



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Sociological Theories

2425-1-E1501N141

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#### 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 fundamentals of social theory; to apply such theoretical knowledge upon empirical social reality; to gain self-reflexivity and the capability of autonomous 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;  
Supplementary readings

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

CLIMATE ACTION | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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