

Social Macrostructures - course description

General information	
Course name	Social Macrostructures
Course ID	14.2-WP-SOC-SMAK
Faculty	Faculty of Social Sciences
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

The main aim of the course is teaching students the elements of macro analysis of society, especially those necessary in research and description of social structure. It is assumed that students will be able familiar with various theoretical prospects in understanding society.

Prerequisites

No special prerequisites

Scope

LECTURES:

The conception of social structure.

Theories of classes: a) Karl Marx, b) neomarxists, c) Max Weber, d) neo-weberian conceptions.

The middle class – definitions, conceptions.

The middle class in Poland.

Social movements.

CLASSES:

Social stratification.

Stratification in Poland during transformation process.

Social classes.

Social classes in Poland during transformation process.

Class structure.

The death of classes conception.

Underclass

Questions of social mobility.

Social mobility in Poland during transformation.

Intelligentsia.

Nation and ethnical groups.

Nation and ethnical groups in Poland.

Processes of European integration.

Teaching methods

LECTURE:

Lecture with discussion.

CLASSES:

Discussing the readings, work group and discussions.

Learning outcomes and methods of theirs verification

Outcome description	Outcome symbols	Methods of verification	The class form
A student has a general knowledge about social structures and knows theories and results of research about the structures. The student knows social differences and lack of equality and its' influence on existing and functioning social groups. The student knows the basics about economy and its' influence on social structures and social mobility. The student knows the most important changes of social structures in Polish society and can formulate her/his own opinions about it and analyze it by using theories and selected data. The student can search, collect and synthesize information about phenomena of social structure and can use it during discussion and preparing take-home papers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Final grade is average of exam and classes grade. Individual written exam in form of test. Classes grade is average of: a) mark because of active participating in class discussions; b) take-home group written paper (small groups 3-4 persons).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Class

Assignment conditions

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Recommended reading

1. Słomczyński K.M. (ed.), Social Structure: Changes and Linkages. The Advanced Phase of the Post-Communist Transition In Poland, Wydawnictwo Instytutu Filozofii i Socjologii Polskiej Akademii Nauk, Warszawa 2002.

Further reading

1. Goldthorpe J.H., Social mobility and class structure in modern Britain, Clarendon Press, Oxford 1980.
2. Adamski, P. Machonin, W. Zapf (red.), Structural Change and Modernization in Post-Socialist Societies, red. W. "Krämer", Hamburg 2002.

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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