



RURAL SOCIOLOGY

Basic data of the subject	
Academic Unit:	Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences
Course title:	Rural Sociology
Study program:	Agribusiness
Level of study:	Bachelor
Course status:	Obligatory (O)
Study year:	1 year / 2 semester
Number of hours per week:	2 + 2
Credit value – ECTS:	5 ECTS
Time/location:	To be announced
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Course description:	The Birth and Development of Sociology; Sociology report with other social sciences; Scientific Methods in Sociology; General notions about the community and the rural family; Basic characteristics of rural farms; Sociological overview of rural settlements; The sociological aspect of the farmer's relationship with the society; General issues between rural sociology with property relations; The mentality of market economy and agricultural production; Co-operation in the agricultural economy - in terms of market economy; Main features of the physical life of the population; Culture and education - as forms of human civilization in rural areas; Social categories, social movements and migration as a form of social movements; Economic and social development processes in rural areas of Kosovo and Albania.
Course objectives:	The main objective of this course is to provide students with basic knowledge and contemporary approach to the basic categories of sociology in general and rural in particular. To understand the overall course of the social, political and democratic development of the contemporary society, and develop a sense of tolerance and respect for the thought of others in the understanding of different social processes and phenomena.



Learning outcomes:	<p>Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ To acquire scientific and professional knowledge on rural sociology as a science on rural society and the conditions or historical circumstances of its birth, to be able to understand the rules of life in the rural community, rural community types and their community relationships rural, ✦ Understand and analyze about the importance and interest of the interaction of people in rural settlements as well as some current issues related to the emergence of new settlements, ✦ Understand and analyze the importance and mentality of the market economy and agricultural production and state aid to the human factor in rural areas as well as the impact of natural, social, economic and psychological factors on the physical lives of the rural population,
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ To understand and analyze social issues, social movements and migration as a form of social movement - mobility and rural exodus, first of all, with the causes of the country's exodus in the world etc.
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Contribution on student load (must correspond with learning outcomes)

Activity	Hours	Days/week	Total
Lectures	2	15	30
Exercise theoretical/laboratory	1	15	15
Practice work			
Contact with lecturer/consultations	0,5	15	7.5
Field exercises			
Mid-terms, seminars	0.5	15	7.5
Homework			
Individual time spent studying (at the library or home)	3	15	30
Final preparation for the exam	3	15	30
Time spent in evaluation (tests, quiz, final exam)			
Projects, presentations, etc.	1	5	5
Total			125 hours (5 ECTS)

Teaching methods:	Lectures, exercises, discussions, consultations, course projects, homework, midterm exam, final exam.
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Evaluation methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Regular and active attendance: 10%, ✦ Midterm exam: 20%, ✦ Course project: 10%, ✦ Final exam: 60%.
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Literature	
Basic Literature:	Muçaj, Agim (2013) Sociologjia Urbane dhe Rurale, UBT, Tiranë. Mazniku, Luljeta & Canaj, Elidiana (2008) Sociologji Rurale, Tiranë.
Additional Literature:	Canaj, E., (2010) Ndikimi i mendësive fisnore – monografi, Geer, Tiranë. Anthony, G., (2002) Sociologjia, Tiranë: SOROS. Mulla, Gjyldane (2000) Sociologji Urbane, Universiteti i Prishtinës, Prishtinë. Axhemi, Sokol (2008) Gjeografia Sociale, ALSA, Tiranë. UNESKO, (2000) Sfidat e Shek. XXI, (kapitulli: e ardhmja e punës, e ardhmja e kohës). Adrian Civici, (2012) Globalizimi, Ante Pontas, UET – Press, Tiranë. Ralf Dahrendorf (2006) Njeriu Sociologjik, plejada e mendimit sociologjik, Plejad, Tiranë.

	Islami, Hivzi (2005) Studime Demografike – 100 vjet e zhvillimit demografik të Kosovës. ASHAK, Prishtinë.
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Designed study plan:		
Week	Lectures	Exercises
First week:	Rural Sociology - science on rural society; Birth and Object of Studies; Spatial scope and theories; Discussion (about 5-10 min.) ...	Discussion and distribution of the semestral project topics.
Second week:	Rural Community; Households and their transformation; discussion;	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the first week lecture.
Third week:	Rural Family; Characteristics of the rural family; Economic structures of the rural population; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the second week lecture.
Fourth week:	Rural farms - their socio-economic features and their changes; Agrarian society and its characteristics; Overall density and agrarian density; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the third week lecture.
Fifth week:	Rural settlements; Density of settlements, spatial extent and their function; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the fourth week lecture.



Sixth week:	Sociology of Farmer's Relationships with Society; Homogeneous and underdeveloped structure; Rural transformations in lifestyle and manufacturing relationships; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the fifth week lecture.
Seventh week:	Colloquium / Intermediate Evaluation - Debate.	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the sixth week lecture.
Eighth week:	Sociology of property-entrepreneurial relations in agriculture; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the seventh week lecture.
Ninth week:	Human factor in agricultural production. Sociological analysis of the rural farm; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the eighth week lecture.
Tenth week:	Main characteristics of the physical life of the rural population; Discussion ...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the ninth week lecture.
Eleventh week:	The main concepts of the culture of rural social groups and education as part of culture Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the tenth week lecture.
Twelfth week:	Social Categories. Social Movements. Migration as a form of social movements; Discussion...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the eleventh week lecture.
Thirteenth week:	Types of migration and impact on the transformation of rural society; Discussion ...	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the twelfth week lecture.
Fourteenth week:	Causes and effects of local and international migration in the rural community flows; Technology and Changes in Rural Streams; Discussion;	Assignments, quizzes and case studies related to the topic of the thirteenth week lecture.
Fifteenth week:	Overview and general discussion; Test - colloquium;	Presentation of the course projects.

Academic policies and rules of conduct:

- ✦ Student should be aware of and respect the institution and Code of ethics.
- ✦ Student should respect the schedule of lectures, exercises and be attentive.
- ✦ It is mandatory possess and present student ID card in the mid-terms and exam,
- ✦ During compilation of course projects, student must adhere the instructions given by the professor.
- ✦ During the exam is forbidden the use of mobile phones.

