

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

## **Introduction To Sociology**

2425-1-E1601N061

#### **Aims**

Knowledge and understanding:
This is an introductory sociology course. It is designed to teach some of the major concepts of sociology and to introduce students to the works of the founders of sociology.

Applying knowledge and understanding:
The course provides the tools for a critical reading of the world around us, starting from the rules that govern interactions in small groups up to the logic of the major social, political, and economic institutions.

## **Contents**

These are the main topics: the logic of social thinking and social research, social organizations, economy and society, social inequalities and social stratification, family and marriage, educational systems, the founders of sociology and their contribution.

## **Detailed program**

The course emphasizes some basic sociological

concepts as well as general theoretical approaches used by sociologists. These are the main topics: the logic of social thinking and social research, social organization, economy and society, social inequalities and social stratification, family and marriage, educational systems. Some of the main sociological issues that arise from the spread of the Internet in contemporary societies are presented. The course will also introduce students to the works of the founders of sociology and to the ideas of two early social thinkers: Emile Durkheim e Max Weber.

## **Prerequisites**

None

## **Teaching form**

The course consists of 56 hours, approximately 60% of which are delivered through traditional teaching methods (lectures using slides, audio, and video) and 40% through interactive teaching methods (discussions, exercises, group work, presentation of case studies).

The course allows for up to a maximum of 30% of the hours to be conducted remotely (synchronous or asynchronous).

Language: Italian

#### **Textbook and teaching resource**

Bagnasco A., Barbagli M., Cavalli A. "Elementi di Sociologia", Seconda edizione, (2013), Bologna, il Mulino, (Capp. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13).

Santambrogio A., "Introduzione alla sociologia", (2019), Bari, Laterza, (Capp. 4 e 5 della parte seconda).

Arosio L., La Celebrante. Racconti dal tempo futuro, (2024), Viterbo, Utterson.

## Semester

First semester

#### Assessment method

Written test, with optional oral exam (at the request of the teacher or student).

The mandatory written exam consists of open-ended questions covering the entire exam syllabus. These questions aim to assess the acquisition of fundamental concepts, the ability to make connections, and the ability to apply concepts in analyzing social phenomena.

The optional oral exam will be an interview to verify the knowledge and depth of understanding of the content and will cover the entire exam syllabus.

## Office hours

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