



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Sociological Theories

2526-1-E1503N007

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#### Learning objectives

Knowledge and understanding:

\*- of social processes and interaction dynamics;

abstraction and complex societies;

main theories about society developed within sociological thought.\*

Applied knowledge and understanding:

the application of acquired skills and sociological categories to the analysis and conscious observation of social reality

Independent judgment:

- development of critical reflections

Communication skills:

- familiarization with sociological vocabulary

Learning ability:

- ability to combine theoretical awareness with empirical social reality.

#### 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**

The course consists of 56 hours, of which approximately 70% involves expository teaching (lectures using slides, audio, and video), and 30% involves interactive teaching (exercises, group work, presentation of case studies from which to develop individual and group assignments, prepared and discussed during the course).

A maximum of 30% of the lessons may be delivered remotely, combining both (70%) expository and (30%) interactive teaching methods

## **Assessment methods**

Final written exam (time available: 120 minutes):

- 28 multiple choice questions
- 2 general open-ended questions ( one pages-long limit): one on the classics, one on a contemporary sociological topic.

Optional oral exam.

The assessments aim to verify the ability to use the sociological analysis tools provided during the course to interpret reality, as well as the critical understanding of the exam texts. The quality of the candidates' exposition and argumentative skills will also be evaluated, along with the depth of any independent developments in their approach to the subject.

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| **ORGANIZATION** | Lacks organizational logic | Not very organized | Adequate | Satisfactory organization |

| **DEVELOPMENT** | Ideas not developed | Superficial development | Adequate development | Satisfactory development |

| **USE OF MATERIAL** | No reference to teaching material | Limited references | Adequate references | Satisfactory references |

| **GRAMMAR** | Distracting and hard to understand | Various errors and some ambiguous sentences | Some errors, fairly clear | Fluent and effective |

| **TECHNICAL LANGUAGE** | Elementary and colloquial | Sporadic | Adequate | Command of technical language |

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

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

## Sustainable Development Goals

CLIMATE ACTION | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

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