

**Course:**  
**ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY**

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### **THEMES AND CONCEPTS:**

1. The Place of Sociology among social sciences. Sociological perspective and social sciences. Explaining the historical development of sociology. The significance of social facts.
2. Classical theories and theoreticians. Contemporary sociological schools of thought.
3. Fundamental sociological concepts: social structure, division of labor, social status, social class social relations, social network, stratification, social mobility, social relations, socialization, social change.
4. Stating differences between sociological concepts, culture notions and general economic terms dealing with sociological information.
5. Social research methods and sociological methods. Explaining cross-sectional vs longitudinal design; types of studies; case studies; field studies; survey studies; experiment; quasi-experimental studies. Work with relevant examples.
6. Evolutionary social sciences. Biology, culture, economy, society. Theories of individual social development.
7. Theories of cognitive and psychosocial development, stages of moral development. Implications for the rational ECON thinking.
8. Deviance and social control. Norm violation and crime. Conformity to social norms.

9. Diversity In Society; Biological Theories; Social Explanations; Durkheim's Social Theory; Merton's Strain Theory; Labeling Theory. Forensic psychology. Cost-effective analysis of general methods for social control.
10. Social groups and organizations. Historic attitudes towards group behavior. Primary Groups; Secondary Groups; Reference Groups, Groups of interest, NGOs.
11. Social stratification. Main principles; Open and close systems; Class system; Caste system.
12. Economic development and inequality – the general ideological dichotomy.
13. Racial, ethnic, gender, age inequalities and differences. The formation and change of prejudices and discrimination.
14. Sociological social psychology and attitudinal change.
15. Sociology and solidarity institutions. Economy and fair play in wealth distribution. Festinger's contact idea – past and present examples.
16. Economic institutions. Market and consumers. Work and networking. Migration and economy.
17. Urbanization, demography, Tönnies' "Gemeinschaft and Gesellschaft".
18. Other institutions: the family. Nuclear family; Extended Kin; Patrilocality; Matrilocality; The European Family In Modern Society.
19. Feminist theory – history and contemporary trends.
20. Social change over time in economic and political institutions.