Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding
To enable students to analyze, with an interdisciplinary approach, the relationship existing between humankind and environment and, more in particular, linkages between environment and social transformations in the contemporary societies.

Applying knowledge and understanding
To enable students to use social research methods to describe and understand the links between society and environmental changes.

Contents

The specific objective of the course is to socialize students with the relationships between society and environment, adopting not only a sociological approach, but also interacting with other fields such as environmental psychology.

Detailed program

The Course is divided in three parts.

1. The first part discusses the role played by spatial variables on sociological analysis, describing the concepts of environments, territories, space, place and presenting the different paradigms and methods used by the discipline, using an interdisciplinary approach to the topic.
2. The second part deals with the concepts of mobility and the interaction between territories.

3. The last part deals with the local development and its policies, describing the place-making processes and the impact of environmental transformations on local identity and attachment.

Prerequisites

Ability to understand and critically analyse sociological books, basic methods of research competences.

Teaching methods

Teaching classes.

Assessment methods

Written examination.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Mandatory book:

Other books and articles (not mandatory):