

Syllabus of the Subject

Subject: Sociology
Study program: Islamic Theology
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A BRIEF CONTENT OF THE COURSE	This course provides an introduction to problems, issues, topics and main ideas of Sociology. It aims at following the basic social facts in society by enabling students to adopt a scientific approach for understanding and interpretation of social phenomena and to develop their sociological imagination on the problems of social, economic and political nature.		
AIM	Aim of the course is to provide students a clear overview of the social structures, methods of studying society, theoretical dilemmas, some important practices of communication and impact of media. Sociologically thinking is always curious about why people behave in the ways they usually behave? Therefore, this course discusses more in detail social behaviours of an individual by always providing a critical and analytical explanation on many issues we encounter in society.		
PROGRAM	Weeks	Topic	Bibliography
	Week – I	What is Sociology? (Introduction, Sociology as a science discipline; Sociological imagination; development of sociological thinking; why is it important to study sociology?).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
	Week – II	Methodology of sociological research (Development of empirical research process; Research methods; use of evaluation instruments and analysing data in SPSS program).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
	Week – III	Theoretical perspectives and sociological theories (Which are sociological theories? Importance of use of sociological perspectives in interpretation of social phenomena).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.

Week – IV	What is society? (Types of society; social organisations and groups; types of social groups; social diversity; types and forms of organisations; characteristics of bureaucracy; development of technology).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
Week – V	Culture and Identity (Symbols, language, social values, norms, faith, subculture, multiculturalism, contra-culture).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
Week – VI	Socialisation (agents of socialisation: family, age groups, school, mass media; Role of institutions in re-socialising of individuals).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
Week – VII	TEST 1	
Week – VIII	Social classes and stratification (systems of social stratification; scientific theories for classes and stratification; social mobility).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
Week – IX	Crime and deviating behaviours (basic concepts; sociological theories in explaining crime and deviating behaviours; organised crime; cybercrime; sentence and prisons).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
Week – X	Social institutions, family and marriage (types of family; changes and problems in family life: divorce; domestic violence; orphans).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
Week – XI	Power, political parties and social movements (basic concepts on politics, state and political governance; globalisation and modern social movements).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.

	Week – XII	TEST 2	
	Week – XIII	Religion (Functions of the religion; types of religious organisations; religion in history; religion in changing societies).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
	Week – XIV	Race, ethnicity and migration (What is racism? From the old to the new form of racism; conflict, ethnic diversity and integration; migration in the contemporary world; global diasporas).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
	Week – XV	Mass media (Digital revolution; internet, film, television, music and daily press; audience and public opinion; medial imperialism, political control of media).	Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005.
OUTCOMES	<p>Aim of the course is to provide students a clear overview of the social structures, methods of studying society, theoretical dilemmas, some important practices of communication and impact of media.</p> <p>Hence, students shall achieve the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students will be able to apply the basic concepts and forms of analysis in Sociology; - Students will be able to identify, describe and explain main aspects of functioning of social relations; - To develop critical thinking related to relations between different social phenomena; - To apply a multi-disciplinary approach in interpretation of various matters happening in the society; - Get acquainted with the empirical methodology and to develop skills in using techniques of empirical research. 		
BIBLIOGRAPHY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anthony Giddens. Sociologjia. Botues Toena, Tirane 2005. - John Macionis. Sociology. Botues PEARSON, Boston 2012. - Diana Kendall, Sociology in our times. Botues Princeton, New York, 2011. 		

METHODOLOGY OF TEACHING	Teaching shall be carried out in form of interactive teaching. Work in small groups to solve various issues followed by open discussion in the class. Providing possibilities for presentation in order to develop skills of communication and advancing knowledge.
EVALUATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regular attendance = 5 % - Class activity = 5 % - Essays = 15 % - TEST 1 = 20 % - TEST 2 = 20 % - Final exam = 35 %