

Sociology and Psychology of Tourism

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ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500894 Tourism	OT	4	2

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Teaching groups languages

To check the language/s of instruction, you must click on "Methodology" section of the course guide.

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Prerequisites

The subject is developed under analysis of diverse sources of social and human sciences, reason why the continuous reading of academic articles, books, studies, magazines and news is requested like previous prerequisite.

Objectives and Contextualisation

- Argue critically and reflectively about the characteristics that define the tourism phenomenon on a global and local scale.
- Detect the social-cultural elements involved in tourism.
- To know and apply knowledge from the social and human sciences in the analysis of tourism.
- Observe, analyze and adopt a holistic view on the interpretive models of tourism.
- Understand the characteristics and motivations of individuals as consumers and producers of tourism.

Competences

- Behave responsibly towards the environment.
- Define and apply objectives, strategies and commercial policies in tourism businesses and entities.
- Develop a capacity for independent learning.
- Manage the concepts, instruments and functions related to the planning and commercialisation of tourist destinations, resources and spaces.
- Plan and manage activities on the basis of quality and sustainability.

- Take decisions in situations of uncertainty, taking into account potential consequences of these decisions in the short, medium and long term.
- Work in a team.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply communication and marketing strategies in public and private tourism organisations and in the public entities that promote tourism.
2. Behave responsibly towards the environment.
3. Develop a capacity for independent learning.
4. Identify the instruments related to the commercialisation and promotion of products, businesses and regions.
5. Plan and manage activities on the basis of quality and sustainability.
6. Take decisions in situations of uncertainty, taking into account potential consequences of these decisions in the short, medium and long term.
7. Work in a team.

Content

PART ONE: Tourism as a social and human science

Topic 1: Sociology in the field of leisure and tourism

Topic 2: Disciplines that contribute knowledge to tourism

Topic 3: Notions of social research applied to tourism

SECOND PART: Sociology of tourism

Topic 4: Historical development of the sociology of tourism

Topic 5: The tourist system: images, cultures, economics, environment, technology

Topic 6: The construction of a mass tourist destination. A sociological perspective

THIRD PART: Social psychology of tourism

Topic 7: Human motivation, social behavior and tourist consumption

Topic 8: The experience of authenticity. Representations, fiction, imagination and simulations

FOURTH PART: The tourism of tomorrow

Topic 9: Tourism under COVID-19. An ethnographic approach

Topic 10: Imagining the future of tourism. Reflections from sociology and psychology

Methodology

Language: English

From the methodological point of view, the course will work on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Criterion of the theoretical study of the subject that is concretized in expositions to the face-to-face classes.
2. Criterion of cases and practical activities inside and outside the classroom, in terms of solving problems, understanding situations based on articles and textbooks, specific expositions about a news item.
3. Criterion for the realization of group work previously covered within the scope of the course and which will be followed by tutoring and subsequently exposed.
4. Criterion of the tutorials, face-to-face and online, as a complementary factor and of consultation and help to the student in the theoretical questions and practices proposed.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Debates and solution of practical cases	15	0.6	3, 7
Master classes	30	1.2	2, 5, 6
Type: Supervised			
Personal tutor session	5	0.2	3, 4
Type: Autonomous			
Preparation of individual and group work	50	2	1, 4, 7
Public presentations	5	0.2	2, 4, 5, 7
Study	43	1.72	1, 3, 6

Assessment

The evaluation system used is continuous and consists of four sections:

- First section: 40% intended for the assessment of a theoretical subject exam.
- Second section: 40% intended for the evaluation of the compulsory work done in a group, and which corresponds to the hours spent by the student inside and outside of classes.
- Third section: 10% of the evaluation intended for the evaluation of the debates, practical cases carried out in the classroom (directed face-to-face activities).
- Fourth section: 10% corresponding to attendance and participation.

Important note:

- To pass the subject, the resulting grade (average of all sections) must be at least a 5. Each section must be rated at least 3 to make an average.
- Partial or total plagiarism will result in the non-accreditation of the entire subject.

Unique assessment

In case the student does not pass the continuous assessment or decides to follow the single assessment, this will be a final exam of the entire syllabus.

Students who in this single assessment are between 3.5 and 4.9 will have the right to re-assessment

Remember that the dates of the single assessment and the re-assessment will be published on the centre's website.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Attendance and participation	10%	0	0	3, 5, 6
Final Exam	40%	2	0.08	2, 3, 5, 6
Individual/Group work project	40%	0	0	1, 2, 3, 7
Practical cases	10%	0	0	4, 6

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