

## Introduction to Sociology

### BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

The sociology course is designed to introduce students to the sociological study of society. Sociology focuses on the systematic understanding of social interaction, social organization, social institutions, and social change. Major themes in sociological thinking include the interplay between the individual and society, how society is both stable and changing, the causes and consequences of social inequality, and the social construction of human life. Understanding sociology helps discover and explain social patterns and see how such patterns change over time and in different settings. By making vivid the social basis of everyday life, sociology also develops critical thinking by revealing the social structures and processes that shape diverse forms of human life.

The class will be held on Tuesdays, 2-4 pm at the Lecture Room (Dvorana) VI, on the fourth floor of the Trg Republike Hrvatske 3 building.

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## LEARNING RESOURCES

1. Giddens, A: Globalisation, at [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/static/events/reith\\_99/week1/week1.htm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/static/events/reith_99/week1/week1.htm)
2. Ritzer, G (2014): Introduction to Sociology, Sage; chapters 1, 3, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 14
3. Kregar, J. & Petričušić, A: Civil Society: An Inevitable Partner in the Development of Local Communities in Young Democracies, Local Economic and Infrastructure Development of SEE in the Context of EU Accession Course Website [http://www.pravo.unizg.hr/SOC/en/course/soc\\_d](http://www.pravo.unizg.hr/SOC/en/course/soc_d)

You are expected to be prepared for the lectures, by reading and investigating the topic in advance. To make this possible, reading materials are posted at the web page of the course at [http://www.pravo.unizg.hr/SOC/en/course/soc\\_d/course\\_material](http://www.pravo.unizg.hr/SOC/en/course/soc_d/course_material).

## COURSE CALENDAR

15. 10. 2019.	INTRODUCTION
22. 10. 2019.	METHODS
29. 10. 2019.	FAMILY
5. 11. 2019.	SOCIAL STRATIFICATION AND INEQUALITY
12. 11. 2019.	NO CLASSES
19. 11. 2019.	GENDER
26. 11. 2019.	RELIGION
3. 12. 2019.	EUROPEANIZATION
10. 12. 2019.	MINORITIES RIGHTS
17. 12. 2019.	CIVIL SOCIETY
14. 01. 2020.	GLOBALIZATION
21. 01. 2020.	FINAL EXAM
28. 01. 2020.	GRADING

## ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

The final, written, exam (to be held on 21 January 2020) will consist of 10 questions, out of which student will have to write a mini essay (half a page to a page long) on 4 questions of their choosing. The test will be taken in the lecture room. It will last 60 minutes. We will provide clean sheets of paper for you to write. Each answer is graded on a scale of 0 to 5 points. A student can obtain maximum of 20 points.

18-20: excellent (5)

15-17: very good (4)

12-14: good (3)

9-11: mediocre (2)

Upon successfully passing the exam you will be awarded a grade and 4 ECTS.