



Universidad
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Sociology
Guía docente 2025-26

PRESENTATION

- **Degree:** Degree in Economics + Leadership and Governance
- **Module and field:** Módulo 7: Optativas Materia 7.2: Optativas Específicas no oficiales
- **Type of subject:** Required (OB)
- **Name:** Sociology
- **ECTS:** 3
- **Curso, semester:** 2 year, 1 semester
- **Profesorado:** Cecilia Serrano
- **Idioma:** English

Time + Place

Check [timetable](#)

Description

In this course you will be introduced to the basic concepts and theories of Sociology. The goal is to obtain some methodological, theoretical and conceptual tools to study and better understand the society in which we live.

You will learn to think sociologically, i.e. to apply a sociological perspective to the world around you, recognizing the crucial links between individuals and the society in which they live.

This course is meant for people in non-Sociology degrees. Thus, particular emphasis will be placed on making the theories and concepts pertinent to the world we live in. Attendance is highly encouraged, and the students are expected to actively participate in class discussions.

COMPETENCIES

SSOP11

Acquiring principles of leadership, argumentation, and/or communication that allow for navigating complex and globalized economic environments.

SSOP12

Acquiring basic principles of philosophy and understanding their relationship with economics in a globalized environment.

SSOP13

Acquiring basic knowledge of law and understanding its relationship with economics in a globalized environment.

SSOP14



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Acquiring basic principles of politics and understanding their relationship with economics in a globalized environment.

SSOP15

Acquiring basic principles of international relations and understanding their relationship with economics in a globalized environment.

PROGRAM

The course follows three pillars of the study of sociology, which is why it is structured in three large areas: Theories, methods, and reflexivity. For a detailed program, see the schedule.

Course structure:

1. Introduction to sociology

(Critical thinking// Sociological imagination // Structure and agency // Reflexivity and worldview)

2. Doing Sociology

(Sociological research and questions// Quantitative methods // Qualitative methods)

3. Introduction to classical social theory

(Modernity// Karl Marx // Max Weber // Émile Durkheim)

4. Modern social issues

ACTIVITIES

- Lectures, seminars, activities and discussions
- Tutoring
- Readings and homeworks
- Research
- Assessment

ASSESSMENT

ORDINARY EVALUATION

Students will be graded based on the following criteria:

80% Continuous assessment: homework, attendance, activities and active participation

20% "Mini" Paper

HORARIOS DE ATENCIÓN



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Dra. Cecilia Serrano (acserrano@unav.es)

- ICS, Planta 1. Ed. Biblioteca Central
- I am very willing and happy to meet with each one of you. If you have any problem whatsoever, please come and speak to me after class or send me an email and we can set up an appointment.

BIBLIOGRAFÍA

Mandatory readings

Selected pages from the following books as indicated in the program:

Mills, C. Wright . *The Sociological Imagination*. Fortieth anniversary edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000. Print. ([Find it in the Library. Available online](#))

Marx, Karl, and Friedrich Engels. *Manifesto of the Communist Party*. Project Gutenberg, 2010. Print. ([Find it in the Library. Available online](#))

Weber, M. The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism. ([Find in the Library](#))

Durkheim, E. Suicide. ([Find it in the Library](#))

Beck, U., & Beck-Gernsheim, E. (1995). *The normal chaos of love*. Polity Press.

Cabanas, E., & Illouz, E. (2019). *Manufacturing happy citizens : how the science and industry of happiness control our lives*. English edition. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press.

Supplementary material

Edward Royce, Classical Social Theory and Modern Society: Marx, Durkheim, Weber, 2015. [Find it in the Library](#)

Bauman, Z. (2000). *Liquid Modernity* [EPUB]. Polity Press.

Macionis, John J. *Sociology*. Sixteenth edition, Global edition. Harlow, England: Pearson, 2017. Online. [Find it in the Library](#)

Calhoun, C. (2002). *Classical Sociological Theory (Wiley Blackwell Readers in Sociology)* (1st ed.). John Wiley & Sons. [Find it in the Library](#)

Weber, M. *Max Weber's "Science as a Vocation."* Ed. Peter Lassman, Irving Velody, and Herminio Martins. This edition first published in 2015. London: Routledge, 2015. Print. ([Find it in the Library](#))