

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

Name of the subject in Hungarian:	Social Studies I.
Name of the subject in English:	Social Studies I.
Credit value of the subject:	3
The code of the subject in the electronic study system:	BN-SOSTD1-03-EA
Classification of the subject:	Obligatory
Language of instruction (in case of non-Hungarian courses):	English
Institute or department responsible for the subject:	Institute of Social Sciences and International Studies
Course type and number of contact hours:	Lecture, class per week: 2, class per semester: 0
Mode of study: (Full-time / Part-time):	Full-time training
The semester in which the subject is open for registration:	2022/2023 1st semester
Prerequisite(s):	-

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBJECT, LEARNING OUTCOMES:

This course introduces students to the field of Sociology. The course departs from the classical theoretical traditions of Marx, Durkheim, and Weber, as well as their contemporary representatives. Readings include prominent empirical investigations into family dynamics, class inequalities, organizations, democracy, and globalization. We examine common-sense assumptions about culture, politics, history, and psychology.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

Throughout the semester we'll be analyzing, discussing key questions such as: What is society? How can we understand it? What is the role of the individual in society, and how does society affect individual lives? The course introduces major concepts, theories, scholars, subfields, and research results of this very rich and diverse social science discipline. By emphasizing reading, writing, and critical thinking skills, this course helps students build the foundation for a deeper understanding of theory and methods in the social sciences.

STUDENT'S TASKS AND PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

The assessment will target knowledge and understanding, application, and basic analysis and evaluation. The objectives of this assessment are to assess:

- basic knowledge of sociological theory and concepts;
- logical and coherent arguments based on sociological theory and knowledge;
- ability to apply knowledge of sociology to a range of issues and real-life contexts;
- ability to present arguments and draw conclusions based on sociological knowledge;
- ability of make basic connections between different topics outlined in the thematic areas.

Arrive on time for lecture and class discussions. Being late is highly disruptive to others!

NOTE: CLASS PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL. YOU CAN NOT PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IF YOU ARE NOT PREPARED, OR IF YOU ARE NOT IN CLASS

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

The final grade will be constructed as follows:

Written exam (100%)

Time of arrival: 5 minutes before the exam starts (check the exact time and date of your exam on Neptun)!

NOTE: students who will be late more than 5 minutes are not allowed to take the exam!

Time frame: 50 minutes

Question types:

8 multiple-choice questions (there can be one or more correct answers to a question);

4 open-ended questions;

Point system for evaluation: (the max. amount of points that you can achieve is 20)

0-4 p. = 1

5-8 p. = 2

9-12 p. = 3

13-16 p. = 4

17-20 p. = 5

Examination misconduct and irregularities:

Academic misconduct in examinations includes but is not limited to the following:

- Communicating with another student by oral, electronic or written means;
- Copying from another student;
- Introducing any written or printed materials into the examination.
- Use of mobile phones, smart watches, etc.

Note: any action by a student contrary to the letter or spirit of these regulations, whether discovered during the examination or afterwards, may result in disqualification!

Offered grade can be given: No.

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- GIDDENS, ANTHONY; SUTTON, W. PHILIP: Sociology (9th ed.), Polity Press, 2021
- STOLLEY, KATHY : THE BASICS OF SOCIOLOGY, GREENWOOD PRESS, WESTPORT , 2005