**Course Syllabus**

1. **General Information**

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| Course name | Introduction to Sociology |
| Programme |  |
| Level of studies (BA, BSc, MA, MSc, long-cycle MA) | BA |
| Form of studies (full-time, part-time) | Full time |
| Discipline | Social Communication and Media |
| Language of instruction | English |

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| Course coordinator/person responsible | Małgorzata Sławek-Czochra, Dagmara Kottke |

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| Type of class *(use only the types mentioned below)* | Number of teaching hours | Semester | ECTS Points |
| lecture | 30 | I | 4 |
| tutorial |  |  |
| classes | 30 | I |
| laboratory classes |  |  |
| workshops |  |  |
| seminar |  |  |
| introductory seminar |  |  |
| foreign language classes |  |  |
| practical placement |  |  |
| field work |  |  |
| diploma laboratory |  |  |
| translation classes |  |  |
| study visit |  |  |

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| Course pre-requisites | Students are supposed to be familiar with World Intellectual history or History of Western Philosophy, and English for academic writing. |

1. **Course Objectives**

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| O1 - students acquire knowledge about key issues in contemporary sociology and the major theories of contemporary society |
| O2 – students learn basic skills in critical and creative reading of the set texts and be able to select relevant material cited by the authors selectively in your examination answers |
| O3 – students understand sociological debates surrounding the processes of globalization and be able to compare and criticise them |

1. **Course learning outcomes with reference to programme learning outcomes**

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| Symbol | Description of course learning outcome | Reference to programme learning outcome |
| KNOWLEDGE | | |
| K\_W01 | The graduate knows and understands: selected social phenomena, social structures, types of societies, institutions of social life, properties and mechanisms governing social processes, knows the typology of modern societies in the context of social, cultural and technological changes | At an advanced level selected facts, objects and phenomena as well as selected detailed issues in the field of social communication and media studies |
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| SKILLS | | |
| K\_U04 | A graduate is able to: describe in sociological language phenomena, processes and socio-cultural changes occurring in societies, which are of interest to journalists | Use the theoretical knowledge to describe selected social, political, economic, cultural and legal phenomena and processes of interest to journalism and social communication |
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| SOCIAL COMPETENCIES | | |
| K\_K02 | It should be but there is not in approved programs | Use the media as a source of information about social life and culture, and as a tool to influence social and cultural processes serving the common good and public interests |
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1. **Course Content**

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| The sociological approach  1. Introduction to sociology  What is Sociology? In what respect sociology is different from other social disciplines? Is sociology a science or a commonsense? Sociological imagination. What are sociological problems? How the order of social life is possible? How do societies change? How are our lives as individuals shaped by the societies in which we live?  2. Methodology of sociological research  Theory and methods. Ontological and epistemological assumptions. Objectivism and social constructivism in sociology. Quantitative and qualitative research designs in sociology. The founding fathers of sociology Marx, Durkheim, Max Weber, Chicago school, Parsons).  Global inequalities  3. Class  Social stratification, social strata, class, ‘ascribed’ and ‘achieved’ characteristics, social status, ‘objective’ and ‘subjective’ dimensions of class, different ways of measuring class positions (the Goldthorpe class schema), relationship between class inequality and race and gender, the global dimensions of class in relation to production and consumption, and transnational corporations (TNCs). Marx (class, mode of production, exploitation), Weber (class, status, party, Wright, Goldthrope, Bourdieu, Savage.  4. Race  Sociological definitions of race and ethnicity, racial discrimination historically and in the contemporary global world, old (biological) racism and new (cultural) racism, multiple racisms and institutional racism, racialisation; group closure; allocation of resources; conflict theory, social constructionism; differential racialisation; and ‘critical race theory’.  5. Ethnicity  Migration, ‘new ethnicities’ and situational identity, ethnic inequality, globalisation of ethnicity, models of multi-ethnic societies in industrial nations, ethnic conflict, assimilation and integration, ethnicity and health, global differences in health, ‘mobilities research’.  6. Family  Marriage and divorce, ‘traditional’ family and an account of its conceptual history, forms of family, global families, gender and work in the family, family in current debates about values and culture.  7. Religion  Conceptual and operational definitions of religion, secularisation thesis, global landscape of religion, forms of religiosity, fundamentalism and evangelism.  8. The life course  Social and biological aspects of the life course, The life course as a social process, intersectionality, birth cohorts, generations, stages of the life course: childhood, adulthood and older age, age roles, social construction of age phases , nature of childhood, teenage and youth culture, social gerontology, social age, sociology of death and dying, ageing.  9. Nation-states, nationalism, war and conflict  10. Conflict and warfare  Types of human conflict, degenerate war, post-violence societies, genocide, terrorism and freedom movements.  11. Money and markets, consumption and work  New economic sociology, social embeddedness, social conception of markets, resource dependence, sociology of money, trust, earmarking  12. Consumption and work  Conspicuous consumption, consumerism, occupation economy, informal economy, social organisation of work, division of labour, economic interdependence  13. Crime  Deviance, equilibrium of deviance, sanctions, nonconformity , anomie, delinquency, labelling theory, master status, criminal careers, deviancy amplification, organised crime, piracy, restorative justice, role of prisons.  14. Global health and medicine  Biomedical model of health, public health policy, iatrogenesis, medicalisation, impairment and disability, individual model of disability, stigma.  15. Digital media and new forms of sociation  Digital revolution, ‘medium is the message’, new media, cybercrime, civil inattention, extension, netiquette, compulsion to proximity, virtual communities, virtual reality , new media imperialism, ‘internet galaxy’ |

1. **Didactic methods used and forms of assessment of learning outcomes**

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| Symbol | Didactic methods  *(choose from the list)* | Forms of assessment  *(choose from the list)* | Documentation type  *(choose from the list)* |
| KNOWLEDGE | | | |
| W\_01 | Lecture with multimedia presentation  Conversation lecture Remote with Microsoft Office 365  Work with text  Case study | Written examination | examination protocol (printout) |
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| SKILLS | | | |
| U\_04 | Lecture with multimedia presentation  Conversation lecture Remote with Microsoft Office 365  Work with text  Case study | Written examination | examination protocol (printout) |
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| SOCIAL COMPETENCIES | | | |
| K\_02 | Discussion  Presentation  Case study  Team work | Observation  essay / paper / take-home assignment  (mid-term / end-term) test | examination protocol (printout) |
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e.g.: methods: Conversation lecture, traditional lecture, discussion, case study; forms: test, essay, presentation, writing assignment; doc: assessment sheet,

1. **Grading criteria, weighting factors**

**Poor mark (2)**: (W) The student has no basic knowledge: about selected social phenomena, social structures, types of societies, institutions of social life, social changes in the context of the role and meaning of communication in social life, about the properties and mechanisms governing social processes, does not know the typology modern societies in the context of social, cultural and technological changes, does not know the social conditions of social communication in small and large social groups, does not know the features and conditions of the functioning of various types of contemporary societies. The student has missed more than 4 teaching hours (2 meetings). (U) The graduate is not able to describe sociological language of phenomena, processes and socio-cultural changes occurring in societies that are of interest to journalists Exam and test result: less than 50%

**Satisfactory mark (3)**: (W) The student has selective knowledge: about selected social phenomena, social structures, types of societies, institutions of social life, social changes in the context of the role and meaning of communication in social life, about the properties and mechanisms governing social processes, and selectively knows the typology of contemporary societies in the context of social, cultural and technological changes, selectively knows the social conditions of social communication in small and large social groups, knows several features and conditions of the functioning of various types of contemporary societies. The student missed no more than 4 teaching hours (2 meetings).

(U) A graduate is able to selectively describe in sociological language phenomena, processes and socio-cultural changes occurring in societies, which are of interest to journalists. Exam and test results: from 50% to 70%.

**Good mark (4)**: (W) The student has well-established knowledge: about selected social phenomena, social structures, types of societies, institutions of social life, social changes in the context of the role and meaning of communication in social life, about the properties and mechanisms governing social processes, knows the typology of contemporary societies in the context of social, cultural and technological changes, knows almost all social conditions of social communication in small and large social groups, knows almost all the features and conditions of the functioning of various types of contemporary societies. The student missed no more than 2 teaching hours (1 meeting). (U) The graduate is able to correctly describe in sociological language phenomena, processes and socio-cultural changes occurring in societies, which are of interest to journalists. The result of the examination and test: in the range from 71% to 94%.

**Very good mark (5)**: (W) The student has full knowledge of selected social phenomena, social structures, types of societies, institutions of social life, social changes in the context of the role and meaning of communication in social life, about the properties and mechanisms governing social processes, knows the typology of contemporary of societies in the context of social, cultural and technological changes, knows all social conditions of social communication in small and large social groups, knows all the features and conditions of the functioning of various types of contemporary societies. The student missed no more than 2 teaching hours (1 meeting). (U) The graduate is able to exhaustively describe in sociological language phenomena, processes and socio-cultural changes taking place in societies, being in the field of journalists' interest. The result of the exam and test: in the range from 95% to 100%.

1. **Student workload**

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| Form of activity | Number of hours |
| Number of contact hours (with the teacher) | **60** |
| Number of hours of individual student work | **40** |

1. **Literature**

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| Basic literature |
| 1. Giddens, P.W. Sutton, Sociology, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2013. |
| Additional literature |
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