



Sociology: Culture and Identity (Higher) Unit

SCQF: level 6 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: H26K 76

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to enable learners to develop their ability to use sociological concepts, theories and research to analyse features of culture and identity in a changing social world. Learners will consider their own and others' cultural experiences to develop an understanding of cultural identity and diversity.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Analyse culture and identity in a changing social world

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the Higher Sociology Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in *Unit Assessment Support*.

The *Course Assessment Specification* for the Higher Sociology Course gives further mandatory information on Course coverage for learners taking this Unit as part of the Higher Sociology Course.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, learners would normally be expected to have attained the skills, knowledge and understanding required by one or more of the following or equivalent qualifications and/or experience:

- ◆ National 5 Sociology Course or relevant component Units

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

- 1 Analyse culture and identity in a changing social world by:**
 - 1.1 Explaining the impact of socialisation on the formation of identity
 - 1.2 Explaining the concepts of culture and/or sub-culture in terms of power and status
 - 1.3 Applying sociological theory to explain a selected aspect of culture and identity
 - 1.4 Explaining sociological research for the selected aspect of culture and identity
 - 1.5 Drawing conclusions about culture and identity in a changing social world

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in the Unit Assessment Support. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and are drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

- 1.1 Reading
- 1.2 Writing
- 1.3 Listening and talking

4 Employability enterprise and citizenship

- 4.6 Citizenship

5 Thinking skills

- 5.3 Applying
- 5.4 Analysing and evaluating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level as the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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History of changes to National Unit Specification

Version	Description of change	Authorised by	Date
2.0	Page 3 — Assessment Standard 1.2: 'culture and sub-culture' changed to 'culture and/or sub-culture'.	Qualifications Development Manager	April 2014
3.0	Page 3 — Assessment Standard 1.5 changed to from 'Giving a summarised sociological analysis of an investigation of culture and identity in a changing social world' TO 'Drawing conclusions about culture and identity in a changing social world'. Re-worded for clarification purposes only, no changes made to how this Assessment Standard is achieved.	Qualifications Manager	April 2016

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