

Course Title : Introduction to Sociology

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
SOC 101	C	1	3	0	0	3.00	4
Lecturer and Office Hours			Genti Kruja, PhD				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			Albanian				
Course Level			Bachelor				
Description			<p>The program of the course "Introduction to Sociology" contains a set of concepts, knowledge and values, logically related to each other to better interpret phenomena, processes and tendencies of society development based on sociological analysis. The student will observe different research methods, which include sociological experiment, surveys, interviews, sociological observation etc. Scientific study should analyze the cultural context, paying particular attention to symbols, norms, the material, sub-culture, counterculture, ethnocentrism, xenocentrism, cultural relativity, socialization etc. Among the key concepts that will be explored in the context of this program are: stages of socialization process, deviation, gender differences, economic stratification, family, race, ethnicity, national minorities, racial or ethnic discrimination, religion. The course will present a broad overview of social functions and ideologies as world religion, secularism, fundamentalism, work features in most industrialized countries, urbanization, metropolis, megalopolis, urban area, individual social mobility, structural social mobility, traditional society, modern, Post-Modern society etc.</p>				
Objectives			<p>1. To provide students with intellectual ability to analyze phenomena, processes the most important developments of society 2. To gain basic knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research. 3. Cultivate skills in order to be involved in practical solving of various social problems dealing with the individual, with certain social groups or the whole society; 4. To increase awareness and commitment to respect the values, cultural and legal norms as an indispensable condition for coexistence in contemporary society and pledges for their promotion.</p>				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	What is Sociology? Problems and Perspectives
2	1.Culture and society 2.Socialization and phases of life
3	1.Social interaction and everyday life. 2. Conformism and avoidance
4	Static and class structure
5	1.Ethnicity and race 2. Groups and organizations
6	1.Politics, Government, and State 2. War and military
7	1.Kinship, marriage and family 2. Communication and media education
8	Midterm Exam
9	1.Religion 2. Interreligious tolerance
10	1.Work and economic life 2. Globalization and the changing world
11	1.Modern urbanization 2. Population, health and aging
12	Revolutions and social movements
13	Research Methods
14	The progress of sociological theory

15	Revision
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	
Textbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giddens, Anthony: Sociologjia: Tiranë, Çabej, 2007 Hughes, Michael dhe Kroehler, Carolyn J. (2005) Sociology The Core. [7th. ed.] New York: McGraw-Hill.
Other References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulac, Ali: Historia, Shoqëria dhe Tradita McGure B. Meredith: Religjoni Konteksti Shoqëror Marshall, Gordon (2010) Fjalor Sociologjik. Tiranë: IDK. Ritzer, George & Goodman, Douglas (2008) Teoria Sociologjike. Tiranë: UFO Durkheim, Emile (2004) Leksione sociologjike. Tiranë: Plejad. Marx, Karl & Engels, Friedrich (1975) Vepra të Zgjedhura 1 & 2. Tiranë: 8 Nëntori Weber, Max (2005) Etika protestante dhe shpirti i kapitalizmit. Tiranë: Plejad Weber, Max (2004) Studime Sociologjike. Tiranë: Plejad.
Laboratory Work	
Computer Usage	
Other	

Learning Outcomes and Competences

1	The student must understand the complexity of social reality through the guidance of the scientific literature
2	The student should have exhausted operating methods as well as empirical methods of ideological implementation
3	The student should be able to interpret texts of sociological context

Course Evaluation Methods

In-term studies	Quantity	Percentage
Midterms	1	30
Quizzes	0	0
Projects	0	0
Term Projects	0	0
Laboratory	0	0
Attendance	0	0
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade		30
Contribution of final examination to overall grade		70
Total		100

ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload

Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	3	48
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	2	28
Assignments	0	2	0
Midterms	1	0	0
Final examination	1	15	15

Other	1	10	10
Total Work Load			101
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			4,04
ECTS			4