# - General Sociology

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course aims to introduce students to the main sociological categories, useful for observing and interpreting today's society and for working as a psychologist with greater awareness.

In order to understand the multiple dimensions of social action, the most significant concepts, research and issues of contemporary sociological debate will be introduced.

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. use the specific lexicon of sociology
2. critically analyse a number of relevant contemporary phenomena such as immigration, cultural diversity, prison, communication
3. identify the cultural and social characteristics of a number of dynamics of daily life
4. identify the main characteristics and differences between the different forms of interpersonal communication and mediated communication.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The course programme will focus on a number of fundamental issues of sociology, such as:

* functionalist theories
* conflict theories
* theories of acting
* integrative theories
* socialisation
* power
* culture
* population
* globalisation
* poverty.

***READING LIST***

* L. Gherardi (edit by), *Scoprire la sociologia. Teorie e temi essenziali* Pearson Italia, Milano, 2021
* C. Lunghi e M.A. Trasforini, *La precarietà degli oggetti. Estetica e povertà,* Donzelli*,* Roma, 2010.
* M. Rahnema, *Quando la povertà diventa miseria,* Einaudi, Torino, 2005.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Frontal lectures and guided practical work.

During lectures, explanatory slides and audiovisual materials will be used.

All materials will be made available on Blackboard.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

An oral exam in which students will have to demonstrate their knowledge of the fundamental contents of the Reading List materials.

In particular, both the student's level of knowledge of the contents and their ability to rework and critically link the topics will be assessed.

During the oral exam, the following aspects will therefore be subject to specific assessment:

* the specific vocabulary used
* the logical presentation of the topics
* the correctness of conceptual connections
* the ability to critically rework the topics.

The final assessment will be based on the following parameters:

18-22: low level of knowledge and/or poor ability to re-elaborate and critically connect the course topics.

23-26: fair level of knowledge and adequate ability to re-elaborate and critically link the course topics.

27-30: optimal knowledge and excellent ability to re-elaborate and critically connect the course topics.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Being introductory in nature, there are no prerequisites for attending the course. However, a degree of intellectual interest and curiosity regarding the study of society and social relations is assumed.

Students are advised to regularly consult the Blackboard platform for alerts and updates and to constantly check their Unicatt email.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG or on the Faculty notice board.