

# Social Micro- and Mesostructures - course description

General information	
Course name	Social Micro- and Mesostructures
Course ID	14.2-WP-SOC-MSSP1
Faculty	<a href="#">Faculty of Social Sciences</a>
Field of study	WNS - oferta ERASMUS / Sociology
Education profile	-
Level of studies	First-cycle Erasmus programme
Beginning semester	winter term 2022/2023

Course information	
Semester	1
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

Knowledge of basic conceptions and theories, which are useful on a field of sociology of small structures. Analyzing basic social processes. Knowledge of territorial aspects of social life and interpretation of local and regional problems from sociological perspective.

## Prerequisites

No special prerequisites

## Scope

Microsociology as part of sociology.

Conceptions of small group (Durkheim, Simmel) and primary group (Cooley) and their theoretical status. Territorial community – concepts and theoretical interpretations.

Country as local community.

Region, regionalism. Macrostructure and local structure.

Elicitation of local communities.

Problems of local development.

Processes of migration.

Specificity of territorial community in Western Poland.

## Teaching methods

Explaining and lecturing

Demonstrating - teaching through examples and case studies description.

Lecture with discussion. Mind mapping.

## Learning outcomes and methods of theirs verification

Outcome description	Outcome symbols	Methods of verification	The class form
The student understands social nature of relations between people – individuals, groups and social institutions. He/she is able to name them and to describe as well as point out their consequences in social life. The student has general knowledge about social structure, processes of functioning of small groups, social status, social bonds, social and individual identity. He/she has knowledge of territorial aspects of social life and interpretation of local and regional problems from sociological perspective. He/she is able to describe processes of changes of territorial groups and analyse local phenomena.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Individual oral exam.</li></ul> Individual assessment based on active participation during the course. Active participation is defined as reading literature, participating in minimum 80% of course sessions, and contributing to the discussion session. Preparing presentation about selected topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Class</li></ul>

## Assignment conditions

Individual oral exam.

Individual assessment based on active participation during the course.

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## Recommended reading

1. Giddens A., Sociology, Cambridge, 2006.
2. Macionis J., Sociology (3rd ed.). Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 1991.

## Further reading

1. Crow A., Community Life: Introduction to Local Social Relationships (Studies in Sociology)

## 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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