

# COURSE DETAIL

## SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY IN BRITAIN

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University of Manchester

**Program(s)**

University of Manchester

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**

105

**UCEAP Course Suffix**

N

**UCEAP Official Title**

SOCIAL CLASS AND INEQUALITY IN BRITAIN

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOC CLASS&INEQUALTY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

### **Course Description**

This course considers the re-emergence of social class as a primary category of a sociological understanding and analysis and assess its significance for interpreting contemporary inequalities and recent political developments. Set against the backdrop of post-war social and cultural change in Britain, it begins by tracing the declining salience of class in sociological theory and political discourse before considering the recent development and impact of a more culturally sensitive model of class analysis associated, in particular, with the work Pierre Bourdieu. It then moves on to examine how the key mechanisms of class formation are conceptualized and operationalized by researchers, paying particular attention to debates about social mobility, education, and meritocracy. A third section considers the relationship between lifestyle and classed cultures, the politics of classification, and issues of intersectionality between class, gender, and ethnicity. Finally, the course looks at the particular role of elites in defining class-based spatial inequalities and political alignments in "Brexit Britain."

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

SOCY20602

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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### **Host Institution Course Details**

<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/2023/00678/bsocsc-soci...>

### **Host Institution Campus**

University of Manchester

### **Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Social Sciences

**Course Last Reviewed**

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