

Subject	SOCIOLOGY		
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Course Lecturer	Prof.Ass.Dr. Veton Zejnullahi		
Aims and Objectives	<p>This course includes the understanding of Sociology as a general social science and as a special way of understanding the World. In the broadest sense of the word, Sociology is the systematic study of society. Although in a more specific sense, Sociology studies the interaction between social institutions, cultures, groups and individuals. It aims to explain various social, cultural, political and economic phenomena in the context of social structure, social forces and group relations. Among other things, Sociology also focuses on how unequal power relations construct the social world and shape the lives of individuals. It also reflects on the ways in which individuals negotiate their lives in different social and economic contexts.</p> <p>This course aims to familiarize students with the main concepts and arguments of sociology. For this purpose, the course elaborates the main views of modern and postmodern social theory, providing examples of where and how those theories are applied in social phenomena. As such, the sociology course will help students see the relationship between different social processes. Lectures and seminars (exercises) through discussions and seminar works should provide students with the basic knowledge of this discipline and its theories, as well as stimulate discussions on them and develop students' abilities for independent research and analysis, recognizing with the methods and resources of this subject. In this regard, the course contributes towards fulfilling the goal of the UBT College to educate students with a learning experience that undoubtedly contributes to the intellectual, economic and social development of Kosovo.</p> <p>This course aims to provide general knowledge about the main theoretical perspectives and research methodology in sociology.</p>		
Learning outcomes	<p>After completing this course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to understand how sociological approaches to phenomena are introduced to the main theories of sociology, as well as its role in understanding and interpreting social phenomena • understand the relationship between politics, power and social structure • analyze and interpret social processes and behaviors from a sociological perspective • critically evaluate the theories of sociology • argue and express their positions and opinions on relevant topics. 		
	Course plan		
	<p>Entry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syllabus elaboration: course content, method, organization and course requirements. 		

Course Content	<p>Modernity and traditional theoretical approaches: Karl Marx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology and classical theory • Karl Marx and Sociology • The development of human society through time periods
	<p>Modernity and traditional theoretical approaches: Emil Durkheim</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What period does "Modernity" refer to? • What trends does "Modernity" refer to? • What were some of the essential changes that characterized "Modernity."
	<p>Modernity and traditional theoretical approaches: Max Weber</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of the basic functions of the state • Protestant ethics and the spirit of capitalism • Church and state
	<p>Culture and society (culture, diversity, universals, society and its types)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology, culture and society • The relationship between culture and society • Common elements between culture and society
	<p>Revolutions and social movements and political change (theories, consequences, forms of collective action)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social movements and political change • Main elements of social movements • Theories of Social Movements
	<p>Midterm exam I</p> <p>Democracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of democracy • Democracy in countries in transition • Democracy in developed countries
	<p>Family, marriage and sexuality, kinship, family relationships, gender and gender identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of family • The family as a social group • Family and society
	<p>Politics, state and power, party and democratic systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main elements that define the state • State and state sovereignty • The state and the process of globalization

	Nation, nation state (national) and nationalism	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of nation • Nations as cultural communities • Nations as political communities 	
	Religion, ethnicity and race (Theories on religions, minorities, prejudice and ethnic discrimination)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic conflicts • Racial discrimination • National minorities 	
	Groups and organizations (association, bureaucracy and influence of organizations)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physical framework of the organization • Bureaucracy • Weber's views on bureaucracy 	
	Midterm exam II	
	Review, presentations by students and preparation for the final exam	
	Final exam	
Teaching/learning methods	Learning activity	
	lectures	
	seminar	
	problem-based learning	
	TOTAL	
Assessment methods	Assessment methods	
	Participation in Lectures and Activities	
	Seminar paper	
	Midterm tests	
	TOTAL	
Course resources	Final exam	
	Total	
	Recources	
	Classroom - Projector - Table	
	Study visit	
	Moodle	
	Flashlight	
ECTS workload	Activity type	
	Lectures	24 h
	Literature research	26 h
	Seminary work	30 h
	Independent study	100 h
	Group work	20 h
	Case studies	30 h

	Taking the exam	10 h
	TOTAL	240 h
Literatura/ referencis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giddens, Anthony (2000) Sociologjia. Tiranë: Çabej. • Ritzer, George dhe Goodman, Douglas J. (2008) Teoria Sociologjike. Tiranë: Ufo University Press. • Marshall, Gordon, Fjalor sociologjik 2010, Tiranë IDK • Ritzer, George&Goodman, Douglas 2008 Teoria Sociologjike Tiranë UFO • Kullashi Muhamedin 2008 Pushteti dhe dija te Michel Foucault, Prishtinë ASHAK • Valade, Bernard&Fillieule 2008, Hyrje në shkencat shoqërore Pejë Dukagjini • Durkheim, Emile (2004) Leksione Sociologjike. Tiranë: Plejad. 	
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