

Introduction to Sociology

Academic Year: (2019 / 2020)

Review date: 08-05-2020

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: VALIENTE FERNANDEZ, CELIA

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 1 Semester : 1

Branch of knowledge: Social Sciences and Law

OBJECTIVES

- Knowledge of main sociological theories. Basic skills for sociological empirical analysis.
- Critical thinking.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

- The course will teach students: i) the object of sociological study; ii) main sociological theories; and iii) main sociological concepts. Some lessons will be devoted to the analysis of families, education, religion or the state.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Lectures (2 ECTS credits). Students will have enough time to ask questions.
- Exercises made and corrected in the classroom (2 ECTS credits).
- Mandatory and voluntary readings made by students (2 ECTS credits).

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Mid-term exercise on sociological theories, concepts and empirical cases: 25% of the final grade. Students who fail this exercise must meet the professor during office hours in order to assess results and find ways to improve performance.
- Final exam: 60% of the final grade.
- Assignments in the classroom: 15% of the final grade.

% end-of-term-examination: 60

% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Macdonald, John H., and Ken Plummer Sociology (fifth edition), Pearson, 2011