

## Access to Higher Education Unit

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**Unit Title:** Poverty in Contemporary Britain

**Graded Unit Reference Number:** GA33SOC05

**Ungraded Unit Reference Number:** UA33SOC05

**Module:** Sociology

**Level:** Three (3)

**Credit Value:** Three (3)

**Minimum Guided Learning Hours:** 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand key terms and concepts of poverty	1.1 Explain the concepts of 'absolute' and 'relative' poverty
	1.2 Explain the concepts of 'deserving' and 'undeserving' poor
	1.3 Discuss what is meant by the 'underclass'
2. Understand explanations of why poverty exists in society	2.1 Discuss structural explanations of poverty
	2.2 Discuss explanations of poverty which concentrate on the poor themselves, making use of ideas such as 'the cycle of deprivation', 'the culture of poverty thesis' and 'dependency theory'
3. Understand the extent of poverty in Britain	3.1 Evaluate authoritative data that identifies poverty in Britain
	3.2 Identify sources that provide contrasting profiles of poverty