

## We're delighted you're thinking about studying at Brunel University London.

Our lecturers have put together the following information to help you prepare for your course. This will give you a snapshot of the materials and reading list you'll be using. You'll get a full breakdown of information before you enrol.

On our website you can also [find out more about your modules](#) and [chat to a current student](#).

If you have any more questions, [please get in touch](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to Brunel.

### Sample lecture/coursework questions

1. What is a social structure, and why is this concept important for sociologists?
2. To what extent is social class still a useful way to classify people?
3. How have changes in the welfare state impacted on poverty?
4. How have feminist scholars defined gender relations in society?
5. What is the difference between race and ethnicity?
6. How are new social and political movements related to globalisation?
7. To what extent have the global risks people face changed from 1945 until today?



## Reading list

- Giddens, A. and Sutton, P. (2017) *Sociology*, eighth edition, Polity.
- Cohen, R. and Kennedy, P. (2013) *Global Sociology*, third edition, Palgrave.
- Fulcher, J. and John Scott, J. (2011) *Sociology*, fourth edition, Oxford University Press.
- Macionis, J.J. and Plummer, K. (2012) *Sociology: A Global Introduction*, fifth edition.
- [British Sociological Association](#)
- [The Conversation](#)
- [Economic and Social Research Council](#)
- [Office for National Statistics](#)
- [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#)
- [Sage Open Access Journal](#)
- [Sociological Research Online](#)

## Indicative content

Study Themes	Reading
What is Sociology?	Chapter 1, Giddens and Sutton
Structure and Agency	Chapters 1 & 2, Giddens and Sutton
Postmodern Societies	Chapters 3 & 18, Giddens and Sutton
Social Class and Stratification	Chapter 12, Giddens and Sutton
Poverty and Welfare	Chapter 13, Giddens and Sutton
Gender and Society	Chapter 15, Giddens and Sutton
Race, Ethnicity and Society	Chapter 16, Giddens and Sutton
Globalisation and Society	Chapter 4, Giddens and Sutton
Global Social Movements	Chapter 21, Giddens and Sutton
Work and Consumption	Chapter 22, Giddens and Sutton
Global Risks	Chapters 5 and 22, Giddens and Sutton

