

Sociology

Course # HUSS 2041

Credits 3

Pre-requisites and Co-requisites: None

Course Description

This course focuses on practical aspects of individual and collective life that sociological research helps us understand better. It introduces basic sociological categories such as social action, role, expectation, identity, group, community, institution, network, etc. We discuss major approaches in sociological analysis and try to use their perspectives in dealing with everyday concerns such as bringing up children, managing an enterprise, committing to a political cause, engaging in economic activities, adapting to a world of globalization and digitalization. We explore how sociology helps us address pressing issues of inequality, intolerance, various forms of violence, and climate change. The course is designed to involve students actively in producing sociologically informed projects that will be relevant for their future careers.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, the students are expected to:

- Deploy sociological imagination and recognize patterns in individual and collective activities with the use of such concepts as social order and social change;
- Analyze how individuals are shaped through basic social interaction on a microlevel in families, peer groups, and organizations;
- Explain what is meant by social institutions and how institutions affect everyday interactions;
- Discuss the pressing issues in the development of large complex societies from the perspectives of macrosociological analysis;
- Organize collective work in project teams with members of different cultural and educational backgrounds, give and receive critical feedback among peers ethically and respectfully.

Course Assessments and Grading

Item	Weight
Group project (Socialization)	15%
Group presentation (Articles)	15%

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Reflection papers/quiz	4x10%
Mid-term paper (Sociological analysis)	20%
Participation	10%