

Salahaddin University, college of Arts
Department of Sociology

Diploma in Sociology, 2023–2024

Social change

This course analyses social change as a term and its definitions, and following the answers of questions like what does the nature of social change? And how it occurs. Then we will address the main factors for happening change and examine the examples of change in societies. Then we will address those theories that explain change in many perspectives. Also, this course focuses on social change in Iraqi Kurdistan and follows some questions like how does change happen? The draw conclusions.

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Aims:

This course will follow these main aims:

- The main aim of this course is to examine a broad understanding of social change and its place in the social sciences.
- This course will focus on social change as a basic term in sociology.
- This course will identify the major importance of social change to societies and sociologists.
- This course will discuss the terms, sources, factors, and theories of social change.
- This course will focus on social change in Iraqi Kurdistan.
- This course aims to focus the contemporary debates on social change.

Main Questions of this course:

This course will follow the answers of these questions:

- Why studying social change is important to societies and sociologists? And how to conceptualise the term of social change?
- What are the influences of studying the sources of social change for understanding social change? And how effective each of the sources to change society?
- In terms of the factors of change, what are the reasons of change in society?
- What is the place of social change in sociological theories? And what are the similarities and differences between classical and contemporary theorists?
- How to understand or study social change in Iraqi Kurdistan? and how did changes occur in the Kurdistan Region?

Teaching and learning methods:

In this course, we will have seminars and lectures to broaden the students knowledge on social change. In doing so, we will have seminars or lectures for two hours a week. In addition, during 20 weeks we will follow this pathway in this course.

Tasks of the course:

During this course, Students should consider these tasks

- Students must participate in lecture rooms. It is according to sociology department rules.
- Students must take exams during months and the end of the courses.
- Students must submit an essay or an assignment before submission date and holding a seminar.

On the completion of this course students will receive:

- A broad understanding of the term of social change. Also the other sociological terms that related to social change.
- An ability to discuss how change occurs in society and understanding social change in societies.
- Students will demonstrate the importance of social change to societies and sociologists.
- Students will reach a broad understanding of source, reasons of change in society.
- Students will understand the sociological theories on social change and they will discuss it.
- Students will identify the main important issues of social change in the Kurdistan region.

The course contents:

- ❖ Session one: Conceptualising the term of social change
 - Lecture One: Definitions of social change
 - Lecture Two: The main causes of social change
 - Lecture Three: The types of change
 - Lecture Four: The examples of changes
 - Lecture Five: A brief historical discussion of social change
- ❖ Session two: Understanding social change (following the main questions on social change)
 - Lecture one: How does change happen?

- Lecture Two: The nature of social change?
- Lecture three: Why we are studying social change? And why studying change is important to sociologists?
- Lecture four: How to identify change in societies?

❖ Session three: The sources of social change

- Lecture one: Politics and social change
- Lecture two: Ideology and social change
- Lecture three: Economy and social change
- Lecture four: Technology and social change
- Lecture five: Demography and social change
- Lecture six: Globalization and social change

❖ Session four: The basic theories of social change

- Lecture One: Evolutionary theory
- Lecture Two: Functionalist theory
- Lecture Three: Conflict theory

❖ Session five: Social change in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq

- Lecture one: Politics and social change in Iraqi Kurdistan
- Lecture Two: Economy and social change in the Kurdistan region
- Lecture Three: Technology and social change in the Kurdistan region

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