

# COURSE DETAIL

## BUT IS IT TRUE? ASSESSING THE EMPIRICAL VALIDITY OF SOCIOLOGICAL THEORY

**Country**

Denmark

**Host Institution**

University of Copenhagen

**Program(s)**

University of Copenhagen

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**

115

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

ASSESSING SOC THRY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

**Course Description**

This course explores the empirical validity of sociological theories. Drawing on quantitative research that uses new data, methods, and designs, it puts sociology's big ideas to the test and learns how to read and evaluate quantitative sociology. The course takes a fresh, critical, and constructive look at sociological theory, and assesses the usefulness of quantitative empirical sociological research – what can it and what can't it do? The course requires some basic familiarity with sociological theory and quantitative empirical research, however, knowledge of advanced quantitative methods is not a requirement. The purpose of the course is not to dwell on the mathematical foundation of regression models but to focus on how the intuition of different types of data and designs maps onto answering different questions. It discusses when things go well (when do quant methods allow us to tell right from wrong?), and when it does not (when do numbers promise more than they can deliver?).

**Language(s) of Instruction**

English

**Host Institution Course Number**

ASOA22214U

**Host Institution Course Title**

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**Host Institution Course Details**<https://kurser.ku.dk/course/aso22214u/2025-2026>**Host Institution Campus****Host Institution Faculty**

Social Sciences

**Host Institution Degree**

Bachelor

**Host Institution Department**

Sociology

**Course Last Reviewed**

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