# Sociology of care processes

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

The course aims to offer analytical sociological tools for the analysis of care processes in educational work, with reference to personal services within the Italian welfare system. More specifically, it aims to offer an insight into the profile of those who work in education, considering the organisations, areas, and individuals in the field of education, in the context of the continuous social changes in the links that question equality and social justice.

Through the course, students will be able to:

* develop an essential sociological vocabulary useful for working in personal services;
* know the Italian welfare, the needs and the answers concerning care;
* develop a sociological reading of the educational profession in contemporary society, with an in-depth study of Italian *leaving care* relating to natives and foreigners.

***COURSE CONTENT***

1. The social dimension of care. An essential sociological vocabulary
2. The welfare state.
3. The Italian model of welfare.
4. The organisation of personal services.
5. Processes and actors operating in the Welfare State.
6. Where do educators work and with what profiles.
7. Who works with educational workers.
8. The network of services for different generations.
9. A focus on Italian *care leaving*.
10. The comparison between Italian and foreign *care leavers*.

***READING LIST***

W. S. Baroni, *Sociologia del lavoro educativo,* Carocci, Rome 2021 (chs. 2, 3, 4).

A reading list on Welfare State and Educational Welfare will be specified and shared on Blackboard.

An additional textbook to choose from:

V. Belotti (edited by), *Care Leavers. Giovani, partecipazione e autonomia nel care leaving italiano,* Erickson, Trento, 2021.

M. Santagati (edited by), *Minori stranieri non accompagnati in Italia. Tra accoglienza, educazione e formazione,* FrancoAngeli, Milano (in print).

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course is developed in teaching units, which will be presented through PowerPoint slides. The teaching materials will be made available to students on Blackboard. The lectures will include practical exercises on points 6 and 7 of the programme, with the active involvement of students in sociological analysis and research.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

The exam is oral and will concern texts and topics covered by the course.

The evaluation criteria will include the following: the ability to use appropriate language and categories for the sociological analysis of care processes in educational work and of personal services in the Welfare State; the ability to read and interpret the sociological care processes; the elaboration of a personal and critical thought on the course topics.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Prerequisites of the course is a basic knowledge of sociology, in order to master some key concepts of the sociological discipline and research.

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.