# Theoretical Problems of Sociology - course description

General information	
Course name	Theoretical Problems of Sociology
Course ID	14.2-WP-SOCDA- TPS
Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
Field of study	Sociology
Education profile	academic
Level of studies	Second-cycle studies leading to MS degree
Beginning semester	winter term 2022/2023

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		
Lecture	15	1	-	-	Exam		
Class	15	1	-	-	Credit with grade		

#### Aim of the course

The aim of the course is to familiarize students with selected issues related to the problems of social differentiation in both theoretical and empirical terms, as well as to prepare students to recognize and analyze contemporary problems of social diversity.

#### Prerequisites

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## Scope

- 1. The place of sociology in contemporary social sciences
- 2. Social inequalities, stratification ideas, and concepts of social structure in contemporary sociological thought.
- 3. Social position, role, and social status in contemporary sociological thought.
- 4. Problems of social and spatial mobility and various types of societies in contemporary sociological thought.
- 5. Issues related to the issues of social bonds in contemporary sociological thought.
- 6. Social interaction in contemporary sociological thought.
- 7. Problems of identity in contemporary sociological thought.
- 8. Contemporary concepts of social control.
- 9. Social institutions and the process of institutionalization in the modern world.
- 10. Social change, development, and progress: challenges for the present day.

#### Teaching methods

Teaching methods are a conventional lecture. The content in the thematic scope of the exercises is carried out by means of working with a book and source documents. elearning, blended learning

#### Learning outcomes and methods of theirs verification

Outcome description	Outcome symbols	Methods of verification	The class form
The student has in-depth knowledge of contemporary processes of social and political	• K_W02	<ul> <li>written exam, presentation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lecture</li> </ul>
changes in the modern world and theories explaining them.			<ul><li>Class</li></ul>
The student is able to use theoretical categories and research methods to learn about,	• K_U02	• presentation	• Class
describe and analyze social changes taking place in contemporary societies.			
The student is familiar with the multiplicity of interpretations regarding particular	• K_K02	written exam, presentation	• Lecture
theories, discusses the accuracy of any of them, is open to the arguments of other people	2.		<ul> <li>Class</li> </ul>

### Assignment conditions

Completion of the exercises based on the grade from the paper (compliance with the subject, correct structure of the paper, language, reliability, independence of the paper, appropriate selection of the literature of the subject). Passing lectures - written exam

The final grade in the subject is the arithmetic mean of the exam grade and the exercise grade.

### Recommended reading

- 1. Ritzer G., Introduction to Sociology.
- 2. Giddens A. Duneier M., Introduction to Sociology (Seagull Tenth Edition).
- 3. Giddens A. and Sutton P. W., Essential Concepts in Sociology.
- 4. Bert N. Adams, R. A. Sydie, Sociological Theory, Pine Forge Press 2001.

#### Further reading

- 1. Calhoun C., Gerteis J., Moody J., Pfaff S., Virk I. (eds.), Classical Sociological Theory 3rd Edition.
- 2. Gelderblom D., Graaff J., Social Institutions (Introductions to Sociology), 2004.
- $3. \ \ \, \text{Ritzer R., Sociological Theory, 9th Edition.}$

#### **Notes**

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