



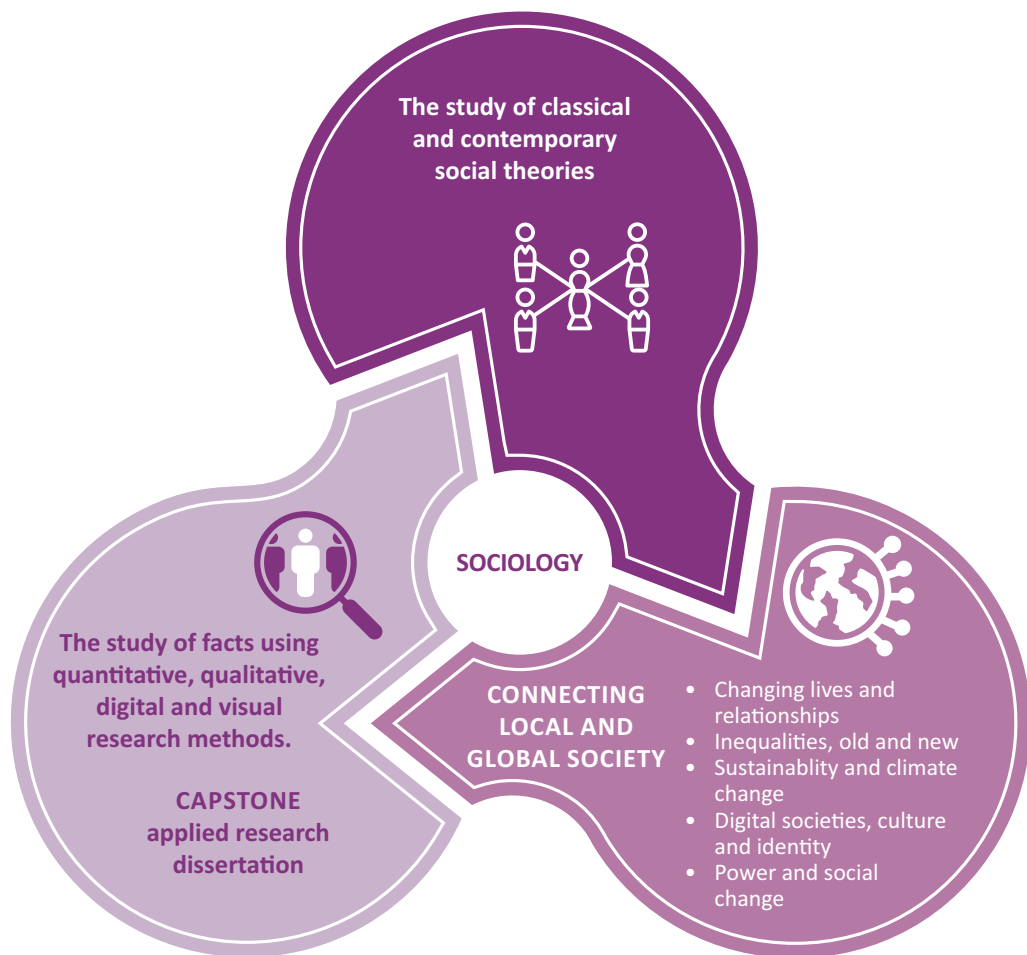
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WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

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Sociology is the quest for understanding of human social life. From studies of local communities through to global transformations, it uses a wide range of systematic research methods to understand our lives and to explain the institutions and forces that are transforming them.



YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
<p>What is Sociology? What can we learn from it?</p> <p>SEMESTER ONE</p>	<p>Learn the key ideas. Learn the craft of research.</p> <p>SEMESTER ONE</p>	<p>Develop the key ideas. Become a researcher.</p> <p>SEMESTER ONE</p>
<p>The sociological imagination and everyday life</p> <p>SEMESTER TWO</p>	<p>Classical social theory. Social research methods.</p> <p>FOLLOW YOUR INTERESTS Choose one from 4-5 choices.</p> <p>SEMESTER TWO</p>	<p>Contemporary social theory. Special Topic Research Project. Choose your own research question.</p> <p>FOLLOW YOUR INTERESTS Choose one from 4-5 choices.</p> <p>SEMESTER TWO</p>
<p>Sociological concepts and contemporary Ireland</p>	<p>Structures of inequality. Social research methods: fieldwork, survey, online.</p> <p>FOLLOW YOUR INTERESTS 1 elective from choice of 5.</p>	<p>Special Topic Research Project</p> <p>FOLLOW YOUR INTERESTS 2 electives from 7 choices.</p>