

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 / Psychology
Education profile	-
Level of studies	Erasmus programme
Beginning semester	winter term 2022/2023

Course information	
Semester	1
ECTS credits to win	5
Course type	obligatory
Teaching language	polish
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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

The aim of the course is to familiarize the student with the basic concepts describing social life and the processes underlying it. The teacher's intention is to provide with information on the diversity of social life forms, components of the social structure, activities of various social institutions, and spatial and social mobility.

Prerequisites

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Scope

THEMATIC SCOPE

Man - a social being.

Colloquial and scientific knowledge.

Sociological perspective and imagination as the basis for scientific interpretation of social phenomena. Concepts of society.

Functions of sociology.

Social structure and its basic elements.

Social position, role and social status.

Social and spatial mobility and different types of societies.

Social institutions and the institutionalization process.

Diversity of forms of collective human life - characteristics and examples.

A social group as an example of an organized and structured social community.

Typology of small social groups.

Social bond. Types and types of contact. Interactions. Relations and social dependencies.

Social interaction. Interaction as a conceptual category.

Socialization as a conceptual category. Personality and identity as basic elements of socialization.

Social control and its mechanisms.

Teaching methods

Work with a book and source material, teamwork, a discussion of the presented problems. Carrying out some of the classes using mobile methods: a research walk or a study visit.

Learning outcomes and methods of theirs verification

Outcome description	Outcome symbols	Methods of verification	The class form
The student is able to search, collect and synthesize information on social phenomena as part of group tasks, has the ability to analyse and interpret the knowledge contained in the literature and the results contained in existing data.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a discussion• activity during the classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class
The student knows the basic assumptions and theorems of major historical and contemporary sociological theories		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a discussion• activity during the classes• an oral response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class
The student knows and understands the basic sociological concepts, freely uses their definitions.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class
The student - is able to use the basic terms and sociological categories learned in class to analyze society. - can describe and diagnose various areas of social life and various forms of collective life.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class

Assignment conditions

Taking part in the discussions during classes. Preparing and presenting one paper during classes.

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. Ritzer R., Sociological Theory, 9th Edition.

Notes

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