

SO122-15 Sociology of Race

26/27

Department

Sociology

Level

Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

10 weeks

Assessment

100% coursework

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

What is 'race' and why does it matter? This module answers those questions drawing on the wealth of expertise within Warwick Sociology, taught by experts who research and write about race and racism from a range of perspectives. Students will learn about both theoretical concepts and real-world examples that will help them to understand how race and racism shape the social world.

Module aims

To develop knowledge of the sociology of race, particularly in a British context. To enable students to understand race as a social construction with material consequences, and to be able to apply this understanding to empirical examples.

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.

1. Theorising 'race'
2. Race, history, and empire

3. Nationalism, immigration and race
4. Race and gender
5. Race and class
6. READING WEEK
7. Race, inequality and social policy
8. Race and criminal justice
9. Race and religion
10. Post-race?

Learning outcomes

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

- Knowledge of basic concepts in the sociology of race
- Knowledge of a range of empirical studies of the sociology of race
- Understanding of race as a social construction with material consequences
- Awareness of relations between racialised power structures and other structures of power such as class, gender and nation
- Ability to describe examples of racialised inequality in terms of social structure, power and history as well as personal experience

Indicative reading list

[Reading lists can be found in Talis](#)

Subject specific skills

1. Understanding of race as a social construction with material consequences
2. Awareness of relations between racialised power structures and other structures of power such as class, gender and nation
3. Ability to describe examples of racialised inequality in terms of social structure, power and history as well as personal experience

Transferable skills

1. Critical thinking
 2. Communication - written and verbal
 3. Teamwork and working effectively with others
 4. Information literacy/research skills
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Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	9 sessions of 1 hour (9%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (9%)
Private study	82 hours (82%)
Total	100 hours

Private study description

Reading for seminars
 Preparation for seminars - answering set questions
 Completing formative work
 Further reading for assessment
 Preparation and writing of summative work

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group A2

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
Assessment component			
Assessed Essay	100%	50 hours	Yes (extension)
Reassessment component is the same			

Feedback on assessment

Written feedback via Tabula.
 Availability for verbal feedback during advice and feedback hours

Availability

Courses

Course availability information is based on the current academic year, so it may change.

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of USOA-L301 BA in Sociology

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 1 of UHIA-VL13 Undergraduate History and Sociology
- Year 1 of ULAA-M135 Undergraduate Law and Sociology

This module is Optional for:

- Year 1 of USOA-L314 Undergraduate Sociology and Criminology

This module is Core option list A for:

- Year 1 of ULAA-ML34 BA in Law and Sociology (Qualifying Degree)
- Year 1 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology

This module is Option list A for:

- USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
 - Year 1 of L305 Sociology with Specialism in Cultural Studies
 - Year 1 of L303 Sociology with Specialism in Gender Studies
 - Year 1 of L304 Sociology with Specialism in Research Methods

This module is Option list G for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics