



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## Sociology 211 (SOC 211)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Humanities](#)

**Module credits** 20.00

**NQF Level** 06

**Programmes** [BTRP](#)

[BA](#)

[BA Languages](#)

[BA Law](#)

[BPolSci Political Studies](#)

**Prerequisites** SOC 110(GS), SOC 120(GS)

**Contact time** 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Sociology

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

#### *Urban sociology and social movements*

This module considers the relationship between the rural and urban, against the backdrop of the emergence and development of both capitalism in its various guises and globalisation within the twentieth and twenty-first centuries in the global North and South. Questions on the nature of social interaction in communities, changing ways of relating, inequality and livelihoods, collective action, local cultures and modernities are considered. With migration to the city spurred by the communication revolution, the city has become a source of aspirations and illusions. A key issue in place-space configurations is the dialectic between citizenship and cosmopolitanism (aligned to individualism and multiple identities), on the one hand, and the experience of community (aligned to a collectivity) on the other hand. The debate on who belongs to the city highlights both symbolic and material issues and a politics around access to rights and resources, and therefore a possibility of mobilisation. Contemporary themes such as informality, different forms of local participation and consumption are considered.

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