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# Sociology

Academic Year: (2023 / 2024) Review date: 19-04-2023

Department assigned to the subject: Social Analysis Department Coordinating teacher: ARAMBURU-ZABALA HIGUERA, LUIS

Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 1 Semester: 1

#### **OBJECTIVES**

General competences:

- Instrumental: to develop the capacity of analysis and synthesis
- Personal and systemic: to understand the relevance of an interdisciplinar teamwork; self-critical reasoning; motivation for excellence.
- Others: ability to link the knowledge of Sociology to other subjects in the area of the social sciences

Specific competences:

- Knowledge about sociological perspectives and methodologies
- Development of the practical applications of sociological knowledge to different scenarios.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME**

- The concept of Sociology
- Sociability and culture
- Analysis of socialization and social interaction
- Social organization
- Social inequality
- Social change

#### LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

In coherence with the mentioned objectives and competences, the teaching-learning methodology is participatory, continuous and open. Some of the training activities will be:

Practical exercises: Acquisition of competences of the Degree in the field of Sociology.

Practices during the Course: Acquisition of competences in the field of Sociology.

Discussion and presentation of the basic contents: Conference, followed by discussion. Acquisition of basic scientific and technical knowledge in this field.

In the terms established by university regulations, in this subject it is not possible to use mobile phones during the classes. Likewise, electronic devices of any type, including computers, must be turned off, unless the teacher expressly allows the use of some of them in specific situations and for academic purposes.

### ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

The criteria of assesment is based in:

- Evaluation of the knowledge by means of examinations and exercises.
- Evaluation of the professional competences by means of exercises and practical tests: discussion of cases, simulations, etc.

% end-of-term-examination (teaching in English): 60%

% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals ...) (teaching in English): 40%

To pass the subject a pass qualification is needed as minimal note in the final examination.

The assessment criteria for the Extraordinary Exam are the same that the ones used in the Ordinary, in accordance with the general regulation of the University for such Exams.

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% end-of-term-examination: 60 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 40

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