

# HUMN 0021 UNDERSTANDING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES (WSTC PREP)

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 700234

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**Description** The subject is designed to introduce students to the scientific basis of the social sciences, its basic research methodologies, and the impact social science has on social policy, social justice, and social change. The subject is also intended to provide students with an understanding of key disciplines that comprise the social sciences in order that students can make an informed choice about majors and sub-majors when they progress to a Bachelor degree. The subject will also provide students with an opportunity to acquire and apply basic research and digital literacy skills.

**School** Western Sydney The College

**Discipline** Studies in Human Society, Not Elsewhere Classified.

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 0 Preparatory subject

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at Western Sydney University, The College.

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Define the social sciences and their impact on society.
2. Compare and contrast key disciplines within the social sciences.
3. Apply problem-solving and basic research skills.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of key majors within a social science degree and career outcomes.
5. Present research both orally and using digital technologies.
6. Communicate writing and referencing skills appropriate to an academic environment.

## Subject Content

1. What do we mean by the social sciences?
2. What impact do the social sciences have on social policy, social justice, and social change?
3. How do the main disciplines within the social sciences relate to, and differ from, each other?
4. Problem-solving using a social science approach.
5. Basic research methods within the social sciences.
6. Investigating further studies in the social sciences and related fields.

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## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Participation	Tutorials	10	N	Individual	N
Portfolio	350 words and 450 words	45	N	Individual	N
Short Answer	500 words	25	N	Individual	N
Presentatio	5 - 10 minutes	20	N	Individual	N