

Title	Explain a sociological theory		
Level	1	Credits	4

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

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/>.

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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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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