

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

## Sociology 321 (SOC 321)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Humanities</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	30.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning [BTRP]</a>
	<a href="#">BA</a>
	<a href="#">BA extended programme</a>
	<a href="#">BA Law</a>
	<a href="#">Bachelor of Social Work [BSW]</a>
	<a href="#">BPolSci International Studies</a>
	<a href="#">BPolSci Political Studies</a>
	<a href="#">BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	SOC 210(GS) or SOC 211(GS) and SOC 220(GS) or SOC 221(GS)
<b>Contact time</b>	1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Sociology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

#### *Thinking methodologically*

This module sets out to introduce students to 'doing research'. In this respect the assumptions and processes underpinning methodological choices in sociological research are considered in order to think about foundations of research, about how knowledge claims are made, how science is conceptualised, what role theory plays, as well as how values and ethics shape the politics of research. In addition to these foundational questions, a broad introduction to methods used in social research is provided by considering both the theoretical dimensions and practical application of various research tools. The purpose of the module is to equip students with the necessary competence to, describe ontological and epistemological debates and different approaches to research in the social sciences, delineate a research problem, identify units of analysis, make sampling decisions and formulate questions and hypothesis as well as understand the principles of quantitative (elementary statistical decision-making) and qualitative data analysis.

### **General Academic Regulations and Student Rules**

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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