

## **SOC499 Capstone Sociology Project**

**Level:** 4

**Credit Units:** 10 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

### **Synopsis:**

This dissertation course which is on the Honours programmes requires students to apply their sociological knowledge to carry out an independent research project on a topic of their choice. Students have to decide on a topic, frame a research question, review the relevant literature, and prepare a research proposal. In addition, students are required to collect data, conduct appropriate analysis and write up a research report. To allow students to have more time for data collection and analysis, this dissertation course spans over two academic semesters.

### **Topics:**

- Introduction: research topic and research questions
- Developing a research proposal and literature review
- Methods of data collection
- Measurement and questionnaire design
- Sampling design
- Data analysis and interpretation
- Writing the Sociology capstone project: final report and oral presentation

### **Textbooks:**

Johnson, W.A., Rettig, R.P., Scott, G.M. & Garrison S.M.: The Sociology Writer's Manual - Publisher: Pearson Prentice-Hall, 2006  
ISBN-13: 9780205723454-AA

Neuman, W. Lawrence.: Basics of Social Research: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches - Publisher: Pearson Prentice-Hall, 2007  
ISBN-13: 9780205498840-AA

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**Learning Outcome:**

- Formulate a research problem of their choice
- Design a sound theoretical framework and research methodological approach on the chosen topic
- Assess the relevant literature in a chosen research area
- Collect primary empirical data for theoretical analysis
- Analyse and interpret evidence and findings from the independent research project
- Appraise various theoretical orientations of Sociology and approaches to quantitative and/or qualitative research
- Formulate their own sociological understanding at an advanced level from an independent research project
- Organize an independent research project, considering the practical requirements and constraints relevant to such research
- Defend and present research findings effectively
- Analyze and solve problems to complete a piece of independent research

**Assessment Strategies:**

<b>Continuous Assessment Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	20
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>Examinable Component</b>	<b>Weightage (%)</b>
Project	80
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>80</b>

**Weightage Total** **100**