

Basic Course 2: Basic Course in Sociology

About the course

subject	Den internationale samfundsvidenskabelige bacheloruddannelse
Activity type	Basic course
Teaching language	English
Registration	Studerende på 1. semester bliver automatisk tilmeldt. Hvis du skal tage kurset igen, og ikke går på 1. semester, skal du kontakte sib-exams@ruc.dk. Students on their 1st semester will be registered automatically. If you are taking the course again and are not on your 1st semester, please contact sib-exams@ruc.dk.
Detailed description of content	This course is a general introduction to sociology. What kind of questions do sociologists ask? What theories have sociologists developed to understand the society in which we live? How can sociological tools help us to understand the world today? The course will both look at classical sociology (back to Karl Marx and Max Weber) and sociology as it developed during the last decades. Thematically the course will address central sociological concerns connected to power, social stratification, identity and inequality.
Expected work effort (ECTS-declaration)	170 hours, equaling 2-3 articles per lecture. Students are expected to participate in class discussions including occasional assignments.
Course material and Reading list	Course readings (articles and book chapters) will be posted on moodle.
Evaluation- and feedback forms	There will be an oral midterm evaluation and a written final evaluation. Feedback to written exams will take place via follow-up office hours.
Administration of exams	SIB Registration & Exams (sib-exams@ruc.dk)
Responsible for the activity	Silas Fehmerling Harrebye (silas@ruc.dk)
ECTS	5
Learning outcomes and assessment criteria	• Knowledge of key theories and concepts of sociology, and a variety of the core target fields and issues within the discipline. • Skills in understanding and processing sociological theories, concepts and issues. • Skills in identifying and applying relevant sociological theories and methods to illuminate an issue. • Skills to reflect upon the specific approach of the discipline to the analysis of societal conditions via a focus on theory and target fields in an international context. • Competency to independently discuss key societal phenomena on the basis of fundamental sociological theories.
Overall content	The purpose of the course is to provide the student with a broad introduction to the subject area's key theories, methods and concepts. This course introduces key sociological theories and concepts developed and applied within the subject's main target field and societal issues of interest. Building on classical sociology, the course moves through essential approaches developed in sociologist-driven discussions of basic themes such as social organization, individualization and community, power and dominance, gender, class, and identity. A core issue concerns the identification of modern, late-modern or post-modern society and its challenges. The basic course in sociology is intended to enable students to use key sociological concepts for analysis and discussion of societal issues.

Teaching and working methods	The course consists of both lectures and seminars. As part of the course, the students will participate in group work and write a logbook. The course leader will specify the guidelines and formalities of the assignment.
Type of activity	Mandatory course
Form of examination (p1)	Individual written take-home assignment given by the lecturer. The character limit of the assignment is: maximum 7,200 characters, including spaces. The character limit includes the cover, table of contents, bibliography, figures and other illustrations, but exclude any appendices. The duration of the take-home assignment is 24 hours. Assessment: 7-point grading scale.
Form of Re-examination (p1)	Samme som ordinær eksamen
Exam code(s)	Exam code(s) : U26328