



FREDERICK UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF ARTS, COMMUNICATION AND CULTURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM, COMMUNICATION AND MASS MEDIA

(CIP file – Classification of instructional programmes)

Course unit title:	Contemporary Sociological Issues		
Course unit code:	ASOC401		
Type of course unit:	Elective		
Level of course unit:	Basic		
Year of study:	3 rd -4 rd		
Semester when the unit is delivered:			
Number of ECTS credits allocated :	6		
Name of lecturer(s):	Irene Photiou		
Learning outcomes of the course unit:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Familiarize with the basic local and/or global sociological issues and their consequences.2. Comprehend the most significant world social issues and the means to manage them.3. Examine contemporary changes in social structure and analyse the problems arising from them.4. Research and evaluate aspects of contemporary hot topics in sociology.5. Create and present a model of social issues through mass media and to develop new methods of evaluating contemporary local and/or global sociological concerns.		
Mode of delivery:	Face to face		
Prerequisites:	None		
Recommended optional program components:			
Course contents:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic principles in sociology and world change: Sociological topics, theoretical approaches and methodology of sociological research. Definition of change. Effects of social change, change in the contemporary era, current changes and future projections.• Women's issues: The gender, its social positions, equality, eroticism and feminism.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The human body and the society: The effects of society and media on health and the body (eating and other disorders). • Social strife: Crime, social violence and drug abuse. • Education: Cyprus educational system, its evolution, future and social significance. Multicultural education. New technologies in education. • Individuality and racism: Race and ethnicity, minority groups, prejudice, unequal treatment and racism. • Mass media and popular culture: Theories and social effects of mass media. Globalisation of mass media.
Recommended and/or required reading:	Reader with a collection of articles
Textbooks:	Giddens, A. & Sutton, R (2013). <i>Sociology</i> . Cambridge. Polity Press
References:	<p>Τσαγγαράς, Π. (επιμ. (XX). <i>Ανατομία μιας μεταμόρφωσης: Η Κύπρος μετά το 1974</i>. (Anatomy of a Transformation: Cyprus after 1974) Λευκωσία: Intecollege Press. (In Greek)</p> <p>Christodoulou, D. (1992). <i>Inside the Cyprus miracle</i>. Minnesota Minnesota UP.</p> <p>Μουράτσας, Κ. (1998). <i>Όψεις του ελληνικού εθνικισμού στην Κύπρο: Ιδεολογικές αντιπαραθέσεις και κοινωνική κατασκευή της ελληνοκυπριακής ταυτότητας, 1974-1996</i>. (Aspect of Greek Nationalism in Cyprus: Ideological Confrontations and Social Construction of the Greek-Cypriot Identity, 1974-1996. Αθήνα: Κατάρτι. (In Greek)</p>
Planned learning activities and teaching methods:	Teaching methodology: lecture, dialogue and exchange of views/ideas in working groups. The instructor will give examples of scientific research, articles for discussion and analysis, which will be evaluated in the classroom by the working groups. The results of the group work will be announced in the classroom.
Assessment methods and criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm 30% • Assignment: 20% • Final Project 50%
Language of instruction:	Greek
Work placement(s):	