

Code: SPS/09

Credits: 9

Matter: Sociology of economic and labor processes

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Teaching Staff

Head instructor

Prof. Michela Luzi - michela.luzi@unicusano.it

Introduction

1. *Objective of the course :*

The course of Sociology of economic and labor processes aims to make the student acquire the critical ability to identify the fundamental elements of society, in particular to analyze the changes in the world of work in recent years, and consequently the figure of the worker, an individual protagonist of contemporary society, with regard to the organizational and content dimensions. The study will focus on specific themes of the sociology of economic processes (globalization, the market, money, communication, cyberspace), and concepts related to work (organized work, trade unions, Fornero reform and Brunetta reform, social capital and governance). It is possible to acquire the main keys to understanding the sociology of work, making use of concepts, methods of interpretation and tools for analyzing the main themes concerning work (reforms, flexible work, organized work, social inequalities).

Objectives

2. *Course Structure:*

The course of sociology of economic and labor processes is divided into four parts. The aim of the course is the knowledge of more specific themes of economic and work processes: globalization, capitalism, the market, work, social capital and governance. Through the learning and the deepening of the overexposed key concepts it is possible to acquire , compare and monitor the key interpretations that allow to recognize, describe and deepen the functioning of the company and the socio-economic processes that characterize it.

Competencies:

- Analysis of the economic-social processes that characterize contemporary society (market, money, consumption, capitalism), and the recognition of the process of globalization with the specific socio-economic consequences;
- Description of the concept of work, of the labor market and of the processes connected to it (precariousness and flexibility);
- Presentation and explanation of the functioning of the main reforms that have changed the Italian labor market;
- Description of the socio-economic reality of the world of work, with particular interest in differentiated processes and the application of governance and social capital developments.
- Evaluation and analysis of the socio-economic reality of the world of work, with particular interest in differentiated realities (trade unions, women, immigration), and application of governance processes and social capital.

Syllabus

3. Programme of the course:

Subject 1. Economy, Sociology and Globalization

Subject 2. Modern, Postmodern and Capitalism

Subject 3. Work in contemporary society

Subject 4. The future of economic sociology

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 20 closed questions plus 1 open question (chosen between two proposals).

- to the 20 closed questions related to the contents of the whole exam program is assigned the value of 1 point for each correct answer;
- to the open question chosen between the two proposals, a maximum score of 10 is assigned based on the teacher's verification of the expected learning outcomes.

Bibliography and resources

4. Materials to consult:

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

5. Recommended bibliography:

Z. Bauman, *Globalization. The Human Consequences*, 2000

M. Granovetter, *Society and Economy*, 2017