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Recommended Study Pattern

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Social Science Units
- 101553 Organisations, Communities and Communication
- 101551 Understanding Society
- 101556 Geographies of Social Difference
- 101557 The Individual and Society
- 101555 Ethics in the Social Sciences
- 400337 Social Research Methods
- 101552 Applied Social Research
- 101554 Contemporary Debates in Social Science

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