

Italian code: SPS/07

Course: Sociologia generale

Main language of instruction: Italian

Other language of instruction: English

Credits: 6 L-36

Credits: 9 L-40

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Objectives

The aim of the general sociology course is to enable the student to acquire the critical capacity to identify the determining elements of the society in which he/she lives, and which he/she contributes to making active, by making society. One makes society by entering into relations with other individuals, participating in collective life, contributing to productivity, benefiting from all the opportunities of leisure, entertainment, that society makes available to its participants.

The course proposes the basic concepts of general sociology, in addition to that of society, that of category, aggregate, group, status, culture, intimacy, globalisation, referring also to classical authors. A part of the course is planned on the communication process, specifying the types and differences that the various forms of communication have and the opportunities they offer. The Ectivity associated with the course and carried out within the platform allows the degree of learning, associated with a critical and reflective capacity necessary in the analysis of social problems.

Course structure

The objective of the course is the knowledge of social processes involving society and the individuals who are part of it. Through the in-depth study of specific topics of general sociology, such as society, culture, communication, groups, social stratification, also taking up classic sociologists. Through the learning of the key concepts it is possible to acquire, recognise and identify the main keys to understanding and structuring the functioning of society, which is the object of study of Sociology, and to get to know the modes of verbal and non-verbal communication, in the various possible types of communication.

The course has as its educational objectives

- Knowledge of the concept of Sociology, as a functional discipline for the analysis of Society, referring to classic authors of the subject (Simmel, Durkheim, Weber);

- 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 typologies present in social reality;
- Analysis and identification of old and new socialisation agencies (family, school, religion, peer group).

Competencies

The study of social analysis will enable students to develop skills in the interpretation of society and the patterns of behaviour that characterise the complexity of contemporary society. The student will be able to implement and use knowledge of social processes in an informed manner. All individuals form societies, enter into relationships, build relationships and participate in the collective vote, but the student who learns and is able to recognise the basic concepts of general sociology has the consciousness and awareness that all the relational activities he or she undertakes contribute to forming the society, of which he or she is a part.

The study of general sociology enables the student to learn about and compare various types of communication, this allows him/her to identify and understand what type of communication he/she is using when entering into relationships with others. In the course, ample space is given to the communication process, which can be of three types: verbal, symbolic and non-verbal. This enables students to acquire communication techniques of a higher level than ordinary knowledge, which refine, improve and offer the possibility of planning communication skills.

Examination modalities:

The student is expected to produce a 15-page paper on the text 'Core Concepts in Sociology' by J. Michael Ryan, specifically on 4 chapters:

- Democracy by Kathleen C. Schwartzman
- Globalization by George Ritzer
- Internet, by Charalambos Tsekeris
- Modernity by Gerard Delanty and Aurea Mota.

The paper will be presented and discussed on the day of the examination.



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