

Bachelor in SOCIOLOGY
Course of Sociological Theories
2024-25, 1st year, 1st Semester, ECTS 12, 72 hours
Prof. Umberto Pagano

Course Information	Course of Sociological Theories, Bachelor in Sociology, 8 ECTS, accademic year 2021/2022, 1st Year, 2nd Semester.
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Course Description	The course introduces students to the study of the fundamental categories of Sociology and clarifies disciplinary horizons, interconnections with other disciplines in a "complex" perspective, typical problems, fundamental approaches, conceptual foundations, as well as the main achievements of empirical research.
Course objectives and expected learning outcomes	<p>The aim of the Course is to provide the conceptual foundations and the specific vocabulary of the Discipline.</p> <p>Knowledge and understanding: Students acquire knowledge of the theoretical and empirical categories and of the lexicon of Sociology, at a level that allows them to understand the specificity and “value” of the Discipline.</p> <p>Applied knowledge and understanding (i.e., the ability to apply knowledge and understanding): Students learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - apply basic sociological terms and concepts; - identify the most suitable sociological concepts to interpret specific social phenomena and problems; - develop reflections, in a methodologically correct way, on the surrounding reality and contemporary society; - argue, consciously and autonomously, using sociological concepts and making appropriate references. <p>Autonomy of judgment: Students improve their ability to “read” and analyze, autonomously and not passively, situations and social phenomena.</p> <p>Communication skills: Students acquire the specific language of the discipline, the correct use of the vocabulary and references of literature.</p> <p>Learning skills: Students improve their ability to approach reflection on reality in a methodologically correct way.</p>
Program (contents, methods of development);	<p>Program (main topics): Introduction to Sociology The elements of society The culture The social structure Socialization and Social interaction Organizations Deviance and social control</p>

	<p>Community and urban life Inequalities (Inequality, stratification and social classes; Ethnic inequality; Gender and inequality; Age and inequality) The main institutions The family Education The religion Economy and society The political system Society and change The dynamics of the population Collective behaviour and social movements Social and cultural change Social change in the contemporary world: the digital society.</p>																
Estimate of the commitment required for individual study in terms of hours	Approximately 225 ore																
Teaching methods	Frontal lesson, cooperative learning.																
Learning resources (recommended textbooks, further recommended reading, other educational material)	<p>Neil J.Smelser, <i>Manuale di Sociologia</i>, Il Mulino, 2011. and Byung C.-Han, <i>Nello sciame. Visioni del digitale</i>, Nottetempo, 2014.</p> <p>During the lessons further readings will be recommended in order to deepen some issues.</p>																
Support Activities	Within reception activities.																
Modality of Attendance	Attendance is not compulsory but strongly recommended.																
Modality of Assessment	<p>The final exam will be held orally.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Knowledge and understanding of the topic</th> <th>Ability to analyze and synthesize</th> <th>Use of references</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fail</td> <td>Severe shortcomings and inaccuracies</td> <td>Irrelevant. Frequent generalizations. Inability to synthesize</td> <td>Completely inappropriate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18-20</td> <td>Sufficient. Important shortcomings.</td> <td>Sufficient capabilities</td> <td>Sufficient</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-23</td> <td>Basic Knowledge</td> <td>The student is capable of correct analysis and synthesis, argues logically and</td> <td>The student uses standard references</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Knowledge and understanding of the topic	Ability to analyze and synthesize	Use of references	Fail	Severe shortcomings and inaccuracies	Irrelevant. Frequent generalizations. Inability to synthesize	Completely inappropriate	18-20	Sufficient. Important shortcomings.	Sufficient capabilities	Sufficient	21-23	Basic Knowledge	The student is capable of correct analysis and synthesis, argues logically and	The student uses standard references
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		24-26	Satisfactory. Good knowledge	The student has good analysis and synthesis skills. The arguments are expressed consistently	The student uses standard references
		27-29	Very Good	The student has considerable skills in analysis and synthesis	The student deepened the topics of the exam
		30-30L	Excellent	The student has excellent analysis and synthesis skills	Important insights