

Theoretical Foundations of Sociology - course description

General information	
Course name	Theoretical Foundations of Sociology
Course ID	14.2-WP-SOC-TPS
Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
Field of study	WNS - oferta ERASMUS / Sociology
Education profile	-
Level of studies	Second-cycle Erasmus programme
Beginning semester	winter term 2021/2022

Course information	
Semester	1
ECTS credits to win	4
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 present different theories of sociology and how they can be used as explanation of social phenomena.

Prerequisites

No special prerequisites

Scope

1. Selected classical sociological theories and their influence on modern thought.
2. Contemporary social theories: functionalism and neofunctionalism, social exchange theory, postmodernism, symbolic interactionism and its' versions: ethnomethodology, dramaturgical perspective, conflict theory, critical theory, feminist theories, structuration theory, P. Bourdieu's social theory.
3. Selected theories of sub-disciplines of sociology.

Teaching methods

Class discussion. Small groups discussion. Multimedia learning process – using Power Point presentations, use of filmstrips, recordings etc. Textbook assignments.

Learning outcomes and methods of theirs verification

Outcome description	Outcome symbols	Methods of verification	The class form
A student knows the most important theoretical foundations of sociology. The student is familiar with classical and contemporary theoretical terms. The student can analyze past, contemporary social situations using sociological terms and definitions.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Active participation is defined as reading course literature and taking part in group discussions. A grade will be awarded also for a 5-page home-taken essay on the lecturer given topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Class

Assignment conditions

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Recommended reading

1. Turner J. H., The Structure of Sociological Theory, Wadsworth 1998.
2. Ritzer G., The McDonalidization of Society, Pine Forge Press, 2011.

Further reading

1. Ritzer George, Frontiers of Social Theory. New York: Columbia University Press, 1988.
2. Giddens A., Sociology, Cambridge, 2006.

Notes

The course can be advised especially to students who are not studying sociology but other social sciences.

*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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