UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sociological Theories

2324-1-E1501N141

Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding

Acquisition of the basic instruments to analyze social phenomena through the study of classical and contemporary sociological thought.
Students are expected to familiarize with the the fundamentals of social theory; to apply such therethical knowledge upon empirical social reality; to gain self-reflexivity and the capability of autonomnous critical thinking.

Contents

The course consists of two parts:

1. Classical sociological thought;

2. Current sociological trends;

Detailed program

concept of modernity and tendencies towards abstraction;

- Sociological investigation and models of society;
- social and cultural functions of sociology;
- the logic of sociological reasoning;

- processes and structure of social action;
- socialization and identity
- globalization and world society.
- Reality as a social construction.
- social stratification and social mobility;
- sex and gender, “race” and ethnicity; culture, cultural differences;
- postmodernity, hypermodernity, supermodernity, global society, liquid society, risk society.

Prerequisites

Basic educational skills in logic, social culture and reasonable ability in learning, writing and communication.

Teaching methods

Mostly lectures in person and few remote-teaching sessions

Assessment methods

Final written exam (time available: 90 minutes): 3 general open-ended questions (two pages-long limit): one on the classics, one on a contemporary sociological topic, and one on the article of your choice.

Written exam: combination of multiple choice questions and open-ended questions.
Optional oral exam.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

Jedlowski, P., “Il mondo in questione”, Carocci, Roma;
Supplementray readings

Sustainable Development Goals

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