

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## Identity, culture and society 859 (SOC 859)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

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

**Module credits** 30.00

**NQF Level** 09

**Programmes** [MSocSci Gender Studies \(Coursework\)](#)

[MSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies \(Coursework\)](#)

[MSocSci Sociology \(Coursework\)](#)

**Prerequisites** No prerequisites.

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

**Department** Sociology

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

This module focuses on the relationship between the personal and social and how these two domains are intricately related, simultaneously implying sameness and difference in the process of identification. It considers how societal structures and institutions shape and construct identities historically, whilst being shaped by individual agency, in turn. Human experience reveals a range of cross-cutting affiliations, based on ethnicity, race, religion, gender, sexuality and generation, amongst others, implying a multiplicity in belonging, suggesting a relational process, rather than an essence. The social, contingent and constructed nature of identities is highlighted against experiences of dislocation within a context of globalisation.

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