

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Sociology 120 (SOC 120)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 12.00

NQF Level 05

Programmes [Bachelor of Information Science \[BIS\]](#)

[Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning \[BTRP\]](#)

[BA specialising in Languages](#)

[BA specialising in Law](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \[BA\] 3-year programme](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \[BA\] 4-year programme](#)

[Bachelor of Social Work \[BSW\]](#)

[BPolSci specialising in International Studies](#)

[BPolSci specialising in Political Studies](#)

[BSocSci specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

[Bachelor of Laws \[LLB\]](#)

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Law

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Sociology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Thinking sociologically

Drawing from the idea of Sociology as a discipline that focuses on critical thinking, the module will introduce students to ways of questioning the obvious and the taken-for-granted. In particular, power and inequality will be problematised, with a focus on how power operates to structure racial, class and gender inequalities across institutions, ideologies and identities. The module will introduce students to the operations of power as manifested in the production of institutions, the proliferation of identities and heightened contestations among ideologies. The module will include a specific emphasis on writing skills.

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.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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