

General Sociology

Code: 100474
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500257 Criminology	FB	1	1

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Use of languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

None.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This subject will introduce the students of Criminology in the sociological perspective. For doing this, it works with concepts and theories of sociology related to criminology and the main tools of interpretation. The objective of this subject and its teaching methodology is focused on the understanding of the social phenomena linked to criminology, analysing the social foundations of crime and victimology. Finally, this subject attempts to foster the critic reflection on human being and its social conditions, also linked to social change, norms and institutions.

Skills

- Ability to analyse and summarise.
- Analysing the conflict and criminology by using the criminological theories and their psychological and sociological foundations.
- Drawing up an academic text.
- Students must demonstrate they know the psychological and sociological concepts and foundations of criminology.
- Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
- Working autonomously.
- Working in teams and networking.

Learning outcomes

1. Ability to analyse and summarise.
2. Drawing up an academic text.
3. Explaining the applied sociological bases of criminology.
4. Using the sociological bases to analyse crime situations.
5. Verbally transmitting ideas to an audience.
6. Working autonomously.
7. Working in teams and networking.

Content

1. Sociology as discipline

The sociology in the social science framework. The sociology as a tool for the study of social change and the understanding and intervention about deviance, control and social groups. Sociological foundations of the criminology theories.

2. Basic concepts of the sociology for the criminology

Sociability, socialization and deviance. Culture, institutions and social norms. Origin of the social inequalities. Power and authority. Social roles and socialization agents.

3. Great historical debate of sociology

Durkheim and the anomie. The social inequalities from Marx to Weber. Power and social control from Durkheim to Weber and Foucault. Goffman and the social stigma. The social responsibility of Hannah Arendt, Nancy Fraser and Amartya Sen. Globalization challenge from Manuel Castells to Saskia Sassen.

4. The sociological analysis related to current criminology issues

Migration, religion, terrorism and criminalization. Is crime a male issue, whilst victimization is a female question? The cybercrime, new types of crime in the Internet and the social networks.

Methodology

Lectures of the professor will be accompanied to discussion in classroom, application of theory in the discourse of the students will be positively evaluated, as an evidence of student understanding of the subject and adequate utilisation of the scientific methodology. Seminars will address practical and theoretical contents, working on texts, audiovisuals, doing dynamics and presentations, oriented by teacher. These classes involve individual and small group work.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Lectures	22.5	0.9	3, 1, 5, 7, 4
Type: Supervised			
Seminars. Working in reduced groups and individually.	22.5	0.9	3, 1, 5, 6, 7, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Analysis and study of texts and other documentation. Exam preparation.	40	1.6	3, 2, 1, 6, 4
Elaboration of the topic oral and writing, effective expression in the classroom	60	2.4	3, 1, 5, 6, 7, 4
Exam	5	0.2	3, 2, 1, 6, 4

Evaluation

1. The course requires regular attendance both to lectures and seminars, as well as regular work. Weekly practices will be mandatory, all of them will have grades and comments from professors. Non presentation of these exercises will be penalized.

2. To pass the course, an average of 5 in both parts of the evaluation (theoretical and practical) is necessary. Attendance of 80% of the classes (unless justified absence) is mandatory for doing the exam.

3. Students who have failed the exams during the first call, will have a second opportunity.

4. Cheating in the exam makes the student will lose their exam rights, getting a 0.

Likewise, plagiarism conducts to a fail the essay and, in case of recidivism, the student will get a failed mark.

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Attendance	20%	0	0	2, 5, 6, 7
Exam	40%	0	0	3, 2, 1, 6, 4
Practical exercises	40%	0	0	3, 2, 1, 5, 6, 7, 4

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