

<b>Title</b>	<b>Explain a sociological theory</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to explain a sociological theory.
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<b>Classification</b>	Social Science Studies > Sociology
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved, Merit and Excellence
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<b>Criteria for Merit</b>	Explain a sociological theory in detail.
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<b>Criteria for Excellence</b>	Comprehensively explain a sociological theory.
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Sociology is the rigorous and methodical study of society. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organisations, and societies, and how people interact in these contexts.
- 2 This unit standard can be awarded with an *Achieved*, *Merit*, or *Excellence* grade as specified below.

*Explain a sociological theory* means to identify and explain an appropriate sociological theory using at least two key concepts and applying the theory to an explanation of an aspect(s) of society. The explanation could include a consideration of Māori and/or Pasifika context(s).

*Explain a sociological theory in detail* means to support the explanation with relevant detail, which may include consideration of: the groups and/or institutions involved; particular facts, events or processes; and one key concept in detail, or two or more key concepts in less detail.

*Comprehensively explain a sociological theory* means to use key concepts in detail and to support the explanation with appropriate evidence and examples.

- 3 **Definition**  
A *sociological theory* is a body of ideas that attempts to explain the structure of groups, organisations, and societies, and how people interact in these contexts.
- 4 Assessment support material related to this unit standard can be found at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/assessment-of-standards/assessment-support-material/>.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Explain a sociological theory.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Key concepts of the theory are identified.
- 1.2 The theory is applied to the explanation of an aspect(s) of society.
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0226
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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