

Introduction to Sociology - course description

General information	
Course name	Introduction to Sociology
Course ID	0314-WP-PED-WS
Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
Field of study	WNS - oferta ERASMUS / Pedagogy
Education profile	-
Level of studies	First-cycle Erasmus programme
Beginning semester	winter term 2020/2021
Head faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences

Course information	
ECTS credits to win	5
Course type	obligatory
Teaching language	english
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Classes forms					
The class form	Hours per semester (full-time)	Hours per week (full-time)	Hours per semester (part-time)	Hours per week (part-time)	Form of assignment
Class	30	2	-	-	Credit with grade

Aim of the course

To make students familiar with basic sociological ideas and definitions used to describe social life and social processes.

Prerequisites

No special prerequisites.

Scope

Lectures:

A human as a social being.

Social perspective and social imagination.

Sociology and its' functions.

Social structure and its' components.

Social positions, social roles and social status.

Social mobility and different types of societies.

Social institutions and the process of institutionalization.

Classes

Social collectivities. A social group as an example of organized social collectivity.

Social categories and types. The structure of different groups.

Social ties in different groups.

Social interactions and types of interactions.

The process of social control.

The socialization process. Elements of socialization. Types of socialization.

Teaching methods

Lectures: Explaining and lecturing. Lecture with discussion. Multimedia learning process.

Classes: Some classes will be a discussion of critical and analytical terms and methods of sociology. Small groups discussion.

Learning outcomes and methods of theirs verification

Outcome description	Outcome symbols	Methods of verification	The class form
The student knows the most important sociological terms, ideas and definitions. The student knows how to differ social processes from the other types of them. The student knows the position and functions of sociology among sciences and the arts. The student has basic knowledge about social structures, social institutions and their mutual relations. The student knows the types of social ties and their functions and importance for different types of social groups and communities. The student is able to apply the social terms and social categories to analyze social situations. The student is able to cooperate with the others in group discussion and group tasks. The student can collect and select useful information and present it during classes.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture: individual oral examination. Classes: Take-home essay on a lecturer-decided topic (5-6 pages). The final grade is average of the lecture and classes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class

Assignment conditions

Lecture: individual oral examination.

Classes: Take-home essay on a lecturer-decided topic (5-6 pages).

The final grade is average of the lecture and classes.

Recommended reading

1. Giddens A., Sociology, Cambridge, 2006.
2. Macionis J., Sociology (3rd ed.). Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1991.
3. Ritzer G., Goodman D. J., Sociological Theory, Sixth Edition. McGraw Hill, 2004.
4. Scott J., Marshal G., A Dictionary of Sociology, Oxford 2005.

Further reading

1. Haralambos M., Holborn M., Sociology. Themes and Perspectives, Collins 2008.

Notes

*The subject can be run every semester, in case there is not enough persons to make a group there will be individual class run during instructor hours.

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