

SO131-0 Academic Skills for Sociologists

21/22

Department

Sociology

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

0

Module duration

5 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

This course has been designed for first year sociology students and aims to help them develop a wide range of skills that will be integral to their success at studying sociology at university. As this is a 0 CATS module, students will not be expected to prepare any work. However, they will be given the opportunity to attend seminars to consolidate their learning through exercises and examples.

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Module aims

Particular emphasis is placed on developing the skills required to write persuasive undergraduate essays: referencing, paraphrasing, summarising, planning, structuring, critical reading and critical writing. Students will continue to develop their academic writing style throughout their degree, but it's important to lay some solid foundations at the start - and this is the main focus of this module.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Effective Referencing; Wellbeing and Managing Deadlines; Critical Thinking (1): Critical Reading/Locating Sources; Critical Thinking (2): Critical Writing

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- By the end of the module, students should be able to: reference correctly; understand what plagiarism is (including self-plagiarism) and how to avoid this; structure an essay; write effective intros and conclusions; locate reading sources; read effectively and 'critically'

Subject specific skills

Referencing; Critical Reading; Critical Writing; Library Searches

Transferable skills

The ability to research well and to write clearly and persuasively are key transferable skills.

Study

Study time

Type	Required	Optional
Lectures	4 sessions of	
Seminars		4 sessions of
Total	0 hours	

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group X

Study time Eligible for self-certification

Assessment component

Zero-credit module - no assessment required

Reassessment component is the same

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
- Year 1 of USOA-L314 Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology