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
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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

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus
University of Manchester

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree
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