

Unit Description

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SCUL101 Society and Culture

This unit provides an Introduction to Sociology. It sets you up with a theoretical foundation for analysing social issues through the exploration of contemporary social problems, and the potential for social change and social justice in culturally diverse societies. Your study in this unit will help you to understand how individuals and groups are influenced by, and influence, the place, culture, and time in which they live.

SHSB101 Human Social Behaviour

This unit will introduce you to the field of 'social psychology' by exploring the theoretical frameworks that help us understand human social behaviour. By the end of this unit, you will have gained an understanding of why individual humans behave in certain ways under certain social conditions. Using self-reflection and journal entries you will draw links between theories and observed behaviours and attach the theories to situations in your own life.

SDIV103 Exploring Social Diversity

This unit explores social and cultural diversity, and how these factors relate to professional practice. You will look at what research says about diversity and its impacts and reflect on where you sit within the social structure. The unit will prepare you for working in socially and culturally diverse workplaces (exploring differences such as gender, race, ethnicity, class, sexuality and location), and support you in developing socially responsible engagement with diverse peoples and cultures.

SGEO102 Human Geography: Where Do We Belong?

In this unit, you will learn about the effect of location on the formation of social difference. Your studies will have a focus on spatial literacy and the use and interpretation of spatial data. This means the ability to understand maps, field sites, and places in the social sciences. It equips you with a social science tool set to analyse the role of place in the formation of identity and social difference.

SIND102 Australian Indigenous Studies: Closing the Gap

Indigenous Australians have the oldest continuous living culture on earth but have also been heavily affected by invasion and colonialism. The aim of this unit is to culturally prepare you for working with Indigenous Australian communities. This unit introduces you to a range of Australian Indigenous perspectives and knowledges; to how Australia is viewed from an Indigenous perspective. Through this process, you will learn to question societal assumptions about Indigenous cultures and develop a culturally responsive approach to Indigenous issues.

SINV101 Professional Investigation and Communication

This unit will equip you with the foundational knowledge and skills to communicate



effectively in the social sciences. All areas of communication will be examined, with a focus on written communication skills (e.g., report writing, case notes, etc.) and communication skills required when working with clients (e.g., client interview techniques for relationship building in a therapeutic situation. You will also gain skills to effectively communicate with key stakeholders (i.e., within/between/across professional disciplines and government agencies).

Proposed Elective Units

SUHS202 Understanding Human Services (Pathways: Social Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice and Human Welfare and Services)

This unit introduces you to the ways in which human services operate in Australia. You will learn to critically assess the role of government, non-government, and community sectors in the human services environment. The unit will prepare you for work in the social services sector by providing the basic knowledge needed to navigate social services systems.

SPHS203 Practice in Human Services (Pathways: Social Science, Human Welfare and Services, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Education, Humanitarian and Development Studies, Child and Community and Social Work)

This unit will develop your skills in human services practice including casework, group work, note writing and interviews. It will aid you in thinking about case management including investigation, report writing and collaboration between services. The human services sector will be explored to show how you can use it to aid vulnerable people.

SCRM203 Crime & Criminality (Pathways: Social Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice)

This unit is an introduction to Criminology. You will learn a practical and theoretical overview of the field through exploring definitions of crime and theories of why crime exists. You will learn who commits crime, why they commit crime, and what society does/can do about it. The unit will provide you with the basic knowledge you need to pursue further studies in crime and criminal justice.

HPSY203 The Psychology of Health (Pathways: Social Science, Psychology, Public Health)

Health psychology is the intersection of health and behaviour. In this unit, you will be introduced to models and theories of psychology that are relevant to understanding health behaviour. You will explore the role psychology plays in promoting positive behaviour change and learn how to identify and evaluate health psychology research to develop evidence-informed health interventions. The unit will also explore the interconnection between personality and health, and the impact that anxiety, stress, and trauma have on overall health and wellbeing.