

Information sheet for the course
Theory of Sociology

University: <i>Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín</i>	
Faculty: <i>Department of Political Science</i>	
Course unit code: <i>PLTP7</i>	Course unit title: <i>Theory of Sociology</i>
Type of course unit: <i>compulsory</i>	
Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: <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>	
Number of credits: <i>5</i>	
Recommended semester: <i>the 2nd semester in the 1st year (full-time)</i> <i>the 4th semester in the 2nd year (part-time)</i>	
Degree of study: <i>I. (bachelor)</i>	
Course prerequisites: <i>none</i>	
Assessment methods: <i>Students have to work out a seminar work and study recommended readings during the semester to receive credits. The exam from this course is 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>	
Learning outcomes of the course unit: <i>Students are able to classify each sociological ideas and theories to one of the three basic approaches and know to estimate their strong and weak aspects. They understand the theoretical basis of sociological ideas and their theoretic and also methodological results.</i>	
Course contents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Basic paradigms of sociology and functionalism.</i> <i>2. R.K. Merton – postulates of anthropological functionalism.</i> <i>3. T. Parsons – mechanisms of coordinated acting, functional assumption of system of acting (AGIL).</i> <i>4. Basic starting points of theories of social conflict.</i> <i>5. Ch.W. Mills – understanding of power, power elites and political leadership.</i> <i>6. Basic starting points of Dahrendorf's concept: growth of new middle-class and social mobility.</i> <i>7. Basic starting points of Dahrendorf's concept: advance of civil and other equality, institutionalization of class conflict.</i> <i>8. Basic starting points of interpret sociology.</i> <i>9. G.H. Mead – symbolical interactionism and social behaviorism.</i> <i>10. E. Gofman – sociology of pretense.</i> <i>11. H.D. Duncan – dramatic version of symbolic interactionism.</i> <i>12. H. Garfinkel - - ethnomethodology.</i> <i>13. A. Schütz – theory of intersubjectivity, understanding of activities with communicative act and without communicative act.</i> 	
Recommended or required reading: <i>ERIKSEN, T. H.: Sociální a kulturní antropologie. Praha : Portál, 2008.</i> <i>HARRINGTON, A. a kol.: Moderní sociální teorie. Praha : Portál, 2006.</i> <i>HEYWOOD, A.: Politologie. Plzeň : 2008.</i>	

KELLER, J.: Úvod do sociologie. Praha, 2004.

MERTON, R. K.: Studie ze sociologické teorie. Praha : SLON, 2007.

MILLS, CH. W.: Sociologická imaginace. Praha, 2002.

MILLS, CH. W.: Mocenská elita. Praha, 1966.

SOPÓCI, J. - BÚZIK, B.: Teórie sociálnej stratifikácie a mobility. Bratislava, 1999.

ŠUBRT, J. a kol.: Soudobá sociologie I. Praha, 2007.

ŠUBRT, J. a kol.: Soudobá sociologie II. Praha, 2008.

Language: *Slovak language and Czech language*

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

Evaluation history:

A	B	C	D	E	FX
3,43	8,33	14,22	20,54	23,04	30,39

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