



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
SOCD-101	Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Social Sciences	Fall
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Compulsory	Psychology	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Marios Sarris	1 st
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Distance Learning	None	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce students to the sociological study of society
- Promote knowledge and understanding of central sociological concepts
- Apply the basic premises of social theory to various social situations
- Explain the use of scientific evidence deriving from social research
- Promote the critical evaluation of common knowledge and perceptions
- Introduce students to social and cultural diversity
- Explore the ways in which non-Western societies deal with universal human issues
- Render non-Western societies understandable on their own term.
- Widen students' horizons through the appreciation of cultural diversity

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Define basic sociological concepts
- Illustrate social situations using these concepts
- Outline the basic principles of the mainstream theoretical traditions in sociology
- Apply theoretical thinking to empirical reality
- Examine empirical evidence in favour or against theoretical explanations
- Critically evaluate common knowledge and perceptions on current social issues
- Explain the fundamental theoretical concepts in anthropological discourse
- Identify the basic methodological tools of anthropological research
- Discuss the key ethical issues that arise in the context of anthropological research

- Elaborate the political and ideological reasons that led to the emergence and development of anthropology
- Demonstrate an adequate ethnographic grasp of selected socio-cultural cases

Course Content:

- 1a. What is sociology?
- 1b. Anthropology: Comparison and context
- 2a. Sociological theory
- 2b. Main theoretical approaches in anthropology
- 3a. Methods of sociological research
- 3b. Anthropological fieldwork and ethnography
- 4a. Globalization and social change: Types of society
- 4b. Anthropology and the paradoxes of globalization
- 5a. Sociology and the environment
- 5b. Anthropology and nature
- 6a. Work, production and technology: Sociological approaches
- 6b. Work, production and technology: Anthropological approaches
- 7a. The life course: Sociological perspectives
- 7b. Life stages and rites of passage: Anthropological perspectives
- 8a. Family, marriage and personal life in sociological studies
- 8b. Marriage and kinship in anthropological studies
- 9a. Gender and sexuality: Sociological approaches
- 9b. Gender and sexuality: Anthropological approaches
- 10a. The sociology of race and ethnicity
- 10b. The anthropology of ethnicity
- 11a. Sociological approaches to religion
- 11b. Anthropological approaches to religion and ritual
- 12a. Social and global stratification in sociology
- 12b. Caste and class in anthropology
- 13a. Politics and power: The sociological view
- 13b. Politics and power: The anthropological view

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Presentations, Forum Discussions, Ethnographic Films, Participation, Debates.

Assessment Methods:

Quizzes, Homework Assignments, Papers, Final Examination

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Sociology	Giddens, A & Sutton, P.W.	Polity Press	2013	-
Small Places, Large Issues	Eriksen, T.H.	Pluto Press	2015	-

Recommended Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
An Introduction to Sociology	Goldthorpe, J.E.	Cambridge University Press	2011	-
The Forest People	Turnbull, C.	Bodley Head	2015	-