

Code: SPS/07

Credits: 6

Matter: General sociology

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

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Introduction

1. *Objective of the course :*

The general Sociology course aims to make the student acquire the critical ability to identify which are the determining elements of the society in which he lives, and which he himself contributes to making active, making society. Companies are formed by entering into relationships with others, participating in collective life, contributing to the productivity of society, benefiting from all the opportunities for leisure and entertainment that the company makes available to its participants.

The course offers the basic concepts of general Sociology, as well as that of society, the category, aggregate, group, status, culture, intimacy. A part of the course is planned on the communication process, specifying the types and the differences that the various forms of communication have and the opportunities they offer.

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2. *Course Structure:*

The course of general Sociology is divided into three parts. The aim of the course is the knowledge of social processes that involve society and the individuals who are part of it. Through the study of specific themes of general sociology, such as society, culture, communication, groups, globalization. Through the learning of the over-emphasized key concepts it is possible to acquire, recognize and identify the main interpretations that allow understanding and structuring the functioning of society, which is the object of study of Sociology. Knowledge of the concepts related to social stratification it's very important: category, aggregate, class, social groups. Furthermore, it is fundamental to have an adequate structuring and identification of the social dynamics that characterize contemporary society: capitalism, globalization, technological innovations that have changed the communication

systems. It is also necessary to have clear historical and topical notions that allow us to identify, hypothesize, criticize, monitor and understand the difficulties and dynamics that characterize society.

Competencies:

- Knowledge of the concept of society;
- Analysis, structuring and recognition of social differentiations and stratifications (categories, aggregates, classes, classes, groups, status, roles, etc.);
- Use and recognition of the communication process in the various types present in the social reality;
- Analysis and identification of old and new socialization agencies (family, school, religion, peer group).

Syllabus

3. Programme of the course:

Subject 1. Sociology and Society

Subject 2. Communication and social Groups

Subject 3. Traditional Agencies

Evaluation system and criteria

The exam consists in the performance of a test that can be sustained in oral or written form.

The oral exam consists of an interview in the presence with which you can ascertain the student's level of preparation.

The written test consists of 3/4 closed questions and 3 open questions.

- 3/4 closed questions related to the different contents of the exam program are assigned the value of 2 points for correct answer;
- the 3 open questions are assigned a maximum score of 8 points based on the teacher's assessment of the expected learning outcomes.

Bibliography and resources

4. Materials to consult:

D. Croteau, W. Hoynes, *Experience Sociology*, McGraw Hill 2012

5. Recommended bibliography:

N. Smelser, *Sociology*, 2000

M. Granovetter, *Society and Economy*, 2017