

SSC109e Introduction to Social Sciences

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

The term "social science" has been used to describe the systematic study of human interaction, which encompasses many disciplines such as economics, politics, psychology and sociology. In this introductory course, we provide students an overview of the historical origins and development of each discipline. Additionally, we examine the scientific slant in the study of the social world, and discuss the various methods of social science inquiry. Finally, we look at the overlapping areas in the various disciplines, study how each discipline would approach the study of a particular social issue, and offer insight into an integrated approach to studying and researching issues of interest to social scientists.

Topics:

- What is Social Science?; Introduction to 5 Social Science disciplines
- The Science in Social Science (I)
- The Science in Social Science (II)
- Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology
- Political Science & Economics
- Case Studies: Integrating Different Social Science Approaches to Research & Inquiry

Textbooks:

: Social Science: An Introduction To The Study of Society Routledge
ISBN-13: 9781138654266

: Social Science: An Introduction To The Study of Society Routledge
ISBN-13: 9781138654266-AA

Learning Outcome:

- Discuss the key historical and philosophical tenets of the social sciences.
- Explain the development of the major social science disciplines in relation to their historical origins.
- Demonstrate a competent understanding of the vocabulary of the social sciences when discussing social phenomena.
- Employ suitable social science approaches to address particular inquiries.
- Present a social scientific explanation for any social phenomenon.
- Identify a relevant research method to address a social or business problem.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	40
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	20
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	10
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	10
PRESENTATION	20
Sub-Total	100

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Sub-Total	

Weightage Total**100**