

**Information sheet for the course  
Introduction to Sociology**

<b>University:</b> <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
<b>Faculty:</b> <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
<b>Course unit code:</b> <i>PLTP2</i>	<b>Course unit title:</b> <i>Introduction to Sociology</i>
<b>Type of course unit:</b> <i>compulsory</i>	
<b>Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:</b>  <i>Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face</i> <i>Seminar: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester; face to face</i>	
<b>Number of credits:</b> <i>5</i>	
<b>Recommended semester:</b> <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 1<sup>st</sup> year (full-time)</i> <i>the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year (part-time)</i>	
<b>Degree of study:</b> <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
<b>Course prerequisites:</b> <i>none</i>	
<b>Assessment methods:</b> <i>Students have to work out a seminar work and study recommended readings during the semester to receive credits. The exam from this course will be completed by a written test. Marking of the course: A – at least 92 points, B – at least 83 points, C – at least 74 points, D – at least 65 points, E – at least 56 points.</i>	
<b>Learning outcomes of the course unit:</b> <i>After this course, students <b>understand</b> the basic sociological terms and use them at the analysis of social phenomena. They are able to <b>focus on</b> each sociological tradition and in their mutual relations. Students are <b>familiar with</b> the main representatives of 19<sup>th</sup> century sociology.</i>	
<b>Course contents:</b> <i>1. Introduction – pre-sociological thoughts.</i> <i>2. Main representatives of 19<sup>th</sup> century sociology: A. Comte, É. Durkheim.</i> <i>3. Main representatives of 19<sup>th</sup> century sociology: K. Marx.</i> <i>4. Main representatives of 19<sup>th</sup> century sociology: M. Weber.</i> <i>5. Characteristics of sociology as a scientific discipline – subject, functions, structure, paradigms.</i> <i>6. Society – development of term, main features, types.</i> <i>7. Social structure of society – social position, status and roles.</i> <i>8. Social processes and social activities.</i> <i>9. Personality and its socialization into society.</i> <i>10. Social groups – facts, basic features, possible types.</i> <i>11. Social organization and social institutions.</i> <i>12. Social norms, deviations and social control.</i> <i>13. Collective behavior.</i>	
<b>Recommended or required reading:</b> <i>BERGER, L. P.: Pozvání do sociologie. Praha : 1991.</i> <i>HARRINGTON, A. a kol.: Moderní sociální teorie. Praha : Portál, 2006.</i> <i>JANDOUREK, J.: Úvod do sociologie. Praha : Portál, 2003.</i> <i>KELLER, J.: Dějiny klasické sociologie. Praha : 2005.</i>	

*KELLER, J.: Sociologie byrokracie a organizace. Praha : 1996.*  
*KELLER, J.: Úvod do sociologie. Praha : SLON, 2004.*  
*ONDREJKOVIČ, P. a kol.: Sociálna patológia. Bratislava : 2009.*  
*POLONSKÝ, D.: Stručné dejiny sociologického myslenia. Banská Bystrica : FPVaMV 1999.*  
*SOPÓCI, J.- BÚZIK, B.: Základy sociológie. Bratislava : Slovenské pedagogické nakladateľstvo. 1995.*  
*SOPÓCI, J.-BÚZIK, B.: Teórie sociálnej stratifikácie a mobility. Bratislava : 1999.*  
*Veľký sociologický slovník. I. a II. diel. Praha : Karolinam, 1997.*

**Language:** *Slovak*

**Remarks:** *The course is compulsory. Seminar group consists of 20 – 25 students.*

**Evaluation history:**

A	B	C	D	E	FX
4,28	3,29	9,54	15,79	39,14	27,96

**Lecturers:**

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