

As a sociology major, there are a wide variety of host institutions to choose from in Britain, Ireland, South Africa and Botswana. However, studying sociology in a different country allows you to learn familiar topics from a completely new perspective, including topics that are not covered by all US institutions. While a variety of traditional sociology courses are offered, here are some highlights unique to each country's perspective. If you would like to see the full range of sociology offerings contact Interstudy at 800.663.1999 for more information.

## BRITAIN

### Goldsmiths, University of London

SO5240A Culture, Representation and Difference

The course explores the problem of cultural identity in terms of the complex relations between subjects and representational and discursive practices. We draw on work from cultural studies, sociology and social theory in order to think about the importance of culture in the construction of modern self identity. Across the course, examples will be taken from advertising, mass media, fashion, photography, tattooing and other cultural forms.

Other Courses Offered:

SO52061A Cultural Politics and Globalisation

SO53129A Knowledge, Science and Nature

SO52074A Emotions and Social Life

SO52092A Leisure, Culture and Society

### King's College, University of London

5SSG2050 Cities: Explorations in Urban Geography

The module aims to evaluate conceptual and theoretical debates relating to urban geography; acquire knowledge of social and economic patterns and processes in cities; assess social, economic, and political processes shaping cities; consider and evaluate the policy implications of urban change and process.

Other Courses Offered:

5SSMN223 Human Resource Management

5SSG2051 Climate Variability, Change and Society

5AAT1257 Religion: Social and Political

5SSEL014 Analyzing Spoken Discourse

### University of Warwick

SO323 Sexuality and Society

This module examines the role of social arrangements and discourses in the social construction of male and female sexualities in Britain. Medicine and law, for instance, have long been important in shaping sexualities, including the ways we understand sexual relationships and capacities for sexual pleasure. To these, new and contentious views about sexual identities and experiences have been contributed by the feminist, gay, lesbian and queer movements.

Other Courses Offered:

SO111 Births of Feminisms

SO110 Social Welfare in Britain

SO104 Gender, Class and Empire

SO305 Sociology of Developing Societies

### University of Westminster

1SOC603 Gender, Ethnicity and Cultural Representations

This module aims to extend your theoretical and methodological knowledge and understanding of the complexities of the interrelations of gender, ethnicity and culture, and to critically evaluate the various theories/methodologies useful for the analysis of representations and for the deconstruction of ideologies of "race" & gender. Furthermore, this module will explore and analyse historical and contemporary cultural representations.

Other Courses Offered:

1SOC604 Masculinities, Gender and Change

1SOC508 Contemporary Issues in Education

1SOC507 Sociology of Health and Illness

1SOC617 Power in the Media

## IRELAND

### Queen's University Belfast

210SOC305 Issues in Contemporary Irish Society

The comparative analysis of Irish society (North and South). Substantive topics such as the following will be covered: gender, class, religion, education, ideology and society, the Northern Ireland conflict, local communities and rural change, the role of the state.

Other Courses Offered:

110SOC201 The Development of Social Theory

110SOC232 Sociology of Conflict in Northern Ireland

11SOC101 The Individual and Society

110SOC217 Crime and Society

### University College Cork

SC3002 Current Debates in Sociology: Sociology of Literature

Exploration of areas of current debate in Sociology and related disciplines, addressing issues of theory, method and epistemology.

Other Courses Offered:

SC2026 Sociology of the Family

SC3036 The Social Construction of Housing and Habitat

SC3039 Philosophy of Social Science

SC2034 Culture of Cities

### University College Dublin

SOC20020 Work and Social Stratification

This course looks firstly at how work is organized in our society. It examines the division between mental and manual labour. It introduces students to major concepts such as Taylorism and Fordism that seek to explain why this division emerged. It also explores how different groups fare in the labour market e.g. migrants, women and white-collar employees. It looks at union-employer conflicts and examines new forms of work organisation. This course aims to introduce students to both conceptual and empirical issues relating to social stratification. It looks at how Marx, Weber, Durkheim, and Bourdieu define and deploy the concept of class. The second half of the course looks at inequality globally, in the UK and in Ireland.

Other Courses Offered:

SOC30050 Political Sociology

SOC10040 Sociology in Practice

SOC10030 Irish Culture and Society

SOC20040 Sociology of Gender

### National University of Ireland, Galway

SP421.ii Women in Irish Society

A sociology class on the themes of gender and society, unique not only to the Irish perspective, but from a Galway specific view within the region.

Other Courses Offered:

SP407 Sociology of Work

SP586 Sociology of Sexuality

SP486 Medical Sociology

SP529 The Sociology of War

### University of Limerick

SO4095 Sociology of Media

This course aims to provide students with a critical understanding of the mass media from a sociological viewpoint. It will introduce students to key aspects of the debate amongst social scientists about the workings and influence of the media. The course is structured upon an examination of these key areas as well as presenting examples of the various methodological approaches used by sociologists in their analysis of the mass media.

Other Courses Offered:

SO4905 Sociology of Work

SO4047 Sociology of the Welfare State

SO4077 Sociology of Youth

SO4057 Sociology of Health and Illness

## IRELAND

### Trinity College Dublin

SO4250b Conflict Resolution, Governmentality, Ireland

The starting point for this course is the theories of cultural identity and pluralism that underpin the Peace Process and the Good Friday Agreement. We will trace the local development of these theories and locate them in relation to the international literature on identity, multiculturalism and group rights. We will then question the adequacy of the theories, and the policies that they inspired, both to the ethno-national conflict they were originally developed to comprehend and to the difficulties Ireland now faces in coming to terms with immigration and increasing cultural diversity. This is not a course about Irish identity. Rather, the aim of the course is to critically examine the theory - shared among a wide-range of social analysts, policy makers and politicians - that Ireland's political problems are caused by underlying conflicts and confusions of cultural identity.

Other Courses Offered:

SO2340a The Body and Society

SO2340b Anthropology of Gender

SO4260b Sociology of Material Culture

SO4240a Gender and Popular Culture

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## BOTSWANA

### University of Botswana

SOC234 Social Problems in Southern Africa

A sociology class unique not only to the Southern Africa perspective, but from a Botswana specific view within the region.

Other Courses Offered:

SOC130 Crime and Punishment in Modern Society

SOC245 Gender and the Criminal Justice Process

SOC242 Concepts of Health and Illness

SOC329 Urban Sociology

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## SOUTH AFRICA

### Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

SSA204 Women in Africa

Theoretical underpinnings. Selected issues pertaining to women in Africa: women and development; rights of women in Africa; gender; conflict, and peace building; Women and identity, and the economic position of women in Africa.

Other Courses Offered:

SSS303 Sociology of Development

SSS310 Human Rights

SSS307 Crime and Society

SSS209 Contemporary Labour Studies

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### Rhodes University

NB: Course codes are only available shortly prior to beginning of the semester.

Institutions and Inequalities

Course Outcomes: Be conceptually clear on the distinction between social institutions and social inequalities. Be in a position to apply the sociological insights gained from this course to an understanding of other social institutions such as the family and religion. Have a clear understanding of social class inequalities which exist in modern capitalist societies and be able to apply your sociological insights into understanding the social problems currently besetting South Africa.

Other Courses Offered:

Theory and Society

Environmental Sociology

Methodology

Theories of Industrial Society

## **SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Stellenbosch University**

59021 214 Sociology: Politics and Cultural Change in Contemporary South Africa

The purpose of this module is to introduce students to political and cultural changes that are taking place in South Africa. This will be done by brainstorming a number of pertinent ideas (drawn from political studies, sociology, and anthropology) and subsequently applying these ideas to a number of themes.

Other Courses Offered:

10199 314 Conflict Studies, 62030 314 Truth Commission, 63819 314 Transitional Justice, 63800 314 Negotiating Transition

### **University of Cape Town**

SOC2004S Race, Class and Gender

This course introduces and critically examines various understandings of the concepts 'race', class and gender. It explores ways in which these categories shape inequalities in South Africa both historically and in the present.

Other Courses Offered:

SOC2030F Poverty, Development and Globalization, SOC1005S Individual and Society, SOC2032F Culture and Social Life in the 21st Century, SOC3029S Industrial Society and Change

### **University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus, Durban**

SOCY308 H2 Social Issues—Specific Examples

Understanding the sociology of social issues through examining two case studies. The sociology of social issues; application through local case studies; research project.

Other Courses Offered:

SOCY302 H1 Contemporary Theory—Theorist(s), SOCY202 H2 P2 Social Change, SOCY201 H1 P1 Classical Sociological Theory, SOCY306 H2 Practice and Theory

### **University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg**

SOCY102 H2 P2 Introduction to South African Society

An understanding of the relevance of Sociology to understanding South African Society. Explore South Africa in social make up and key social issues.

Other Courses Offered:

SOCY303 P2 Contemporary Theory—Field of Theory, SOCY305 H2 P1 Research Design, SOCY702 H1 P1 Contemporary Social Theory, SOCY304 P2 Social Studies in Conservation

### **University of the Western Cape**

SOC221 – 286221 Sociology of Crime and Violence

1. Theories of deviance 2. Different paradigms 3. Urban crime – The Chicago School 4. Gender and crime 5. Violence and abuse in South Africa - gangsterism, rape, domestic violence, drugs.

Other Courses Offered:

SOC211 – 286211 Classical Sociological Theory, SOC232-286226 Sociology of Health, SOC231 – 286225 Social Stratification and Inequality, SOC321-286321 Social Change

### **University of the Witwatersrand**

SOCL1013 Southern Africa in the Era of Globalization

This unit examines the process of globalisation especially in the Southern African context. Using both historical and contemporary material, it explores globalisation with related sociological questions of social change, development, culture and social inequality. The unit aims to develop students' research and critical thinking skills, so that they can make sense of the changing social world.

Other Courses Offered:

SPCL2011/2016 Society, Health and Disease, SOCL1014 Identity and Society, SOCL3014 South African Industrial Relations