

Module code	AZ-2304		
Module Title	Social Stratification		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology and Anthropology)		
Type of Module	Major Option		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
<b>Aims</b> To discover what social stratification is, its importance for sociological analysis, the historical evolution of social stratification in various contexts and why and how societies are hierarchised in different and interrelated ways. Social order and inequalities are the core issues which are explored in the module.			
<b>Learning Outcomes:</b> <i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Clarify the nature of social stratification and how the main sociological theories have developed to explain them</li><li>- Clarify the diversity of social stratification in different societies and how they have evolved through time.</li></ul>	
Middle order :	50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Identify and evaluate the main sociological theories and how they contribute to a better understanding of stratification and inequalities</li><li>- Apply the theories to analyse concrete examples of economic, gender and ethnic inequalities and divisions</li></ul>	
Higher order:	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Analyse and understand that poverty, gender and race are social constructions</li><li>- Develop a capacity to analyse critically the various discourses on stratification and inequalities to be able to form a personal opinion and to express it in an articulate way.</li></ul>	
<b>Module Content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Introduction to the main sociological approaches and historical forms of social stratification</li><li>- Why inequality matters; defining and measuring economic and social inequalities</li><li>- The global context of inequality</li><li>- Ideological positions associated with explaining social divisions</li><li>- The building blocks of inequality: class, status and income</li><li>- The founders of social stratification theories: Marx, Weber, Parsons, Warner.</li><li>- Modern thinkers of social stratification: Bourdieu, Beck, Rosenvallon.</li><li>- Post-modernism accounts of social inequalities and its critique.</li><li>- Gender: definition, gender inequality, evolution of gender inequality</li><li>- The social construction of race and ethnicity including trends in racial and ethnic inequalities.</li><li>- Social mobility and social stratification</li></ul>			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly discussion and feedback	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50% Coursework: 50% Attendance and participation in tutorial (15%) 1 Class test (10%) 1 Individual assignment (25%)	