficient student numbers.

### Online Tutorial Registration:
Students are required to enrol in the Lecture and a specific Tutorial time for this course via the Online Registration system:

- Registrations close at the end of week 2 of semester.
Plagiarism and Turnitin

University policy prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. A student plagiarises if he or she presents the thoughts or works of another as one’s own. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it may include:

- copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;
- using another’s ideas without due acknowledgment;
- working with others without permission and presenting the resulting work as though it was completed independently.

Plagiarism is not only related to written works, but also to material such as data, images, music, formulae, websites and computer programs. Aiding another student to plagiarise is also a violation of the Plagiarism Policy and may invoke a penalty. For further information on the University policy on plagiarism, please refer to the Policy on Student Academic Integrity at the following link:


The University has established a software plagiarism detection system called Turnitin. When you submit assessment items please be aware that for the purpose of assessing any assessment item the University may:

- Reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University; and/or
- Communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).
- Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking.

Written Assessment Items

Students are required to provide written assessment items in electronic form (to Turnitin via Blackboard for plagiarism checking) as well as hard copy for assessment.

Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Circumstances for Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date, as advised in the Course Outline, unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension of time for submission of the item. University policy is that an assessment item submitted after the due date, without an approved extension, will be penalised. Any student:

1. who is applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment: or
2. whose attendance at or performance in an assessment item or formal written examination has been or will be affected by medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment;

must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, to the appropriate officer on the prescribed form.

Please go to the Policy and the online form for further information, available at:

Students should be aware of the following important deadlines:

- Requests for Special Circumstances must be lodged no later than 3 working days after the date of submission or examination.
- Requests for Extensions of Time on Assessment Items must be lodged no later than the due date of the item.
- Requests for Rescheduling Exams must be lodged no later than 5 working days before the date of the examination.

Your application may not be accepted if it is received after the deadline. Students who are unable to meet the above deadlines due to extenuating circumstances should speak to their Program Officer in the first instance.

**Changing your Enrolment**

The last date to withdraw without financial or academic penalty (called the HECS Census Dates) for Semester 1 courses is: 31 March 2007.

Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of semester and prior to the commencement of the formal exam period. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of semester will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of semester, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of semester/trimester must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with the School Office. To change your enrolment online, please refer to:


**University Contact Details**

**Student Enquiry Centre:**
- Phone: 4921 5000
- Email: EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au
- Web: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enquiries/index.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/enquiries/index.html)

**Student Hubs:**
The Student Hubs are a one-stop shop for the delivery of student related services and are the first point of contact for students on campus. At Callaghan campus they are located at:

- **Shortland Hub:** Level 3, Shortland Union Building
- **Hunter Hub:** Student Services Centre, Hunter side of campus

**Dean of Students:**
- Dr Michael Hannaford
- Phone: 492 15806
- Fax: 492 17151
- resolutionprecinct@newcastle.edu.au

**University Student Support Unit:**
Various services are offered by the University Student Support Unit:


**Alteration of this Course Outline**
No change to this course outline will be permitted after the end of the second week of the term except in exceptional circumstances and with Head of School approval. Students will be notified in advance of any approved changes to this outline.

Website for Rules Governing Undergraduate Academic Awards


Students with a Disability or Chronic Illness

The University is committed to providing a range of support services for students with a disability or chronic illness. If you have a disability or chronic illness which you feel may impact on your studies, please feel free to discuss your support needs with your lecturer or course coordinator. Disability Support may also be provided by the Student Support Service (Disability). Students must be registered to receive this type of support. To register please contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 4921 5766, or via email at:

- [student-disability@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:student-disability@newcastle.edu.au)

As some forms of support can take a few weeks to implement it is extremely important that you discuss your needs with your lecturer, course coordinator or Student Support Service staff at the beginning of each semester. For more information related to confidentiality and documentation please visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website at:


Studentmail and Blackboard: [www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/](http://www.blackboard.newcastle.edu.au/)

This course uses Blackboard and studentmail to contact students, so you are advised to keep your email accounts within the quota to ensure you receive essential messages. To receive an expedited response to queries, post questions on the Blackboard discussion forum, or if emailing staff directly use the course code in the subject line of your email. Students are advised to check their studentmail and the course Blackboard site on a weekly basis. All lectures are delivered in PowerPoint and placed on the Blackboard website prior to the lecture each week. The website also contains links to staff contact details, the course guide, helpful web links, study tips, and assessment reminders.

**Online tutorial:** Students enrolled in the online tutorial should attend lectures. Online tutorial students can access the tutorial via the Blackboard website. Online students do not have to log-in for a specific tutorial time, but instead should check the tutorial site regularly and ensure that they submit weekly responses by the end of each Wednesday. The tutor will make a weekly response to online submissions by the end of Thursday. Students are encouraged to respond to each other’s posts.

**Written Assignment Presentation and Submission Details**

Students are required to submit assessment items by the due date. Late assignments will be subject to the penalties described below.

**Hard copy submission:**
- **Type your assignments**: All work must be typewritten in 11 or 12 point black font. Leave a wide margin for marker’s comments, use 1.5 or double spacing, and include page numbers.
- **Word length**: The word limit of all assessment items should be strictly followed – 10% above or below is acceptable, otherwise penalties may apply.
- **Proof read your work** because spelling, grammatical and referencing mistakes will be penalised.
- **Staple the pages** of your assignment together (do not use pins or paper clips).
- **University Assessment Item Coversheet**: All assignments must be submitted with the University coversheet available at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/)
- **Assignments are to be submitted at any Student Hub located at:**
  - Level 3, Shortland Union, Callaghan
  - Level 2, Student Services Centre, Callaghan
  - Ground Floor, University House, City
  - Ground Floor, Administration Building, Ourimbah

- **Date-stamping assignments**: All students must date-stamp their own assignments using the machine provided at each Student Hub. If mailing an assignment, this should be addressed to the Shortland Union Hub (Callaghan). Mailed assignments are accepted from the date posted, confirmed by a Post Office date-stamp; they are also date-stamped upon receipt.
- **Do not fax or email assignments**: Only hard copies of assignments will be considered for assessment. Inability to physically submit a hard copy of an assignment by the deadline due to other commitments or distance from campus is an unacceptable excuse.
- **Keep a copy of all assignments**: It is the student’s responsibility to produce a copy of their work if the assignment goes astray after submission. Students are advised to keep updated back-ups in electronic and hard copy formats.

**Online copy submission to Turnitin via course Blackboard website**

In addition to hard copy submission, students are required to submit an electronic version of the following assignment to Turnitin via the course Blackboard website:

- **Major essay**

Prior to final submission, all students have the opportunity to submit drafts of their assignment to Turnitin to self-check their referencing. Assignments will not be marked until both hard copy and online versions have been submitted. Marks may be deducted for late submission of either version.

**Penalties for Late Assignments**

Assignments submitted after the due date, without an approved extension of time will be penalised by the **reduction of 5% of the possible maximum mark** for the assessment item for each day or part day that the item is late. Weekends count as one day in determining the penalty. **Assessment items submitted more than ten days after the due date will be awarded zero marks.**

**Special Circumstances**
Students wishing to apply for Special Circumstances or Extension of Time should apply online at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/000641.html)

### No Assignment Re-submission

Students who have failed an assignment are not permitted to revise and resubmit it in this course. However, students are always welcome to contact their Tutor, Lecturer or Course Coordinator to make a consultation time to receive individual feedback on their assignments.

### Re-marks and Moderations

A student may only request a re-mark of an assessment item before the final result – in the course to which the assessment item contributes – has been posted. If a final result in the course has been posted, the student must apply under the Procedures for Appeal against a Final Result (see: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/)).

Students concerned at the mark given for an assessment item should first discuss the matter with the Course Coordinator. If subsequently requesting a re-mark, students should be aware that as a result of a re-mark the original mark may be increased or reduced. The case for a re-mark should be outlined in writing and submitted to the Course Coordinator, who determines whether a re-mark should be granted, taking into consideration all of the following:

1. whether the student had discussed the matter with the Course Coordinator
2. the case put forward by the student for a re-mark
3. the weighting of the assessment item and its potential impact on the student’s final mark or grade
4. the time required to undertake the re-mark
5. the number of original markers, that is,
   a) whether there was a single marker, or
   b) if there was more than one marker whether there was agreement or disagreement on the marks awarded.

A re-mark may also be initiated at the request of the Course Coordinator, the Head of School, the School Assessment Committee, the Faculty Progress and Appeals Committee or the Pro Vice-Chancellor. Re-marks may be undertaken by:

1. the original marker; or
2. an alternate internal marker; or
3. an alternate external marker (usually as a consequence of a grievance procedure).

Moderation may be applied when there is a major discrepancy (or perceived discrepancy) between:

1. the content of the course as against the content or nature of the assessment item(s)
2. the content or nature of the assessment item(s) as against those set out in the Course Outline
3. the marks given by a particular examiner and those given by another in the same course
4. the results in a particular course and the results in other courses undertaken by the same students.

**Further detail on this University policy can be found at:**

### Return of Assignments
Students can collect assignments from the Shortland Student Hub (Callaghan) during office hours. Students will be informed of the earliest date that assignments will be available for collection. Students must present their student identification card to collect their assignment.

Preferred Referencing Style

Wherever you use information from another author’s work, either a direct quotation or paraphrased information (rewritten in your own words) you must correctly reference the source of the information in a consistent format. In this course, it is recommended that you use the use the Harvard in-text referencing system (similar to the APA system) for referencing sources of information used in assignments. Inadequate or incorrect reference to the work of others may be viewed as plagiarism and result in reduced marks or failure.

An in-text citation names the author of the source, gives the date of publication, and for a direct quote includes a page number, in parentheses. For example: (Citizen 2003: 10). At the end of the paper, a list of references provides publication information about the source; the list is alphabetised by authors’ last names (or by titles for works without authors).

Further information on how to reference and write essays can be found in Appendix 1 and via the University library website:

Student Representatives

Student Representatives are the channel of communication between students and the School Board. Contact details of Student Representatives can be found on the School website.

Student Communication

Students should discuss any course related matters with their Tutor, Lecturer, or Course Coordinator in the first instance and then the relevant Discipline or Program Convenor. If this proves unsatisfactory, they should then contact the Head of School if required. Contact details can be found on the School website.

Essential Online Information for Students


Teaching Staff

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- Consultation hours: Tues 10-11am or by appointment.

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• Consultation hours: by appointment.

Mr Steve Threadgold: Lecturer
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• Consultation hours: by appointment.

My tutorial time:

My tutor:

Contact details:

Study Skills Resources and Student Support Services

Free Auchmuty Library Orientation Tours and Courses

Take a library tour and find out:
• How to borrow a book using the NEWCAT library catalogue (accessible online)
• How to make use of Short Loans: relevant articles, chapters and books for SOCA1010 (some available online)
• How to enrol in free courses about: the Internet, Journal Databases (to find relevant articles for assignments), and online tutorials to help with computer software and academic skills such as referencing. See the library web pages for details or talk to the Information Desk staff who are always willing to answer questions on computers and library problems

InfoSkills Online Tutorial

The library website has an excellent self-paced (and quick) online tutorial to help you develop your library research, writing and referencing skills. Visit:
• www.newcastle.edu.au/services/library/tutorials/infoskills/index.html

Auchmuty Library Short Loans

To ensure students have access to relevant material, a number of books, chapters and articles have been placed in the Short Loans section of the Auchmuty library. These resources, some of which are available online, are good starting points for assignments, but they are not comprehensive and you are encouraged to make use of all the resources the library has to offer.

Learning Support Program
The University’s Learning Support Program helps students with individual advice and workshops on essay writing, study skills, reading and note taking, public speaking and critical analysis. It is open to all students free of charge. Contact details:
- Room MC146, the top floor of the McMullin Building, Callaghan Campus.
- Office hours: 8.30am - 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, during semester and university vacations.

### University Counselling Service

The Counselling Service is available to students free of charge and is confidential. Psychologists and social workers assist in clarifying and resolving issues such as: personal and family difficulties, anxiety, depression, bereavement, relationship problems, and course-related problems such as examination stress. Contact details:

### Student Support Services

Student Support Services is a unit set up to ensure our students have the educational, emotional and physical support they need over the period of their involvement with the University of Newcastle. It is staffed by professional and dedicated staff who are available to assist students with personal, health and financial issues, learning skills, accommodation, jobs and careers.

### Assessment Items, Due Dates and Grading System

#### Expectations of students: Attendance and tutorial preparation

Tutorial preparation consists of completing the prescribed textbook reading and any associated discussion questions and tutorial exercises. As you read, it is advisable to make well-organised notes; they will improve your understanding and help you to complete your assessment items as well as make it easier to revise for the exam. Please bring your Course Outline and Textbook to the tutorial each week.

**Students should complete all assessment items.** A pass is achieved when the combined marks for all assessment items total 50% or more, meaning that you may be able to fail an assessment item and still pass the course.

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<td>Weeks 4 &amp; 5</td>
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<td>This tutorial exercise focuses on the application of sociological knowledge and the development of students’ academic skills through group research and presentation.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>Library research &amp; essay plan</strong> (500 words)</td>
<td>April 23, Thursday 5pm</td>
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<td>Designed to develop information literacy skills through the preparation of an essay plan and the identification of relevant resources for the essay (assessment item 3).</td>
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<td>3. <strong>Essay</strong> (1500 words)</td>
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<td>Designed to develop students' skills in research, writing and sociological analysis.</td>
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<td>4. <strong>Exam</strong> (2 hour, closed book, multiple-choice)</td>
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<td>Designed to examine knowledge and understanding of the breadth of course material. Questions are based on lecture content and prescribed readings.</td>
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<td>49% or less</td>
<td>Fail (FF)</td>
<td>An unacceptable effort, including non-completion. The student has not understood the basic principles of the subject matter and/or has been unable to express their understanding in a comprehensible way. Deficient in terms of answering the question, research, referencing and correct presentation (spelling, grammar etc). May include extensive plagiarism.</td>
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<td>50% to 64%</td>
<td>Pass (P)</td>
<td>The work demonstrates a reasonable attempt to answer the question, shows some grasp of the basic principles of the subject matter and a basic knowledge of the required readings, is comprehensible, accurate and adequately referenced.</td>
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<td>65% to 74%</td>
<td>Credit (C)</td>
<td>The work demonstrates a clear understanding of the question, a capacity to integrate research into the discussion, and a critical appreciation of a range of different theoretical perspectives. A deficiency in any of the above may be compensated by evidence of independent thought. The work is coherent and accurate.</td>
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<td>75% to 84%</td>
<td>Distinction (D)</td>
<td>Evidence of substantial additional reading and/or research, and evidence of the ability to generalise from the theoretical content to develop an argument in an informed and original manner. The work is well organised, clearly expressed and shows a capacity for critical analysis.</td>
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<td>85% upwards</td>
<td>High Distinction (HD)</td>
<td>All of the above, plus a thorough understanding of the subject matter based on substantial additional reading and/or research. The work shows a high level of independent thought, presents informed and insightful discussion of the topic, particularly the theoretical issues involved, and demonstrates a well-developed capacity for critical analysis.</td>
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**Useful Reference Books for Assessment Items**

In addition to the course textbook, students may find the following books useful in completing their assessment items.

**General introductions to sociology:**

Sociology dictionaries and study skills:


Assessment Item: Doing Sociology

**Gender in the Print Media: Group Research Project & Presentation**

**Weighting:** 15%  **Due Date:** Delivered in tutorials during Weeks 4 & 5

**Assessment:** 20 minute group presentation and handout summary submitted in class on day of presentation

**Marking criteria:** see Appendix 2

**Overview:** The media is often cited as a major agent of socialisation, particularly in terms of reinforcing gender stereotypes. How truthful is such a view? How influential is the media? Your group is to undertake a small research project on the representation of women and men in the print media (magazines and newspapers). You will be using the technique of content analysis, which involves searching for common themes (words, images, values) in written and visual material. You will then present your analysis to the class in a 20 minute presentation with a two page handout summary.

**Instructions**

- **In Week 2:** your tutor will place you in a group of 3-6 students to work together on the project. Record the names and contact details of your group members on the list below. Make a time to meet later that day or during the week to discuss the project.
- **Online tutorial group students** will be provided with separate instructions to do this task.

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3. All members must equally contribute to the presentation. Group members will be asked to sign a group work contract on their contribution to the presentation (see Appendix 2).

4. Choose an example of the print media: such as Women's Weekly, Who Weekly, Ralph, Time, or The Bulletin, to analyse the representation of gender in Australian society. Collect material by searching through a number of issues to find examples (written and visual).

5. To assist in analysing your media example, consider:
   a. What are the main direct and indirect (or hidden) messages conveyed?
   b. To what extent does the media reinforce or challenge female and/or male stereotypes?
   c. Is there anything the matter with media representations of gender?
   d. What, if anything, could be done to change the situation?

6. Week 4 Groups should relate their content to Chapter 19 and consider how influential the media is in terms of gender socialisation.

7. Week 5 Groups should relate their content to Chapter 12 and consider how influential the media is in terms of producing and reproducing gender differences.

For the Tutorial Presentation:

a. Address the above questions
b. Have a clear structure: introduce what you studied and what your speakers will cover
c. Provide examples of your chosen media to the class
d. Discuss some of the key issues raised by your analysis by referring to the relevant textbook chapter for that week.

For the Tutorial Paper:

a. List group members’ full names and concisely summarise your presentation in a professional manner (maximum two A4 pages)
b. Copies should be given to all class members
c. References are not needed; sub-headings can be used
d. Do not use dot-points; instead use proper sentences.

Please note that it is not possible to accommodate requests for PowerPoint facilities for this task, though most tutorial rooms have overhead projectors.

Procedure for dealing with group work problems:

One of the aims of group work is for group members to learn how to manage problems that may arise, such as some members not ‘pulling their weight’. Group members are encouraged to discuss such problems within their group and attempt to negotiate their own resolution. In the event that group problems cannot be resolved and group members decline to sign the group work contract, Tutors will intervene by using the following procedure to ensure the fair and equitable assessment of students’ contribution to the group task:
1. Tutors will check on group progress and where possible will seek to resolve issues in class (acting as a mediator to help resolve group problems if time permits).

2. Tutors may decide to mark group members separately, so that the poor performance of individuals (due to clear lack of preparation) does not detrimentally affect the total group mark.

3. Alternatively, if some group members fail to present (either by not showing up on the day or failing to make a credible contribution), the Tutor can decide to ask the individual/s concerned to produce a 500-word written version of the assessment task (in essay format) by Friday 5pm of the presentation week. If the student does not fulfil this requirement they will fail the task and receive a zero mark. The remainder of the group will receive a group mark based on their presentation.
The Library Research & Essay Plan (LREP) is designed to help you prepare for your Essay. The LREP is a systematic way to organise your thinking and information gathering on an essay topic. Before writing your essay you are required to do a LREP addressing the items below. Feedback on this assignment will help with your essay.

LREP Guidelines:
In completing this assignment use a report format based on the bolded headings below to structure your content. Use a University assignment coversheet. Please address all of the following:

1. **Essay topic:**
   Write down the essay topic you will research (chosen from the essay topics below).
   *Note: Students can change essay topics after they submit their LREP if they choose, though this is advisable.*

2. **Starting point: Interpreting the topic**
   State your starting point for researching the essay topic. How did you interpret the topic? List the key words you used to conduct your library research. *(2 marks)*

3. **Relevant sources of information found:**
   Provide a list of at least 6 references you found that are relevant to your essay topic. For each source of information:
   - Provide full bibliographic details in alphabetical order (for books, provide: author/s, date, title, publisher & place of publication; for journal articles: author/s, date, article title, journal title, volume number, issue number, first and last page number of article). See the Essay and Referencing Guidelines in Appendix 1 for help (as well as textbook Chapter 24).
   - For each reference, explain in a sentence why you think it will be useful. *(6 marks)*
   *Note: The 6 references are included in the word limit. The 6 references exclude your textbook as it is assumed this will be used; it should be the first place you start to research your essay topic.*

4. **Provide a brief essay plan:**
   Based on your research to date, write a brief essay plan for your topic that outlines the content and structure of your essay. Your plan should be outlined as follows:
   - **Introduction:** requires a clear statement about how you intend to answer the question/address the topic and the theoretical perspectives to be used *(1 mark)*
   - **Body:** should address how your essay will cover the 4 aspects of the sociological imagination template: historical, cultural, structural and critical *(4 marks).* You should also give some thought to the logical flow of your material *(1 mark)*
   - **Conclusion:** a short statement linking your content and argument to the topic *(1 mark)*
   The essay plan should be about 200-250 words and briefly indicate what you plan to cover. Short grammatical statements in dot points are acceptable for this assignment only.

5. **What still needs to be done? What would you have done differently?**
   Your LREP is a plan and therefore you are not expected to have all the information at this stage. On further reading and note-taking you may need to revisit your plan or conduct more library research. Provide a brief statement of what your next steps will be to complete the essay (eg information you still need to obtain). Reflect on what you might do differently next time.
Essential Essay Instructions, Guidelines and Expectations

The essay is a method of communicating your knowledge and understanding about a topic within a given timeframe and word limit. Essay writing helps to develop skills of critical analysis and communication by providing a method of collecting your ‘thinking’ about a topic in a logical, credible and persuasive way. In a sociology essay you are expected to:

- Use of a minimum of SIX academic sources, at least TWO of which should be from refereed journal articles (all referenced in your essay). The SIX academic sources exclude newspapers, current affairs magazines, and generic websites (online refereed journal articles and online reports by governments and non-government agencies are accepted).
- Read widely to critically review the field of sociological literature on a topic
- Analyse a topic, develop a logical argument and use supporting evidence from your reading. Do not just give descriptive information, but also discuss various explanations/theories in the literature
- In the introduction, briefly define key terms and introduce your argument/stance (ie, your approach to answering the question and what your essay will cover)
- In the body of your essay, consider relevant historical, cultural, structural and critical factors
- In the conclusion, briefly summarise the evidence and argument you have presented to answer the question
- Direct quotes should NOT exceed 10% of your total word count
- Short quotations (less than 30 words) must be placed inside single ‘quotation marks’; long quotations (30 words or more) are indented, but should be kept to minimum
- Do not use dot points in your essay
- Students may study collaboratively, but are warned not to copy each other’s work as this may result in a fail grade
- Follow the Essay and Referencing Guidelines in Appendix 1. Ensure your material is referenced correctly using the Harvard in-text citation system and avoid plagiarism. See also Textbook Chapters 23 & 24 for further essay help.
- Relevant information for essay topics can be found in your textbook, lecture references, and the Short Loan section of the Auchmuty library. You are encouraged to find your own sources as well.

Essay Topics: Choose ONE of the following:

- **Essay topic 1**: Australia is a ‘classless’ society. Discuss.
- **Essay topic 2**: ‘A woman’s place is in the home’ – or is it? Compare and contrast the arguments between sociobiologists and social constructionists to explain gender inequality in contemporary Australia.
- **Essay topic 3**: Using Bourdieu’s terminology, we can say that the kind of youth cultural practice a young person engages in will depend a lot on his or her ‘habitus’. Discuss with some examples.
- **Essay topic 4**: Does everyone in Australia have equal opportunity? Discuss with reference to racism and xenophobia.
- **Essay topic 5**: The concentration of media ownership in Australia guarantees media bias. Discuss.
Handy hint: Use a Course folder/workbook to keep your notes organised
It's helpful to keep your entire lecture, tutorial and reading notes in a folder or workbook. Keeping all of your course information in the one place will help get you started on assignments & make exam preparation easier.

Week 1: The Sociological Gaze: Studying Society and Culture
Lecturer: Assoc. Prof Pam Nilan
The first lecture provides a general overview of the discipline of sociology and highlights the key features of SOCA1010, which focuses on contemporary social and cultural issues in Australia. The Sociological Imagination Template (devised from Willis 2004) is introduced as a handy way of summarising the sociological perspective and what it means to look upon the world with a ‘sociological eye’.

The Sociological Imagination Template

Additional references:

Key concepts: sociology, sociological imagination, social structure, agency.

Tutorial reading:
- Obtain a copy of the Textbook and read Chapter 1
- Organise your Course Folder/Workbook.

Tutorial activity:
- Tutors will highlight key features of the Course Outline, answer any questions, and outline the expectations of students.
- Tutorial class lists will be confirmed: students should ensure they have enrolled in a tutorial via the Online Registration System.
- Complete the Sociological Reflection in-class exercise below
- For next week: Going up or down? A Social Experiment: Do this Sociological Reflection exercise (see page 15 of your textbook) and report back on your findings in the next tutorial

Sociological reflection exercise: a sociological autobiography
Reflect on your own life in a sociological way by briefly applying the four features of the sociological imagination template to highlight some of the significant factors that have influenced the person you have become (your beliefs, behaviour, hobbies…). Consider:
- Historical factors: What past events have influenced you? How has your family background or past experiences shaped the person you’ve become?
- Cultural factors: In what ways has your cultural background played in influencing your beliefs, behaviour, likes and dislikes?
- Structural factors: How have social institutions influenced you?
- **Critical factors**: Have your views/opinions changed over time? Why/why not?
Sociological theory grew out of some very simple questions about the social and economic realities of ordinary people such as: How is social order possible? Why does social change occur? Why are some groups poor and others wealthy and powerful? However, the answers to these questions are complex and demand some hard critical thinking – using the sociological imagination. Sociological theories can be used to ask and even answer some interesting questions, like those above. This lecture aims to give an accessible overview of some of the foundational sociological theorists and theories that have shaped the discipline.

Key concepts:
Anomie, class, feminism, functionalism, Marxism, positivism, Weberianism, social Darwinism, social closure, social order.

Additional references:


Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 2.

Tutorial questions & in-class exercise:
- Going up or down? A Social Experiment: Report your findings in class
- Which sociological theories appeal to you and why?
  - Your tutor will place you into a small group and discuss the Doing Sociology Exercise to be presented in tutorials during Weeks 4 & 5.

Handy hint: Keep a glossary of key concepts
As you come across key terms in the lectures and readings it is handy to write them down (with definitions) in a separate place, such as a glossary at the back of your course folder/workbook or in a computer file. The glossary will act as a handy summary when studying for the exam and as a personal reference tool you can dip into when needed.
Week 3: Media and Popular Culture
Lecturer: Assoc Prof Pam Nilan

Media ‘mediate’ between ourselves and reality and the media have always been with us. Media both reflect reality for us and constitute reality for us at the same time. Sadly, we cannot look through media to see the truth. Media representations are always just that – representations. Media is part of popular culture, but popular culture includes trends, activities, fashions, cultural and leisure practices, kinds of talk and behaviour. We usually think of popular culture as belonging to the young, but think then of bus tours and lawn bowls? In the globalised world, both media and popular culture are commodified for us by global and transnational culture industries – we are ‘networked’ in to the global interface of culture.

Key concepts: mass media, time-space compression, high culture, popular culture, habitus, hyper-real, simulacra, branding.

Additional references:


Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 19.

Tutorial questions & update on the Doing Sociology Exercise:
- Chapter discussion questions
- Group Presentations: update on progress re the Doing Sociology Exercise

Week 4: Youth Culture
Lecturer: Assoc Prof Pam Nilan

This lecture explores the concept and the reality of ‘youth’ in contemporary Australia. In address questions such as: What do we mean by youth? How have our definitions of youth changed over time? Are there such things as youth subcultures? Why are youth often stigmatised in the media as a social problems

Key concepts: deviance, habitus, identity, hybridity, moral panics, stigma, subcultures

Additional references:

Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 6.
Week 5: Sex and Gender
Lecturer: Kathleen Butler

SEX refers to biological differences between male and female persons, GENDER refers to social and cultural differences between masculinity and femininity. As sociologists we are concerned with gender – how people act and think in gendered ways. Patriarchy, the unequal balance of structural power between men and women, is also a major focus of sociological enquiry. We ask questions like: How do gender stereotypes get reinforced in the media? Why are women still paid so much less than men? Why do men suffer poor health outcomes and shorter lives? We look at the rigidity of gender categories in Australia, and how people internalise strict ideas about gender. The lecture also covers the major kinds of feminist theorising, and looks at the new academic field of queer theory, which examines sexuality.

Key concepts: sex, gender, gender order, hegemonic masculinity, patriarchy, Liberal Feminism, Radical Feminism, Poststructuralist Feminism, sexuality, queer theory, heterosexism.

Additional references:


Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 12.

Tutorial questions:
- Chapter discussion questions.

Doing Sociology Exercise
- Group presentations continue: this week’s presenters should relate their content to Chapter 12 and its discussion questions.
Week 6: Socialisation & the New Genetics:  
Re-imagining the Nature-Nurture Debate  
Lecturer: Kathleen Butler

In the context of the ‘new genetics’, this lecture reviews debates over the role that biology and socialisation play in shaping the people we become. A re-imagination of the nature-nurture debates leads us away from either/or propositions, towards a more complex understanding of human nature and social organisation.

Key concepts: agency, biological determinism, DNA, eugenics, new genetics, socialisation, social identity

Additional references:


Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 5.

Tutorial questions:
- Chapter discussion questions.
- Discussion of LREP assignment due next week
  - Brainstorming of essay topics in class

Handy hint: If in doubt, ask for help
If you are unsure about how to proceed with an assessment task, ask your tutor for help. Tutors are there to help you, so ask questions for clarification in class or if you have specific questions about your work, make an appointment to see your tutor outside of class time.

Week 7: Consumption and Lifestyles  
Lecturer: Stephen Threadgold

This lecture investigates the rise of consumer culture and the role it plays in shaping our identity and lifestyles. Are we all just hedonistic consumers now, or can (ethical) consumption play a role in positive social change?

Key concepts: commodified self, consumerism, conspicuous consumption, individualisation, lifestyle, materialism, post-modernity

Additional references:
Week 8: Australian Aborigines: The Perpetuation of Inequality
Lecturer: Kathleen Butler

Indigenous Australians continue to experience significant social inequality and prejudice in Australia. This lecture reviews the sociological debates on race and racism in the context of Australian politics – past and present. ‘The Last Dream’ documentary by John Pilger shows the historical dispossession and social marginalisation suffered by Aboriginal Australians.

Key concepts: assimilation, colonialism, identity politics, structural inequality, institutional racism, race, racism, self-determination, social Darwinism, Stolen Generation.

Additional references:


Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 14.

Tutorial questions:
- Chapter discussion questions.
- Feedback on LREP assignments

Week 9: Ethnicity, Multiculturalism, & Refugees: On Being ‘Un-Australian’
Lecturer: Kathleen Butler

From the White Australia policy, to assimilation policies, to multiculturalism, the rise of One Nation, and more recently ‘refugees in detention’ and the Cronulla riots – this lecture presents
a sociological review of immigration and refugee debates in Australia, with particular attention to moral panics, national identity and the rise of notions of ‘un-Australian’.

**Key concepts:** assimilation, discrimination, ethnocentrism, identity, moral panics, stereotypes, multiculturalism, nationalism

**Additional references:**


**Tutorial reading:**
- Textbook Chapter 13.

**Tutorial questions:**
- Chapter discussion questions
- Complete the ‘How to Reference’ exercise as preparation for your tutorial.

**How to Reference Exercise:** Before starting this exercise, read the Essay and Referencing Guide in Appendix 1 of this Course Guide.

**Instructions:** Based on the notes below, reference the following paragraph, which has a number of missing references. In addition, write out a reference list in a consistent format based on the references cited in the paragraph.

- American sociologist Mills came up with the ‘sociological imagination’.
- Page 15 of his book: he defined it as ‘a quality of mind that seems most dramatically to promise an understanding of the intimate realities of ourselves in connection with larger social realities’.
- p. 226: ‘many personal troubles cannot be solved merely as troubles, but must be understood in terms of public issues . . . public issues must be revealed by relating them to personal troubles’.
- a sociological imagination involves linking ‘private troubles’ with ‘public issues’.

- Willis says the sociological imagination is made up of four interrelated parts: historical (influence of past events), cultural (influence of values, traditions…), structural (influence of social institutions) and critical (consideration of alternatives or improvements).
- Considering these four aspects for any topic is a good way to understand how to think/analyse sociologically.

- Page 29: ‘if most sociologists insist that developing a “sociological imagination” is a good idea, there is no agreement about how it can best be achieved… as different sociologists apply different assumptions and theories, and these ideas shape their work.’ There is no single version of
sociology, but rather sociologies, reflecting different viewpoints or theories about how to study and explain social life.

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Mills coined the term the ‘sociological imagination’ to summarise the key aspect of thinking sociologically, by imagining a link between ‘private troubles’ and ‘public issues’. As he states, many personal troubles cannot be solved merely as troubles, but must be understood in terms of public issues... public issues must be revealed by relating them to personal troubles. A good example of this is the sexual division of labour in Australian public and private life, which refers to the types of work women and men generally do, such as women doing housework or being sales assistants and secretaries, while men do better paid jobs such as doctors and mechanics. For example, a recent empirical study by Baxter found that Australian women still do more housework than men, but the gender gap is declining. She argues that the main reason for the decline is not that men are sharing more of the load, but that women are actually spending less time on household work.

Willis expands on Mills’ ideas and suggests that applying a sociological imagination to various issues involves a consideration of four interrelated factors: historical, cultural, structural and critical. While sociologists commonly evoke the sociological imagination, Bessant and Watts note that differing viewpoints among sociologists mean that there is no single, agreed upon sociological theory of social life, but rather numerous ‘sociologies’.

**Reference list**

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**Handy hint: Check your Studentmail and Blackboard regularly**

A reminder that University staff, including tutors, regularly attempt to contact students via their studentmail account; plus there are also many handy hints and information on the SOCA1010 Blackboard website – so aim to check both weekly.
Week 10: Class & Inequality in Australia
Lecturer: Stephen Threadgold

This lecture will discuss the evolution and usefulness of class as a concept in sociology comparing the approach of such figures as Marx, Weber and Bourdieu. It will discuss the shifts from understanding class in a traditional capital-labour schema and through group location in relations of economic production (in debates about the ‘new middle class’ and ‘underclass’), to a further emphasis on cultural capital, consumption and leisure. Historical evidence about the significance and persistence of social class and class-related inequality in Australian society will be examined.

Key concepts: class, consumption, cultural capital, underclass

Additional references:


Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 11.

Tutorial questions:
- Chapter discussion questions.

Week 11: Crime, Deviance and Social Control
Lecturer: Stephen Threadgold

This lecture will explore sociological analyses of crime and deviance. It focuses on victimisation, the creation of ‘moral panics’, and attempts at social control. A sociological analysis of deviance and crime exposes the role of culture and power in defining what is considered deviant in particular societies at particular times.

Key concepts: crime, criminalisation, deviance, labelling theory, moral panics, reintegrative shaming, social control, subcultures, victimisation

Additional references:


Lecturer: Stephen Threadgold

What's happening to work? In decades past, futurists predicted a utopian age of the leisure society was within reach, with arduous and mundane work replaced by machines and new technologies. Yet despite the information technology revolution, people are working longer and more unsociable hours. Work intensification, work-related stress, job insecurity, casualisation and under-employment are now commonplace. While the end of work appears nowhere in sight, some authors suggest the 'work ethic' has been overtaken by a 'consumption ethic', that fundamentally underpins work and social life in advanced capitalist societies.

Key concepts: consumption, leisure society, neo-liberalism, risk society, sexual division of labour, social construction of work, work ethic, under-employment

Additional references:

Tutorial reading:
- Textbook Chapter 18.

Tutorial questions:
- Chapter discussion questions.

Reminder – Essay due: Friday, 5pm – May 29

Week 13: Globalising Power: Some Sociological Conclusions
Exam Revision & Course Evaluation
Course Choices for Semester 2

Lecturer: Kathleen Butler

This lecture summarises the key features of the sociological perspective, reviewing many of the issues covered throughout the course via the lens of globalisation. The lecture ends by providing you with a few tools for further developing your own sociological imagination.

**Key concepts:** agency, globalisation, scientism, social structure, sociological determinism.

**Additional references:**

**Tutorial reading:**
- Textbook Chapter 17.

**Tutorial questions:**
- Chapter discussion questions
- Exam revision – Tutors will be happy to answer your questions.
Appendix 1: Essay and Referencing Guidelines


Essay structure

The basic structure of an essay involves three parts:

- **the introduction:** clarifies an essay topic for the reader. It should include what your essay will cover, the stance or argument you will take, and briefly define any key terms where necessary.
- **the body:** a series of logically connected paragraphs where you describe and analyse material relevant to the topic (provide supporting evidence and explanations based on your reading of the literature).
- **the conclusion:** a short summary, usually in one paragraph, of the evidence and argument presented to answer the essay question. New information should not be included in the conclusion.

Subheadings: unless otherwise stated, the use of subheadings in essays is optional.

In writing a university level essay you should:

- Use formal expression and avoid emotive phrases such as slang, clichés and stereotypes.
- Critically analyse (i.e. evaluate strengths and weaknesses) the relevant literature on a topic by taking into account opposing viewpoints.
- Always make use of supporting evidence drawn from authoritative and verifiable information sources. Unless you are requested to do so, avoid anecdotal, hypothetical and personal examples.
- Acknowledge the sources of information used by an accepted system of referencing. This way you avoid plagiarism (theft of another author’s work). It also allows readers (including markers) to confirm and follow-up on material you present.

What about my opinion? Making your argument, theme or thesis

Your opinion or your preferred explanation or answer to a topic (sometimes called argument, theme or thesis) can only be persuasive if it is based on authoritative sources of information (i.e. academic books and journals that are related to the discipline you are studying). You should aim to form your opinion about a topic only after you have read the relevant literature and become aware of differing viewpoints. The argument you present in your essay is your considered opinion about a topic, supported with detailed evidence and references.

Interpreting your topic: use the library research and essay plan

The assignment on page 10 provides you with a systematic way to interpret your topic and plan your essay. To help interpret your topic, use your lecture notes and textbook to gain a general understanding of the topic. However, do **not reference or re-use lecture notes in your essays**. If you want to use information used in a lecture, you will need to find the original source by conducting your own library research. Start with other introductory sociology books and a sociology dictionary, and use the lecture, tutorial and essay references as a guide.

When you take notes make sure that you record the bibliographic details (authors, dates of publication, titles, page numbers etc.) of the sources of information you used, as this will help you later when you need to compile your reference list.
Writing up your essay

- **Drafts:** Writing is a time-consuming process. Once you have completed your notes, you should allow yourself enough time to produce at least 2 or 3 drafts before submitting your work.
- **Consider word limits as word targets:** aim to write as close to the word limit as possible – 10% above or below the limit is acceptable.
- **Proof reading:** always carefully check your final draft for any spelling, grammatical or referencing mistakes as marks will be deducted for such errors.

What is referencing?
When you use information from books and journal articles in assignments, you will generally be required to acknowledge your information sources – this is known as referencing. You should reference research findings, statistics, concepts and theories. You must always provide a reference for direct quotes AND paraphrased information (material put into your own words but derived from another source). This may mean that every paragraph in your assignment has at least one reference in it.

How to use the Harvard in-text referencing system
There are many types of referencing systems. The preferred one in the Social Sciences is known as the Harvard in-text referencing system which is very similar to the APA system used by psychologists. The Harvard system includes references in the text of the essay, for example: (Bessant and Watts 2002: 5) – this reference tells the reader that information presented in the sentence or paragraph came from a source written by Bessant and Watts (surnames only) published in 2001 and found on page 5. All the other details about the information source such as the title, publisher and place of publication (known as bibliographical information) appear in a list of references at the end of your essay. Here are two examples of what in-text references can look like:

- Apple (1988: 56) states that... - here the author’s name is part of the sentence. Note the space between the author and the bracket. You may see some variations such as: (1988, p. 5) or (1988, 5) – choose one and be consistent.
- It can be argued that... (Bryson 1992: 10-16). – if the author is not mentioned in the sentence, then the full reference comes at the end, all in brackets, with the full stop after the bracket

Direct quotes and paraphrased material:
- In general, aim to paraphrase (put in your own words) the information you gather from other sources. You must still provide a reference for paraphrased information.
- **Keep direct quotes to a minimum:** no more than 10% of the word count. Copying slabs of information word for word is unacceptable as it is impossible to assess your understanding of the material.
- **When using a direct quote, always keep:** the exact wording and spelling of the original source. Always include page number/s with the reference.
- **For direct quotes less than 30 words:** place in single quotation marks.
- **For direct quotes greater than 30 words:** do not use quotation marks, but instead indent the quote from both the left and right margins.

Bibliographic details and formatting your reference list
Your reference list is attached to the end of your essay and includes all the bibliographic details of the information sources referenced in your essay. It is only necessary to include the actual information sources that you referenced in your essay. Do not include other sources that you might have looked at, but not referenced. A reference list should be formatted consistently and organized in
alphabetical order (by author surname). The following reference list template includes examples of the information you need to record and include in your reference list.

A reference list template

For books provide:
- All author surnames and initials of first names
- Date of publication
- Book title (italicised or underlined)
- Edition (where relevant)
- Place of publication
- Publisher

For a chapter in an edited book, provide:
- All author surnames and initials of first names
- Date of publication of the book in which the chapter is contained
- Chapter title in inverted commas
- Initials and surnames of editors, including the abbreviation (ed. or eds.)
- Book title (italicised or underlined)
- Edition (where relevant)
- Place of publication
- Publisher
- First and last page numbers of chapter

For a journal article, provide:
- All author surnames and initials of first names
- Date of publication of the journal in which the article is contained
- Article title in inverted commas
- Journal title (italicised or underlined)
- Volume and Issue numbers (where relevant; sometimes a month or season is used instead)
- First and last page numbers of the article (where available)
- **Note**: When you access journals from online databases, reference them in the usual way (as above) as long as the journals are also produced in hard copy. You can usually tell if a hard copy version is available when the online version is made available as a pdf copy of the original printed version. In such cases, online and hard copy versions do not differ and there is no need to include the URL and date accessed details because the actual articles are the same - only the means of accessing them is different. Some journals, such as the *Electronic Journal of Sociology* and *Sociological Research Online*, are only available online and thus you should include the URL (web address) and the date you accessed the website in these cases.

For a web source, provide:
- All author surnames and initials of first names where available (sometimes the author is an organisation)
- Date of publication or last revision/modification (often included at the bottom of a web site)
- Title of the publication and or particular section of a web site (italicised or underlined)
- Title of the web site and the web address (URL)
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Appendix 2: Group Presentation Feedback Guide

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SOCA1010 Group Work Agreement

Each group member will receive the same grade, except when individuals have not contributed. If this is the case, group members should report this to their Tutor. Otherwise, all members should sign this agreement.

We the undersigned agree that we have all equally contributed to this group work project:

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Group Mark/Grade: /15

General remarks
## Appendix 3: Essay Feedback Guide

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Appendix 4: Careers and Courses in Sociology & Anthropology

What can you do with a degree in Sociology and Anthropology?
Graduates in sociology and anthropology develop skills and knowledge applicable to a wide variety of jobs, such as:

- **Work involving social groups and social processes:** minority and ethnic groups, crime and substance abuse, youth issues, family matters, industrial relations, poverty
- **Social research:** devising surveys, collecting data, and conducting interviews and fieldwork, including the analysis, interpretation and presentation of data collected
- **Social policy and planning:** community development, cultural resource management, social justice work, health policy and organisation, multicultural affairs

Where do graduates in sociology and anthropology work?
Many areas of the public and private sectors employ graduates with social science skills. For example:

- **Federal, State and Local Governments:** social services, teaching, industrial relations, criminal justice work, policy development and implementation, case management, group work with youth or the elderly, urban planning, general administration, migrant and multicultural affairs...
- **Community and Non-profit Organisations:** administration, overseas aid & development agencies, social research, policy development, lobbying...
- **Business:** consumer/social research, public relations, publishing, personnel, training.
- **Further Study and Academic Work:** Honours, Masters and PhD study, university and TAFE teaching, research officer work.

Careers information and key weblinks for Majors can be found at: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/careers/careerassistance/majors.html](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/careers/careerassistance/majors.html)

Semester 2 Course Choices: 1000 Level

**SOCA1020: Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology**
SOCA1020 introduces students to the history of anthropology, the nature of anthropological fieldwork, and examines how the study of other cultures and societies can help us deal with urgent problems confronting today's world (e.g. Aboriginal Australia, South East Asia, Islamic societies, Melanesia).

**SOCA1040: Sociology of Children and Families**
This course complements SOCA1010, focussing on key debates about the historical and cultural variability of families and the social construction of children and childhood. The diversity of family forms in contemporary Australia is examined in the context of class, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity.

**SOCS1100: Professional Practice & Key Debates in the Social Sciences**
Restricted to Bachelor of Social Science students only: A prescribed course for the BSocSci that introduces students to the nature of social science work and careers, with a focus on key debates in social policy, program management and social research. Through a series of practical workshops students gain professional skills in IT literacy, and effective written, oral, interpersonal and group work communication skills.

Further information on course availability can be found on Program websites:
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Tutorials and lectures begin this week: Enrol in tutorial |
| 2    | March 9        | Sociological Theory: Easy As! - Chapter 2  
Establish Presentation Groups in Tutorials  
Reminder: take a Library Orientation Tour |
| 3    | March 16       | Media and Popular Culture- Chapter 19 |
| 4    | March 23       | Youth Culture- Chapter 6  
Group presentations in tutorials begin |
| 5    | March 30       | Sex and Gender- Chapter 12  
Group presentations in tutorials continue |
| 6    | April 6        | Socialisation and the New Genetics- Chapter 5  
SEMIESTER RECESS: Friday April 10- Friday April 17 |
| 7    | April 20       | Consumption and Lifestyles- Chapter 8  
LREP Assignment due: Thursday 5pm- April 23 |
| 8    | April 27       | Australian Aborigines: The Perpetuation of Inequality- Chapter 14  
How to reference in-class exercise |
| 9    | May 4          | Ethnicity, Multiculturalism & Refugees: On Being ‘Un-Australian’- Chapter 13 |
| 10   | May 11         | Class and Inequality in Australia- Chapter 11 |
| 11   | May 18         | Crime and deviance- Chapter 15 |
| 12   | May 25         | The New Work Ethic- Chapter 18  
Essay due: Friday 5pm- May 29 |
| 13   | June 1         | Globalising Power: Sociological Conclusions- Chapter 17  
Exam Revision |