

## **Course Content**

### **Weekly breakdown of the Diploma**

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The course will be delivered over a period of ten weeks.

**Week 1      Introduction to the course and origins, dynamics and context of the sociological imagination**

- Introduction to the course
- The sociological imagination

**Week 2      Sociological theory**

- Application of sociological theory in modern Ireland
- Karl Marx
- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber

**Week 3      Sociology & Modernity**

- The origins of sociology
- Sociology as the study of modern society
- Sociology as a science of society
- Sociology, modernity and post-modernity

**Week 4      Sociological research methods**

- Quantitative research methods
- Qualitative research methods
- Interviewing
- Document analysis

**Week 5      The dynamics of Irish development**

- Theories of development
- Modernisation theory
- Dependency theory
- Dependency to globalisation
- Development in Ireland
- Irish Farming in the 20th Century
- Ireland: Where in the world

**Week 6      The Irish Family- a sociological understanding**

- The sociology of the family
- The life course: From the sociology of childhood to the sociology of ageing
- Ageing

**Week 7      Gender and Sexuality in Ireland**

- Gender and sexuality defined
- Role of the women (historical and contemporary)
- Role of men (historical and contemporary)
- Masculinities

**Week 8      Social divisions – who rules Ireland?**

- State, power and society
- Who rules Ireland?
- Power and social class
- Gender and power

**Week 9      the body, health and illness**

- The body
- The sociology of health and illness
- The biomedical model
- The defining of health and illness
- Life expectancy
- Health, illness and social change in Ireland

**Week 10     Crime and deviance**

- Crime and deviance as social problems
- Measuring crime in Ireland
- The Irish increase in crime
- The social distribution of crime in Ireland
- Women and crime
- White collar crime