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ABOUT US

The Department of Sociology at the University of Zadar was established in 1976 as part of the former Faculty of Philosophy. In the first phase of its activity, it was especially noted for its research activity in the field of sociology of religion. At the beginning of the 1980s, with a single major module under the title “organization of cultural activities”, the study programme in sociology made cultural policy its primary focus. In the late 1990s and the beginning of the 21st century, there followed an intense research activity in the fields of sociology of youth, women, and lifestyles. In empirical research associated with the mentioned fields, mixed methodology (a mixture of quantitative and qualitative methods) was introduced.

Starting in 2003, the Department is a part of the newly established, department-based and completely integrated University of Zadar. Since 2005, following the introduction of the study programme harmonized with the requirements of the Bologna reform, three-year undergraduate as well as two-year graduate study programmes have been launched. Both are double-major study programmes. The Department is also a mobility partner in the implementation of a single-major International Master’s degree in Cultural Sociology in cooperation with the universities from Graz (Austria), Trento (Italy) and Brno (Czech Republic). At both levels, the study programmes are composed of obligatory theoretical and methodological courses, and elective courses in various fields. Already at the undergraduate level, obligatory theoretical courses include a discussion of the most recent theoretical insights. Obligatory methodological courses, on the other hand, ensure a solid grounding in quantitative and qualitative research methods. Elective courses are offered in the fields of sociology of culture, youth, religion, education, migration, identity, emotions, media, urban sociology, environmental sociology, and sociology of Croatian society.

Based on the knowledge and skills acquired in the undergraduate study programme of sociology, employment can be found in public opinion research agencies and advertising agencies, the media, public administration, and non-governmental organizations. The completion of the graduate study makes it possible for the graduates to perform work of a higher level of complexity in the mentioned fields, as well as to get employed as high school teachers of sociology (following the completion of the pedagogy module).

In cooperation with University of Teramo (Italy), the Department of Sociology heads an International joint doctoral programme in Sociology of Local and Regional Development. Ten generations of doctoral students have been enrolled so far. In 2019, the doctoral study programme was re-accredited by the Croatian Agency for Science and Higher Education and received the highest level of quality mark.

With the faculty composed of nine research professors, three lecturers and four assistants, the Department is recognized in the Croatian sociological community as a research-oriented university unit committed to the development of society and helping to resolve the problems encountered by the local community. In the European context, the Department is recognized as a reliable partner, committed to the culture of quality.

As part of its commitment to the development of the culture of quality, the department encourages and supports international mobility of its students and faculty. The researchers employed at the Department have participated in several European collaborative research projects, as well as in numerous national and other international research projects.

The Department regularly organizes international conferences and workshops in the field of sociology, as well as public lectures through which it promotes the development of the culture of quality as well as the transfer of knowledge to the community and wider society.

STUDY PROGRAMMES

Undergraduate university study programme of Sociology (double-major)

The double major undergraduate degree in Sociology enables students to acquire the basic competences and skills required for employment following a three-year course or for continuing studies at graduate level. The study programme is comprised of lectures in social theory and methodology as well as specialised sociological courses appropriate for the undergraduate level.

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. Continuing studies at graduate level in different social science fields is a further option following completion of the undergraduate course.

Duration of the study: 6 semesters, 3 years

ECTS points: 90

Learning outcomes

After completing this study programme, the students will:

- have knowledge of key sociological concepts;
- be able to differentiate and compare different sociological theories and methodological approaches;
- be able to describe and analyse different social phenomena and critically evaluate them from a sociological perspective;
- be able to independently design, plan and realise a small-scale research project on different social phenomena, applying basic quantitative and qualitative methods and research techniques;
- be able to find, analyse and apply knowledge from different scientific sources in one's professional work;
- be able to participate in teamwork and interdisciplinary research work;
- know how to present research results.

Evaluation of learning outcomes: written tests during the semester, independent and group research projects, essays, written and oral exams, independent design and implementation of small scale sociological research projects.

Final thesis: The undergraduate course ends with a final thesis which is orally defended. The thesis is based on theoretical or empirical research and its findings presented in the form of a scientific article which needs to be between 16 and 32 pages long. The work is also presented as a conference presentation lasting for 15 minutes and includes use of Power Point. Students choose their topics in cooperation with the Department's academic staff.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study programme: *Baccalaureus/Baccalaurea* (Bachelor's degree) in Sociology.

Course list by semesters

Course unit code	I SEMESTER	Status	Total hours			ECTS
			L	S	E	
SOC101	Introduction to sociology	O	30	15		5
SOC102	Introduction to research methods	O	30	15		5
SOC104	Introduction to scientific communication	O	30		30	5
	II SEMESTER					
SOC105	Early social thought	O	30	15		3
SOC106	Introduction to statistics	O	30	15	30	5
SOC110	Introduction to demography	O	30		15	2
SOCZ24	Media and society	E	30	15		5
SOCZ28	Environmental sociology	E	30	15		5
SOCZ29	Urban sociology	E	30	15		5
	III SEMESTER					
SOC201	Classical sociological theories: positivist approaches	O	30	15		5
SOC202	Quantitative research methods	O	30		30	5
SOCZ08	Sociology of education	E	30	15		5
SOCZ30	Sociology of youth	E	30	15		5
	IV SEMESTER					
SOC203	Classical sociological theories: interpretative approaches	O	30	15		5
SOC204	Qualitative research methods	O	30	15	30	5
SOCZ23	Sociology of culture	E	30	15		5
SOCZ31	Sociology of Croatian society	E	30	15		5
	V SEMESTER					
SOC301	Contemporary sociological theories: macro approaches	O	30	15		5
SOC304	Qualitative research: fieldwork	O	30		30	5
SOCZ07	Sociology of emotion	E	30	15		5
SOCZ10	Sociology of religion	E	30	15		5
	VI SEMESTER					
SOC303	Contemporary sociological theories: micro-approaches and micro-macro approaches	O	30	15		5
SOC302	Cultural theory	O	30	15		5
SOC305	Final thesis	O			15	5

**Graduate university study programme of Sociology
(double-major)**

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.

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.

Duration of the study: 4 semesters, 2 years

ECTS points: 60

Learning outcomes

The learning outcomes have been set according to the Dublin descriptors.

After completing this study programme, the students will:

- 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.

Evaluation of learning outcomes: written tests during the semester, independent and group research projects, essays, written and oral exams, independent design and implementation of sociological research projects.

Professional title acquired upon finishing the study programme: Master's Degree in Sociology

Course list by semesters

Course unit code	I SEMESTER	Status	Total hours			ECTS
			L	S	E	
SOC401	Macrosociological theories	O	30	15		5
SOC408	Advanced quantitative methods	O	30		30	5
SOCD30	Culture, modernization and globalization	E	30	15		5
SOCD40	Disasters and Inequalities	E	30	15		5
	II SEMESTER					
SOC403	Microsociological theories	O	30	15		5
SOC409	Advanced qualitative methods	O	30		30	5
SOCD37	Media theories and methods	E	30	15		5
SOCZ04	Sociology of migration	E	30	15		5
SOCD41	Social network analysis	E	30	15		5
	III SEMESTER					
SOC406	Building theory in sociology	O	30	15		5
SOC407	Research design	O	30		30	5
SOCD07	Teaching methods for sociology	E	30	15		5
SOCD08	School based training in teaching sociology	E			60	5
SOCD09	Sociology of education	E	30	15		5
SOCD10	Sociology of identity	E	30	15		5
SOCD14	Transnational social spaces	E	30	15		5
	IV SEMESTER					
SOC405	Graduate thesis	O			15	15

International Graduate Study Programme in Cultural Sociology (single-major)

The International Master in Cultural Sociology is a 4 semester (2 year) full time master's programme. Despite the general recognition of the importance of human culture, there exists a lack of experts to analyse and interpret its role in the conditions of the present day economic and social modernisation, taking place on a global scale. The knowledge such experts are expected to apply in their professional practice extends beyond the purely theoretical reflection and includes competences in both quantitative and qualitative empirical research. Equally essential are intercultural understanding, skills of coordination and project management, as well as an ability to work in the multilevel context of the convergent media. The master's programme in Cultural Sociology is launched in order to provide training to these much-needed experts in social and cultural analysis.

The universities in the consortium are the University of Graz (Austria), Masaryk University in Brno (Czech Republic), University of Trento (Italy) and University of Zadar (Croatia).

More information can be found on the link: <https://www.jointdegree.eu/de/cultural-sociology/>

Course list by semesters

Course unit code	I SEMESTER	Status	Total hours			ECTS
			L	S	E	
	Classes are held at partner universities of the consortium in Graz, Brno or Trento					
	II SEMESTER					
	Classes are held at partner universities of the consortium in Graz, Brno or Trento					
	III SEMESTER					
SOC511	Sociology of identity	0	30	15		5
SOC512	Transnational social spaces	0	30	15		5
	Additional elective courses as per agreement in the amount of 10 ECTS points.					
	IV SEMESTER					
SOC517	Graduate thesis	0				30

International Joint Degree doctoral programme in the Sociology of regional and local development

The International joint degree doctoral programme in the Sociology of regional and local development is organised and implemented by the University of Zadar (programme coordinator) and the University of Teramo (Italy).

The head of the doctoral programme at the University of Zadar is Karin Doolan, Ph.D., and Emilio Cocco, Ph.D. at the University of Teramo.

The study programme enrolled the first generation of students in the academic year 2010/2011. This is the first international joint degree doctoral programme in the Adriatic-Ionian region on the topic of regional and local development.

The programme has been set up and accredited in both countries after several years of successful cooperation between the University of Teramo and the University of Zadar. Cooperation on the doctoral programme followed from the International Master programme in Interadriatic cooperation and local development (2007/2008).

In line with the Bologna process requirements regarding the structure of third cycle programmes, the length of the international joint degree doctoral programme is three years (180 ECTS). The course enables mobility within a structured programme which provides the opportunity for acquiring intercultural experience, useful for international employability.

Duration of the study: 6 semesters, 3 years

ECTS points: 180

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the doctoral programme students will have high level theoretical and empirical competences in the area of study. Together with an in-depth understanding of social, cultural, economic and political dynamics connected with regional and local development processes, students will acquire specific knowledge related to developments in the Adriatic-Ionian region and the European Union.

It is expected that the scope and academic excellence of the content offered within the study programme will enable graduates to gain employment not only within the academic community, but also public or private bodies which have links with the strategic development of regions and cities.

The programme's learning outcomes are closely related to its implementation. The programme is carried out through doctoral workshops and thematic conferences which take place at the University of Zadar and Teramo, as well as intense individual work of PhD candidates with their supervisors.

Workshops and thematic conferences enable students to learn about a variety of topics in the area of regional and local development. These workshops and conferences will include visiting lecturers and experts from Croatian and Italian institutions, as well as other institutions in the field.

Topics covered as part of the programme include sociological theories and development, theories of regional and local development, the influence of europeanisation on local and regional self-governance, theories and policies of decentralisation, social transformation and shaping public policies, regionalism, sustainability as criteria for development, sociology of tourism and mobility, urbanism, borders and ethnic minorities, creative cities and learning regions.

Structure of the programme

The structure of the doctoral programme is based on:

- a) a scientific-teaching part aimed at supporting research work;
- b) a scientific-research part aimed at supporting the development of a doctoral thesis.

It is important to note that even in the first part of the programme the aim is not to introduce students to knowledge from the field, even at advanced level, but rather to activate this knowledge as a resource for scientific-research work.

Specialised knowledge and skills are acquired during workshops in which students and lecturers cooperate. Students are introduced to the most recent research results in these workshops which are then jointly discussed.

Since workshops are organised at both the University of Zadar and the University of Teramo this gives students the opportunity to become acquainted with the culture of research in other localities and research traditions.

Scientific-research part of the programme includes original research, writing up, publishing, defending one's PhD thesis.

Course list by semesters

I SEMESTER	Hours of introductory lectures	Hours of individual and consultative work	ECTS
Sociological theories and development	8	140	6
Theories of regional and local development	8	140	6
II SEMESTER			
Quantitative research methods	8	140	6
Qualitative research methods	8	140	6
Research design	8	140	6