UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Sociology

2425-1-E3901N042

Learning objectives

The this course provides students with the basic tools for understanding contemporary society and the processes of its change. Particular emphasis is given to contemporary sociological imagination and the contemporary outcomes of neoliberal modernity.

Contents

The first part, general in nature, introduces the key concepts of social science, with a focus on the history of sociological thought.
The second part, a monographic one, deepens the analysis of contemporary sociological imagination to highlight some critical aspects of it.

Detailed program

PART 1
Sociology between knowing and intervening.
Dimensions of social phenomena: individuals, institutions, symbolic world.
Concepts, problems, theories.
PART TWO
Social history.
Contemporary sociological imagination: ancient and modern myths.
The West and neoliberal contemporaneity.

Prerequisites

none

Teaching methods

The Course consists of 56 hours of so-called 'deliverable' teaching (so-called 'face-to-face' lectures involving - obviously - communicative exchange in the classroom)

Assessment methods

The exam is written, takes two hours and consists of the preparation of three short papers on assigned topics:

- a short essay on an indicated general topic covered by the textbook;
- a short essay on an indicated general topic covered by the monograph essay;
- a short presentation of one of the classics indicated.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

TEXTBOOK

- N.J.Smelser, *Manuale di sociologia*, Il Mulino.

MONOGRAPHIC ESSAY

- A.Cerroni, *Il futuro oggi*, Franco Angeli 2024: *seconda edizione*.

CLASSICS

- P.Bourdieu, "Campo intellettuale, campo del potere e habitus di classe", in: *Id., Campo del potere e campo intellettuale*, Manifestolibri 2002, *pp.51-82*.
- F.Dostoevskij, "Saggio sul borghese + Continuazione del precedente", in: *Id., Note invernali su impressioni estive*, Feltrinelli 2020, *pp.78-105*.
- N.Elias, "Introduzione", in: *Id., La civiltà delle buone maniere*, Il Mulino 2009, *pp.43-94*.
- G.Simmel, "Le metropoli e la vita dello spirito", in: *Id., Stile moderno*, Einaudi 2020, *pp.402-417*.

Sustainable Development Goals

QUALITY EDUCATION