

Information list of a subject

University: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA)	
Faculty:	
Subject code	Subject name: Introduction to Sociology
Type, scope, and method of educational activities: Two weekly meetings of 90 minutes each, amounting 42 hours total. Every week, the first meeting takes the form of a lecture and the second, of a seminar. (full-time form)	
Number of credits: 6	
Suggested semester: spring semester	
Level of studies: 1	
Conditional previous subjects:	
Requirements for the course: Course evaluation (%): A – excellent: 100-93%, B – very good: 92-84%, C – good: 83-74%, D – satisfactory: 73-63%, E – sufficient: 62-51%, Fx – fail: 50-0%. Passing the course assumes that student was not absent at more than 4 class sessions. Late arrival is marked as a “tardie”. Three tardies equal one absence. Missing more than 15 minutes of the class is considered an absence.	
Learning outcomes: After completing the course, students are able to describe the causes of the origins of sociology and its development. They will be able to explain the specifics of the sociological view of society, interpret basic sociological concepts and terms. They will articulate sociology's distinctive view of social structures, clarify basic sociological terminology and concepts, and be competent in using these conceptual frameworks to examine prevailing social phenomena and processes in contemporary contexts. In addition, students will be able to recognize basic social phenomena, identify complex social relationships, and recognize the workings of social institutions in the setting of modern society, thereby fostering a nuanced understanding of their interrelationships.	
Brief outline of the course: 1. Introduction to the subject of sociology (history and theoretical perspective) 2. Sociological research (approaches and methods) 3. Sociological paradigms in theory and research 4. Culture (elements, pop culture, subculture, cultural change) 5. Socialization and social interaction (theories, agents, socialization) 6. Groups and organisations (types, structure, forms of organisation) 7. Gender, sex and sexuality (theories of sex and gender) 8. Marriage and family (new trends, family variants, perspectives) 9. Current demographic trends (ageing society, challenges, perspectives) 10. Government and politics (power, authority, forms of government) 11. Urbanization and modern city (urban development, urban planning, public spaces) 12. Environment and society (societies and natural environment, environmental problems) 13. Social movements and social change (collective behaviour, social change)	
Recommended readings: Giddens, A. – Sutton, P.W. 2021: Sociology. Cambridge: Polity Press. Tomley, S. et al. 2019: The Sociology Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained. New York: DK Publishing. Dawson, C. 2019: Introduction to Research Methods. New York: Little Brown Book Group. Holmes, K. – Tamang, A.L. 2023: Introduction to Sociology 3e. La Vergne: Lightning Source Berger, P.L. 1963: Invitation to Sociology: A Humanistic Perspective. New York: Anchor.	
Language of the course: English	

Notes:					
Evaluation					
Total number of evaluated students:					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
(percentage of students who got A)	(percentage of students who got B)	(percentage of students who got C)	(percentage of students who got D)	(percentage of students who got E)	(percentage of students who got FX)
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