

HUMN 1057 DOING SOCIOLOGY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102787

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Description With a focus on what it is that sociologists 'do' and why, this subject considers how sociology contributes to a better understanding of everyday life. That is, to the routine engagements, interactions and practices that make up our individual and social worlds. Where we live, what we consume, how we feel and the meanings we give our work, leisure, environments and relationships will all be analysed with reference to academic and popular content. Serving as an introduction to the discipline of sociology and its various sub-fields and methods, 'Doing Sociology' places emphasis on how sociological knowledge can be applied. In this way, the subject provides students with the opportunity to consider what they might do with sociology; how a sociological perspective might help them better understand the social world and contribute in a meaningful way to resolving contemporary social issues.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Identify key characteristics of the discipline of sociology and its sub-fields.
2. Examine aspects of everyday life from a sociological perspective.
3. Apply sociological perspectives to contemporary social issues.
4. Evaluate the utility of sociological knowledge in the workplace.

Subject Content

Introduction to the discipline of sociology.
Introduction to sociological research methods.
Sociology in everyday life.
Sociology in the workplace.
Applying sociological knowledge.

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
Summary	500 words in total	30	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	Y

Presentation 10 minutes 30
(equivalent
to 1,000
words)

N Group Y

Prescribed Texts

- Matthewman, S., Lane West-Newman, C. and Curtis, B. (eds.) (2020) Being Sociological. Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave MacMillan (3rd edn.).

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Liverpool

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Online

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Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)

Sydney City

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