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Introduction to Sociology

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 28-04-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department

Coordinating teacher: VALIENTE FERNANDEZ, CELIA

Type: Basic Core ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 1 Semester:

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: 45% 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: 45% of the final grade.
- Assignments in the classroom: 10% of the final grade.
- Extraordinary call: final exam equals 100% of the final grade.

% end-of-term-examination: 45

% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals...): 55

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Macionis, John H., and Ken Plummer Sociology (fourth edition), Pearson, 2008