

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
SOC 6003		6	2011 06 01	2013 06 01	

Course type (compulsory or optional)	Optional
Course level (study cycle)	Master
Semester the course is delivered	2nd
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

Modernioji ekonomikos sociologija

Course title in English

Modern Economic Sociology

Short course annotation in Lithuanian

Šio dalyko tikslas yra ugdyti studentų gebėjimus analizuoti modernias ekonomikos sociologijos teorijas bei taikyti pagrindines moderniosios ekonomikos sociologijos sąvokas praktinių dabartinės rinkos problemų sprendimui. Kiti studijų tikslai apima moderniosios ekonomikos problemų identifikavimą bei jų analizę remiantis sociologiniais požiūriais, socio-ekonominių procesų vertinimą naudojant post-liberalizmo, modernaus kapitalizmo bei transformacinės valstybės sąvokas. Pagrindiniai studijų rezultatai: studentai sugebės suvokti ir paaiškinti socio-ekonominės plėtros procesus skirtingose šalyse, naudoti ekonomikos sociologijos teorines sąvokas, tokias kaip rinkos, kultūra, įtinklinimas, socialiniai tinklai, enterprenerystė ir kitos, interpretuojant įvairius ekonominius reiškinius. Pagrindiniai studijų metodai: teorinės paskaitos, seminarų ir paskaitų diskusijos, grupinio darbo metodų grįsti pristatymai, savarankiško namų darbo rengimas.

Short course annotation in English

The goal of the course is to provide students with the theoretical approaches and analytical tools of modern economic sociology. The main objectives of the course include definition of the main problems of modern economic sociology, analysis of structure of economic institutions, assessment of economic-social processes in terms of modern capitalism, post-liberalism, transformational state. Results to be achieved: students will be able to understand the processes of social-economic development in different countries, to interpret economic phenomenon, economic institutions and actors using the conceptions of markets, culture, embeddedness, social networks, entrepreneurship, etc. Teaching methods used in the course: theoretical lectures, seminars and in-class discussions, team-based presentations, course paper.

Prerequisites for entering the course

Students are required to complete the subjects „Classical and Modern Sociological Theories”, be fluent in English and use Internet resources.

Course aim

The aim is to develop students' skills to identify the problems of modern economic sociology, apply the conceptions and theoretical approaches of economic sociology for the analysis of diverse social-economic processes; apply the conceptions of post-liberalism, modern capitalism and transformational state for the analysis of socio-economic development in different countries and provide solutions for solving problems.

Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
1.Competence to identify social problems within various social institutions – economics, politics, family, law, education, religion, medicine (i.e. macro level) and at the level of individual relations (i.e. micro level)	1.1. Graduates of the course will be able to identify the problems of modern economic sociology, interpret causes and effects of recent socio-economic issues and analyze their relationship on individual and group level.	Students will be able to identify the problems of modern economic sociology, analyze causes and effects of recent socio-economic issues on individual and group level using the main conceptions of modern economic sociology.
2.Competence to analyse social problems from the perspective of local and global processes	2.1.Graduates of the course will be able to apply critically the conceptions and approaches of modern economic sociology in the analysis of economic, social and political processes in context of economic globalization and transformation.	Students will be able to apply the conceptions and approaches of modern economic sociology in the analysis of recent changes in economic and social systems.
3.Competence to define solutions for social problems and possibilities to implement these solutions	3.1. Graduates of the course will be able to interpret the changes of global economy, capitalistic states, and welfare systems in the context of economic policy of various countries.	Students will be able interpret the changes of global economy, capitalistic states, and welfare systems in the context of economic policy of various countries.

	3.2. Graduates of the course will be able to identify independently the recent socio-economic problems, propose solutions for solving practical problems.	Students will be able to identify independently the recent socio-economic problems, propose solutions for solving practical problems.
	3.3. Graduates of the course will be able to work in teams, apply the ethics of social research, and collaborate effectively in teams.	Students will be able to work in teams, apply the ethics of social research, and collaborate effectively in teams.

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
1.1. Graduates of the course will be able to identify the problems of modern economic sociology, interpret causes and effects of recent socio-economic issues and analyze their relationship on individual and group level.	The object of modern economic sociology research and main conceptions. Main approaches in modern economic sociology (James S.Coleman, R.Swedberg, M.Granovetter, Joel M.Podolny, H.White, P.DiMaggio, A.Etzioni); Social construction of economic institutions, the concept of embeddedness and weak/strong social ties/networks, markets and hierarchies, trust, social capital. Network approach to organizations and markets; Informal economy and formation of organizational culture: economic culture and culture of economics. Capitalistic states and markets; models and types of capitalism. Transformational state and role of economics: privatization, restructuring, restitution, interest groups, role of economic elite. Modern economic sociology and global changes in occupations in context of economic globalization.
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Study (teaching and learning) methods

- Self-dependent tasks (home assignment).
- Methods of team-work and cooperation.
- Analysis of problematic issue in seminars (team presentations).
- Discussions in seminars.
- Analysis of theoretical literature.

Methods of learning achievement assessment

- Evaluation of individual assignments (home assignments).
- Evaluation of team presentation in class (presentation of problematic issue)
- Evaluation of discussions in class.
- Exam (written).

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

Lectures - 30 hrs. Seminars - 15 hrs. Group work – 15 hrs.

Individual work – 100 hrs. (individual written assignments – 40 hrs; other individual work including preparation for midterm and final exam - 60 hrs.). Total: 160 hrs.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

- Midterm exam - 20 percent of final grade;
- Home assignment (short essay) – 20 percent of final grade;
- Presentation of problematic issue and active discussion in course seminars – 10 percent of final grade;
- Exam – 50 percent of final grade.

Total – 100 proc.

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
Basic materials						
1.	2007	Castells M. Tinklaveikos visuomenės raida. Tomas 1.	Poligrafija ir informatika	8		
2.	1990	Economy and society: overviews in economic sociology /ed. by A. Martinelli, N. J. Smelser.	Sage Publications, London	1		
3.	2001	Fligstein, Neil. The architecture of markets: an economic sociology of twenty-first-century capitalist societies.	Princeton (New Jersey); Oxford: Princeton University Press			1
4.	2003	Swedberg R. Principles of Economic Sociology.	Princeton University Press			1
5.	2002	Triglia, Carlo. Economic sociology: state, market, and society in modern capitalism	Oxford: Blackwell		1	
6.	1963	Smelser, Neil J. The sociology of economic life	Englewood Cliffs (N.J.) : Prentice-Hall	1	1	
7.	2008	Norkus Z. Kokia demokratija, koks kapitalizmas?	VU leidykla	6		
8.	2008	Mauro F. Guillen, Randall Collins ir kit. The new economic sociology.	Russell Sage Foundation, NY			1
9.	1995	Heilbroner R., Didieji ekonomistai	Vilnius: Amžius	14		
10.	1990	Economy and society :overviews in economic sociology /ed. by A. Martinelli, N. J. Smelser	London etc. : Sage	1		
11.	2010	Rubavičius V. Postmodernusis kapitalizmas.	Lietuvos kultūros tyrimų institutas	3		
Supplementary materials						
12.	1998	Schumpeter, J.A. Kapitalizmas, socializmas ir demokratija	ALK/Mintis, Vilnius			
13.	2006	Gray Jh. Apgaulinga viltis. Globalaus kapitalizmo iliuzija	Vilnius:Vaga			
14.	2002	Polanyi K. Didžioji transformacija. Politinės ir ekonominės mūsų laikų ištakos	Vilnius:Algarvė			

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