SOCA4090 - Sociology and Anthropology Honours I
Course Outline

Course Coordinator: Dr Ann Taylor
Semester: Semester 1 - 2009
Unit Weighting: 20
Teaching Methods: Self Directed Learning, Seminar

Brief Course Description
This course is one of two Honours level courses which build knowledge and understanding about the history and philosophy of research in Sociology and Anthropology. This knowledge and understanding is used to develop insights into the ways that problems in Sociology and Anthropology are conceived and acted on. The course enhances skills and capacities in reading and literature reviewing, critical reasoning and argument, essay writing and verbal communication. The course includes: discussions of theoretical and applied directions in Sociology and Anthropology; student-based presentations of key issues; and on-line bibliographic searches and writing techniques.

Contact Hours
Seminar for 2 Hours per Week for the Full Term
Self Directed Learning for 18 Hours per Week for the Full Term

Learning Materials/Texts

Course Objectives
By the end of this course students will have:
1. An advanced comprehension of contemporary issues in Sociology and Anthropology and their historical dimensions.
2. An advanced understanding of cross-disciplinary linkage between Sociology and Anthropology and other disciplines.
3. An advanced comprehension of the variety of theoretical approaches with which to examine and evaluate issues and problems in Sociology and Anthropology.
4. A wide range of skills and methods necessary to undertake a complex analysis and communication of issues in Sociology and Anthropology and to critically analyse measures, indicators, reports and policies.

Course Content
* Topics in Sociology and Anthropology, presented as one continuous seminar
* Advanced skills development:
  * Oral presentation and discussion
  * Essay writing

Assessment Items
| Essays / Written Assignments | Coursework essays |

Assumed Knowledge
A major in the appropriate discipline with a minimum credit grade average.
IMPORTANT UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity, honesty, and a respect for knowledge, truth and ethical practices are fundamental to the business of the University. These principles are at the core of all academic endeavour in teaching, learning and research. Dishonest practices contravene academic values, compromise the integrity of research and devalue the quality of learning. To preserve the quality of learning for the individual and others, the University may impose severe sanctions on activities that undermine academic integrity. There are two major categories of academic dishonesty:

Academic fraud is a form of academic dishonesty that involves making a false representation to gain an unjust advantage. Without limiting the generality of this definition, it can include:

a) falsification of data;
b) using a substitute person to undertake, in full or part, an examination or other assessment item;
c) reusing one's own work, or part thereof, that has been submitted previously and counted towards another course (without permission);
d) making contact or colluding with another person, contrary to instructions, during an examination or other assessment item;
e) bringing material or device(s) into an examination or other assessment item other than such as may be specified for that assessment item; and
f) making use of computer software or other material and device(s) during an examination or other assessment item other than such as may be specified for that assessment item.
g) contract cheating or having another writer compete for tender to produce an essay or assignment and then submitting the work as one's own.

Plagiarism is the presentation of the thoughts or works of another as one's own. University policy
prohibits students plagiarising any material under any circumstances. Without limiting the
generality of this definition, it may include:

a) copying or paraphrasing material from any source without due acknowledgment;

b) using another person's ideas without due acknowledgment;

c) collusion or working with others without permission, and presenting the resulting work as
though it were completed independently.

**Turnitin** is an electronic text matching system. During 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 text matching service (which may then
  retain a copy of the item on its database for the purpose of future checking).

- Submit the assessment item to other forms of plagiarism checking

**RE-MARKS AND MODERATIONS**

Students can access the University's policy at:

**MARKS AND GRADES RELEASED DURING TERM**

All marks and grades released during term are indicative only until formally approved by the
Head of School.

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING ASSESSMENT ITEMS**

*Extension of Time for Assessment Items, Deferred Assessment and Special Consideration for
Assessment Items or Formal Written Examinations* items must be submitted by the due date in
the Course Outline unless the Course Coordinator approves an extension. Unapproved late
submissions will be penalised in line with the University policy specified in **Late Penalty** above.

Requests for **Extensions of Time** must be lodged no later than the due date of the item. This
applies to students:

- applying for an extension of time for submission of an assessment item on the basis of
  medical, compassionate, hardship/trauma or unavoidable commitment; or

- 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.

Students must report the circumstances, with supporting documentation, as outlined in the
Special Circumstances Affecting Assessment Items Procedure at:

**Note:** different procedures apply for minor and major assessment tasks.

**Students should be aware of the following important deadlines:**

- Special Consideration Requests must be lodged no later than 3 working days after the
due date of submission or examination.
Rescheduling Exam requests must be received no later than 10 working days prior the first date of the examination period.

Late applications may not be accepted. Students who cannot meet the above deadlines due to extenuating circumstances should speak firstly to their Program Officer or their Program Executive if studying in Singapore.

STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR CHRONIC ILLNESS

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 contact the Disability Liaison Officer on 02 4921 5766, email at: 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 on confidentiality and documentation visit the Student Support Service (Disability) website: www.newcastle.edu.au/services/disability.

CHANGING YOUR ENROLMENT

Students enrolled after the census dates listed in the link below are liable for the full cost of their student contribution or fees for that term.

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/fees/censusdates.html

Students may withdraw from a course without academic penalty on or before the last day of term. Any withdrawal from a course after the last day of term will result in a fail grade.

Students cannot enrol in a new course after the second week of term, except under exceptional circumstances. Any application to add a course after the second week of term must be on the appropriate form, and should be discussed with staff in the Student Hubs or with your Program Executive at PSB if you are a Singapore student.

To check or change your enrolment online go to myHub: https://myhub.newcastle.edu.au

STUDENT INFORMATION & CONTACTS

Various services are offered by the Student Support Unit: www.newcastle.edu.au/service/studentsupport/

The Student Hubs are a one-stop shop for the delivery of student related services and are the first point of contact for students studying in Australia. Student Hubs are located at:

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Port Macquarie students contact your program officer or EnquiryCentre@newcastle.edu.au
Phone 4921 5000

Singapore students contact your PSB Program Executive
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