Course Specification

Course Summary Information				
1	**BCU Course Title**	**UCAS Code**	BA (Hons) Sociology	L300
2	**Course Code**		US0689	
3	**Awarding Institution**		Birmingham City University	
4	**Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3)			
5	**Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable)			

6	**Course Description**
	Looking for Sociology courses in Birmingham? Our BA (Hons) Sociology degree allows you to take a year-long placement in industry, gaining invaluable experience before you graduate. Sociology helps us make sense of the societies in which we live and our place within them. As one of our longest established courses, you'll benefit from a programme of study taking an in-depth look at contemporary sociological issues that has been honed over several decades. **What's covered in the course?** You'll explore and question social norms and discover the complex issues behind day-to-day routines and social practices. We explore patterns and processes of inequality, examine the structure and dynamics of social hierarchies and power relations and ask why and how people shape their identities and practice their lives. We encourage you to explore how sociological knowledge can connect individuals and how it can provide you with the skills needed to participate in debates not just about what society is but how it could be. Through the links we've developed with work-place organisations such as local School Academies, Citizens Advice Bureau and Woman's Aid, we help support you to make professional contacts and to apply your studies to real-world situations when taking part in voluntary work or on placement. We also enjoy close links with the city of Birmingham itself, a diverse community perfect for sociological examination.

7	**Course Awards**		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Sociology	6	360
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Certificate of Higher Education Sociology Diploma of Higher Education Sociology Bachelor of Arts Sociology	4 5 6	120 240 300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	Not applicable

9	Delivery Patterns		
Mode(s) of Study	**Location**	**Duration of Study**	**Code**
Full Time	City Centre	3 years	US0689
Part Time	City Centre	5 years*	US0690
Sandwich	City Centre	4 years	US0689S

* If you study this course part-time, you will study modules alongside full-time students in daytime hours (not evenings or weekends). The duration of the course will depend on how many modules you take per year, and will be agreed before you commence your studies. To qualify as a PT student you cannot undertake more than 90 credits in any one year.

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/, or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
	On completion of the degree, graduates will be able to demonstrate:
1	An in-depth knowledge of sociological perspectives and methods, and their application to contemporary social issues, to social identities and institutions, and to social change.
2	An understanding of the discipline of sociology – through the programme's core themes of social theory and research, cultural sociology, and policy, activism and politics - as being theoretically informed, evidence-based, relevant, professionally focussed and applied.
3	An alertness to the inherently interdisciplinary nature of sociology as a discipline and to demonstrate their proficiency with theories, methods, themes and perspectives unique to sociology: but also to demonstrate their working knowledge of the relevant political, economic, historical, and cultural factors and perspectives to be drawn on by sociologists when venturing to adequately understand society as a whole.
4	A capacity for students to show that they can make sense of a wide range of social institutions, social changes and important social issues – such as poverty, class, racism, sexism and other forms of inequalities and discrimination.
5	Critical reflection on the experience of work and interactions with sociological thought where students select to undertake a work-experience placement
6	Proficiency in relevant transferable and employability-related skills to include: disciplined oral and written communication, the production of well-structured written work and presentations, the use of software packages and other technology, and the collection, comprehension and analysis of a wide range of research and data.
7	The development and application of broader social and cognitive skills involving social collaboration and understanding, independence of judgement and argument, problem solving and personal commitment and responsibility.
8	Understanding of crime and society recognising the importance of political, economic and cultural interconnectedness at local, national, and international levels

12	Course Requirements

12a Level 4:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC4021	Understanding Society	20
SOC4028	Researching Social Life	20
SOC4029	State and Society	20
SOC4025	Sociological Imagination	20
CRI4031	Social Construction of Crime and Deviance	20
SOC4026	City, Community and Culture	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 100 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC5043	Classical Social Theory	20
SOC5044	Contemporary Social Theory	20
SOC5057	Exploring Popular Culture	20
SOC5052	Applied Sociological Research	20
SOC5040	Public Sociology	20

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC5058	Sociology Placement	20
SOC5041	Sociology of the Media	20
SOC5059	Race, Racism and Ethnicity	20
CRI5075	Youth, Socialisation and Identity	20

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 80 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC6040	Globalisation, People and Society	20
SOC6036	Self, Identity and Society	20
SOC6041	Integrative Research Project	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules.

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
SOC6032	Music and Society	20
SOC6034	Power and Inequalities	20
SOC6042	Visual Sociology	20
SOC6037	Activism, Social Movements and Social Change	20
SOC6038	The Black Arts Movement	20

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Full Time Course Structure

<table>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Level 4</td><td colspan="4">Level 4 HE Learner Programme (e.g. Two weeks)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Semester 1</td><td>Understanding Society (20 Credits)</td><td>Researching Social Life (20 Credits)</td><td>State & Society (20 Credits)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Semester 2</td><td>Sociological Imagination (20 Credits)</td><td>Social Construction of Crime and Deviance (20 Credits)</td><td>City, Community & Culture (20 Credits)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="4">Level 5</td><td colspan="4">Level 5 Transition Programme</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Semester 1</td><td>Classical Social Theory (20 credits)</td><td>Exploring Popular Culture (20 credits)</td><td>Applied Sociological Research (20 credits)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Optional International Exchange</td></tr>
<tr><td>Semester 2</td><td>Contemporary Social Theory (20 credits)</td><td>Public Sociology (20 credits)</td><td>OPTION (20 credits)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">Optional International Exchange</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="5">Work Placement (e.g. 12 months)</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Level 6</td><td colspan="4">Level 6 Transition Programme</td></tr>
<tr><td>Semester 1</td><td>Globalisation, People & Society (20 credits)</td><td rowspan="2">Integrative Project (3 choices: dissertation, community development project, social entrepreneurship project) – 40 credits</td><td>OPTION (20 credits)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Semester 2</td><td>Self, Identity & Society (20 credits)</td><td>OPTION (20 credits)</td></tr>
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Part Time Course Structure

Year 1	Semester 1	L4 Understanding Society (20 credits)	L4 Researching Social Life (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Sociological Imagination (20 credits)	L4 City, Community and Culture (20 credits)
Year 2	Semester 1	L4 State and Society (20 credits)	L5 Classical Social Theory (20 Credits)
	Semester 2	L4 Social Construction of Crime and Deviance (20 credits)	L5 Contemporary Social Theory (20 credits)
Year 3	Semester 1	L5 Applied Sociological Research (20 credits)	L5 Exploring Popular Culture (20 credits)
	Semester 2	L5 Public Sociology (20 credits)	L5 Optional Module (20 credits)
Year 4	Semester 1	L6 Globalisation, People and Society (20 credits)	L6 Optional Module (20 credits)
	Semester 2	Self, Identity & Society (20 credits)	L6 Optional Module (20 credits)
Year 5	Semester 1	L6 Integrative Project (3 choices: dissertation, community development project, social entrepreneurship project) (40 credits)	
	Semester 2		

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	214
Directed Learning	250
Private Study	736
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	70%
Exam	0
In-Person	30%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	193
Directed Learning	340
Private Study	667
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	58%
Exam	17%
In-Person	25%

Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	140
Directed Learning	306
Private Study	754
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	100%
Exam	0
In-Person	0