
Course title: SOCIOLOGY OF CULTURE

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 4

Semester: autumn and spring (2 semesters)

Level of study: ISCED-6 - first-cycle programmes (EQF-6)

ISCED-7 - second-cycle programmes (EQF-7)

Branch of science: Social sciences

Language: English

Number of hours per semester: 30

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Type of classes: classes

Substantive content

CLASSES:

Social structure, culture and agency; Culture and cognition; Knowledge cultures and epistemic cultures; Differences and social inequalities; Media culture(s); Religion as a cultural system; Consumer culture

Learning purpose:

To show the specifics of the sociological understanding of culture

On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: on the theoretical debates in the sociology of culture, focusing on the concepts of values, identities and actions

Skills: analysis of consider the role and influence of culture in contemporary societies using theoretical concepts

Social Competencies: to take critical approach to the phenomena and issues of contemporary culture

Basic literature:

1. Jacobs, M.D. & Weiss Hanrahan, N. (2005). The Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Culture. Blackwell Publishing
2. Giddens, A. (2006). Sociology, 5th edition. Polity Press.
3. Hall, John R., Laura Grindstaff, and Ming-Cheng Lo. 2010. Handbook of Cultural Sociology. New York: Routledge.

Supplementary literature:

1. Kroeber, Alfred and Talcott Parsons. 1958. "The concepts of culture and of social system." American Sociological Review. 23(5):582-583.
 2. Mears, Ashley. 2014. "Seeing culture through the eye of the beholder: four methods in pursuit of taste." Theory and Society 43, 3-4:392-309.
 3. Durkheim, Emile. Elementary Forms of Religious Life. New York: Free Press. Pp 8-18.
 4. Lizardo, Omar. 2010. "Culture and Stratification." Pp. 305-315 in John R. Hall, Laura Grindstaff, and Ming-Cheng Lo. New York: Routledge.
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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 30

Student's independent work: 70