

	<p>Department of Sociology</p> <p>Study programme: Graduate university study programme of Sociology/International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology</p>
Description of the study programme	<p>Graduate university study programme of Sociology</p> <p>The double major graduate degree in Sociology enables students to acquire the competences and skills required for employment following a graduate course or for continuing studies at postgraduate level. The study programme is comprised of lectures in social theory and methodology as well as specialised sociological lectures appropriate for graduate level. The pedagogy module at graduate level provides the competences and skills required for working as a teacher in secondary schooling.</p> <p>The combination of compulsory and elective courses enables students to gain specialised knowledge required for employment in different organisations, from research agencies, the media, local government, governmental agencies and non-governmental organisations as well as different businesses.</p> <p>International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology</p> <p>The International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology was developed within the TEMPUS project »Example of Excellence of Joint (Degree) Programmes in Southeastern Europe – JOINSEE (JP 144949-2008)« (2009-2011). The study programme is organised by four universities: Karl-Franzens University in Graz, the University of Zadar, University of Trento and Masaryk University in Brno, whose academic staff jointly developed the study curriculum and learning outcomes.</p> <p>The study programme admitted the first students in the academic year 2012/2013. Up to 12 students can enrol at each of the four universities. The students who complete the programme receive a joint diploma from all four universities. All students spend at least one term at one of the partner institutions and visiting modules given by teaching staff from each university are carried out, as well as the possibility to acquire ECTS points within jointly organised summer schools.</p> <p>The study programme is international and meets certain goals not only at local, regional and national levels, but also supranational. According to the study programme, the mission of the Cultural Sociology degree is to ensure an international Master degree of highest quality which enables those participating in it to contribute as scientists and public policy makers to social transformation and development in conditions in which the world is becoming more and more connected and globalised.</p> <p>In this sense, the focus of the course is on scientific research which serves social, cultural and economic development. The course advances theoretically and methodologically valid scientific research, which is necessary for social and cultural analysis in a complex global context characterised by simple and advanced forms of modernity.</p> <p>The aim of the Cultural Sociology programme is to develop students' independent, critical and creative thinking with the intention of producing</p>

	<p>original scientific contributions. The programme offers the possibility for study continuation at Doctoral level, as well the competences and skills which enable employment internationally in the public and private sector, as well as non-governmental sector. Public bodies include the EU, national, regional and local public administration bodies, university management and administration, as well as diverse public agencies and consultative bodies. Potential private sector employers include different consultative bodies in the area of public opinion research and marketing, as well as media organisations and employers in the area of creative industries. Employment possibilities in the non-governmental sector include a variety of roles from managing projects to research and project evaluation.</p> <p>The course has also been developed as a contribution to Bologna process developments, or more precisely as an instrument contributing to the creation of a European higher education area (EHEA). The accreditation process and the programme's implementation assume joint quality assurance and joint diploma recognition. In this sense, the programme contributes to the harmonisation of European study programmes, transparency of curriculum implementation, increased student and teacher mobility and the international mobility of graduates. In addition, academic excellence and the increase of choice within joint degree programmes of this kind contribute to the attractiveness of the European higher education area.</p>
Learning outcomes of the study programme	<p>Graduate university study programme of Sociology</p> <p>The learning outcomes have been set according to the Dublin descriptors.</p> <p>After completing this study programme students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be able to teach sociology at secondary school level (provided they have completed the pedagogy module) - independently and conscientiously research social phenomena, applying those theoretical and methodological paradigms which they evaluate on the basis of gained knowledge as the most appropriate for the social issues they are researching; - be able to evaluate and connect different theoretical concepts and perspectives with research methodologies; - be able to independently and responsibly collect and analyse data and write research reports in which the data will be critically interpreted; - design, plan and realise a small-scale research project on different social phenomena, applying basic quantitative and qualitative methods and research techniques; - present knowledge gained through scientific and professional research of social phenomena; - write project proposals. <p>International Joint Master's Degree in Cultural Sociology</p> <p>The learning outcomes are defined in line with the Dublin descriptors. Upon completion of the programme, graduates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand the dynamic, complexities and interactions between social, cultural

	<p>investigation of highly contextualised social phenomena</p> <p>2 - The delimitation of actors and dynamics within a specific environment and the ability to draw comparisons</p> <p>3 - The extrapolation of single issues or specific leading research questions without referring to one-dimensional theoretical explanations</p> <p>4 - The ability to draw from different types of data and to use mixed techniques to build up a consistent data matrix.</p> <p>5 - The crucial role of the researcher and the role of subjectivity.</p> <p>The exercises are dedicated to the elaboration of a concrete example of case study through the simulation of a research action involving students, both individually and in group. Besides, students are asked to perform a critical reading of the relevant literature and to prepare oral presentation of it.</p>
Learning outcomes of the course	<p>After the completion of the course, students are expected to have acquired:</p> <p>Ability to work individually and in group within a goal oriented framework.</p> <p>Analyse and elaborate different types of information, namely be able to turn different types of collected information into sociological data to be analysed from different point of views and with a comparative outlook.</p> <p>Critically understand limits and potentials of methods and techniques of sociological investigation with special reference to the field of cultural sociology</p> <p>Be able to draw from theoretical and epistemological issues in order to build up concrete research projects against empirical background.</p> <p>Critically understand relevant literature and be able to perform basic field-work and background research.</p>

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