

Module code	AZ-2304	
Module Title	Social Stratification	
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Sociology-Anthropology)	
Type of Module	Major Option / Breadth	
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload 8 hours/week
		Contact hours 4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None	
Anti-requisite	None	
Aims		
To discover what social stratification is and its importance for sociological analysis. To understand why and how societies are hierarchized in different and interrelated ways. Social order and inequalities are the core issues which are explored during the course. The course reviews the historical evolution of social stratification in various contexts. It presents key concepts of the field such as class, cast and patriarchy and analyse practical cases of gender and ethnic stratification.		
Learning Outcomes:		
<i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>		
Lower order :	30%	- Understand the nature of social stratification and how the main sociological theories have develop to explain them - Assess the diversity of social stratification in different societies and how they have evolved through time.
Middle order :	50%	- Critically evaluate the main sociological theories and how they contribute to a better understanding of stratification and inequalities - Use these theories to analyse concrete examples of economic, gender and ethnic inequalities and divisions
Higher order:	20%	- Understand that poverty, gender and race are social constructions - 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.
Module Contents		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduction to the main sociological approaches and historical forms of social stratification -Why inequality matters; defining and measuring economic and social inequalities -The global context of inequality -Ideological positions associated with explaining social divisions -The building blocks of inequality: class, status and income -The founders of social stratification theories: Marx, Weber, Parsons, Warner. -Modern thinkers of social stratification: Bourdieu, Beck, Rosenvallon. -Post-modernism accounts of social inequalities and its critique. -Gender: definition, gender inequality, evolution of gender inequality -The social construction of race and ethnicity including trends in racial and ethnic inequalities. -Social mobility and social stratification 		
Assessment	Formative assessment	Weekly assessment and feedback
	Summative assessment	Examination: 50%
		Coursework: 50% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance and participation in tutorial (15%) - One 1-hour test (10%) - Written assignment (25%)