

Analysis of social problems I: Inequality and exclusion

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Department assigned to the subject: Social Analysis Department

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OBJECTIVES

SPECIFIC

1. Knowledge of the basic components of both social inequalities and cultural differences
2. Ability to analyse the main concepts and generalisations about human society and its processes
3. Ability to contribute to the design of policies aimed at tackling social problems

CROSS-CUTTING

1. Ability to recognise the complexity of social phenomena
2. Ability to relate knowledge of sociology and other related disciplines
3. Ethical commitment

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

LESSON 1. Introduction

Origin of the study of social problems

Social problem definition

Sociology and social problems. Main theoretical approaches

The connection of social problems with the needs and human rights.

LESSON 2. Study and diagnosis of social problems

Phases of analysis of social problems

Methods and techniques of analysis of social reality

Data sources and indicators for the analysis of inequality and social problems

The Paradigm of Complexity applied to the study of social problems

LESSON 3. Inequality as a starting point of social problems: concepts and types of inequality

Inequality in the current welfare state

Justification of inequality by different theoretical paradigms

Dimensions of inequality: economic, political, social, labour, cultural and symbolic

Equity as a corrector of inequality

LESSON 4. Social exclusion

Concept and dimensions

Exclusógenos factors and inclusógenos

Sectors and territorial dimension of social exclusion

The measurement of social exclusion

LESSON 5. The economic manifestation of social exclusion: poverty

Definitions and explanations of poverty

Policies and intervention programs against poverty

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda

The territorial dimension of poverty and exclusion: areas and neighborhoods of special vulnerability

LESSON 6. Other social problems in contemporary societies

Disability and dependency. Gender violence. Child abuse. Urban violence: social conflict, crime and deviation

LESSON 7. Social action in the face of social problems

The importance of stakeholders for the identification and resolution of problems

Concepts and proposals on the promotion of citizenship, diversity management and social integration

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

ECTS credits are divided equally into two blocks of three credits each. Each of these blocks is attached well to the theoretical or practical exercises.

Theoretical content will be supported by face-to-face and participatory lessons (classroom debate) using audiovisual tools to facilitate the presentation.

Regarding the practical exercises, classroom practices will be carried out in correspondence with the different topics. In these classroom practices, basic readings from the bibliography, articles, tables and statistical data, documentaries or films, transcripts of real interviews, press releases, etc. will be used as support

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

In accordance with the organisation of the contents of the training activities, the assessment is divided into two blocks.

The theoretical part is assessed by means of a final exam whose grade represents 40% of the final mark

60% corresponds to the practical part of the course. Around 8 practical exercises will be carried out, both individually and in groups, and the value of each of them will be indicated in the classroom.

Aspects such as: attendance, active participation in the classroom, completion of all activities, attitude and interest in the topics and debates raised will also be assessed.

In the extraordinary call, the corresponding final exam must be passed, which will account for 100% of the mark. In the extraordinary call, the mark of the continuous assessment process may be kept if the student has followed it.

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

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