

## Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)  
**Faculty/Institute/College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 202 **Course Title** Major Social Institutions
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Core
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** TBA

7. **Course Description**

A sociological study of basic social institutions in comparative global perspective : Marriage and the family; economy and work; politics and religion; education; sports and leisure; science; health and medicine; the mass media.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- 1) To introduce the concept of socialization.
- 2) To encourage thinking about institutions.
- 3) To provide discussions of the interaction of structure and agency.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introductory; Science, dialectics and the nature of institutions	4	Jones
2	The process, tools and purposes of socialization : Mores and folkways	4	
3	Structure and agency; crystallization and decadence	4	
4	The family : Gender role and sexuality; courtship and marriage customs, sex rituals; structures and types; centeredness	4	
5	Education : assumptions and models; guidance and socialization : two models	4	
6	Education : Social and political uses (instruction and indoctrination; institutions and systems	4	
7	Religion : the individual experience and the socializing role; the social experience, ritual, liturgy and morality; historical and political processes	4	
8	Media : social and political uses; to inform, instruct, entertain	4	
9	Media : beneficial or detrimental; the creation of reality	4	
10	Media : past, present, future	4	
11	Other institutions; rethinking socialization	4	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	

NB. The lecturer reserves the right to vary the topics as he see fit.

**10. Teaching Method (s)**

Lecture and discussion

**11. Teaching Media**

Texts, transparencies, videos

**12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement**

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

**13. Course evaluation**

Grading will be based on two in-class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

**14. Reference (s)**

- 1) John and Edna Perry, *The Social Web*, Canfield, 1974, San Francisco (reference)
- 2) Nathan Leites and Charles Wolf, *Rebellion and Authority*, Markham, 1970 Chicago (reference)

**15. Instructor (s)**

Eugene Jones

**16. Course Coordinator**

Eugene Jones