

course	Sociology
ects (cfu)	6
year running	1°
semester	first
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consultation time	After class or by appointment previously arranged by e-mail

LEARNING AND SKILLS OUTCOMES

The course aims to provide students with the main theories and the analytical tools of sociology. At the end of the course, students have to:

1. **KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:** become broadly familiar with the basic theories, concepts, and methodologies in the discipline of Sociology.
2. **APPLIED KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:** develop an ability to examine social structures analytically, critically, and comparatively.
3. **MAKING JUDGEMENTS:** decode how social structures, categories, and meanings shape people's social positions and organize people's daily lives.
4. **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** discuss and communicate sociological issues, problems and perspectives to specialists and non-specialists.
5. **LEARNING SKILL:** develop an appreciation and understanding of individual, social and cultural diversity, and of continuity and change in social life.

COURSE DETAILED CONTENTS

The course introduces students to the key-concepts, theories and scholars of sociology as a tool for analysing the everyday life and understanding the development of social relations. The main topics concerns:

- The sociological thought
- Theoretical perspectives and sociological theories
- Culture and cultural processes
- Action and social structures
- Socialization and social interaction
- Power, deviance and social control
- Social research

SUGGESTED PRE-REQUISITE QUALIFICATIONS

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FINAL EXAM

Learning outcomes will be assessed through an oral exam.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment methods concern:

1. **KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:** analysing the students' knowledge of the discussed topics and their understanding of the key theoretical frameworks and methodologies of sociological analysis.
2. **APPLIED KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING:** analysing the students' ability to examine social structures analytically and in a comparative way.
3. **MAKING JUDGEMENTS:** analysing the students' ability to develop analytical and critical thinking.
4. **COMMUNICATION SKILLS:** analysing the students' ability to use a specialized language and to present the topics effectively.
5. **LEARNING SKILL:** analysing the students' ability to use conceptual and methodological tools to develop critical reflection.

MARKING CRITERIA

The final grade consider:

1. Students' active class participation
2. Outcome of the oral exam

TEACHING MATERIALS

Students are required to prepare for the examination by integrating the teaching materials discussed during the in-class lectures with the following compulsory textbook:

- D. Croteau, W. Hoynes, *Experience Sociology. Culture, structure, power*, McGraw-Hill Education, Milano 2017

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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