Educational institution: Kolping Higher Education Institution
Study programme: Social Work Management, Child Welfare and Social Security

SUBJECT PROGRAMME

1. Name of the subject	**2. Credits**
Basics of Sociology	**4 ECTS (107 ac. hrs.)**

3. Correlation between the learning outcomes of the program and the subject, teaching / learning methods and methods for evaluation of student's achievements

Learning outcomes of the program	Learning outcomes of the subject	Teaching / learning methods	Student achievement assessment methods
1 The graduate will know the psychosocial problems of a child and his/her family and their complex manifestation; the graduate will be well versed in social policy, social security measures, administration of social services and will be able to apply this knowledge in the field of child welfare and social security.	1. Will be able to explain and apply basic sociological theories in describing relation between socio-cultural context and human behaviour.	Reading of literature. Searching for information and scientific resources, and their analysis. Work in groups. Preparation of presentations.	Testing. Practical work during seminars. Project: written paper work and its oral presentation.
	2. Will be able to independently develop and carry out qualitative and quantitative social research.	Reading of literature. Searching for information and scientific resources, and their analysis. Work in groups. Preparation of presentations. Review of educational films and their reflection.	Testing. Practical work during seminars. Project: written paper work and its oral presentation. Reflections.
1. Apply theories of social work and other social sciences, methods of social work and innovations seeking people empowerment and positive change in social life of a person, group, community;	1. Will be able to explain and apply basic sociological theories in describing relation between socio-cultural context and human behaviour.	Reading of literature. Searching for information and scientific resources, and their analysis.	Open questions test. Written paper work and its oral presentation.
	2. Will be able to independently develop and carry out qualitative and quantitative social research.	Reading of literature. Searching for information and scientific resources, and their analysis. Work in groups. Preparation of a paper work. Preparation of presentations.	Practical work during seminars. Project: written paper work and its oral presentation.

4. Abstract (maximum 200 words; describes relevance of the subject)

This course is an introduction to the discipline of sociology. The course introduces to major sociological theories, explores such sociological concerns as culture, socialization, social change, deviance, health and illness, and examines changes in the structure of the family, analyses the features of contemporary society and media influence. Part of the course will focus on the process of sociological research: students will be introduced to major social research methodologies and methods of data collection, principles of qualitative and quantitative social research design, research methods, research ethics and will conduct a research project on a chosen topic (develop research design, analyse data and present results to the public). Workshops and seminars will provide an opportunity for group work, discussion and critical thinking. Students will take a deeper look at various sociological issues that relate to the

topics covered during the course and will carry out various research related practical assignments.

5. Main topics of the subject and the number of hours

No.	Names of the topics	The number of contact hours			The number of hours for self-study
		Theory	Practical work	Consultation	
1.	Sociology as social science. Social research methodology and methods	1	2	0,5	4
2.	Major sociological theories. Socialization	1	2	0,5	6
3.	Socialization and role in Society	1	2	0,5	8
4.	Sociology of culture: concept of culture and variety of culture.	0,5	2	0,5	8
5.	Sociology of communication	0,5	2	0,5	7
6.	Family and society	1	2	0,5	7
7.	Gender sociology	0,5	2	0,5	7
8.	Sociology of religion	0,5	1	0,5	6
9.	Stratification: Social inequality	0,5	2	0,5	4
10.	Deviance and social control	0,5	2	0,5	5
11.	Economic sociology	0,5	2	0,5	4
12.	Sociology of health	0,5	1	0,5	5
Total number of hours		**8**	**22**	**6**	**71**

6. Criteria for assessment of student's achievements

Grade and brief description of the knowledge and skills	Brief description of the criteria
10 (excellent) Excellent performance, outstanding knowledge and skills	Excellent, exceptional, comprehensive sociological knowledge and its application in solving complex practical problems. Student studied additional material independently. Perfect understanding and use of sociological concepts, ability to analyse them in the broader context of the subject. Original and independent sociological thinking. Excellent analytical and evaluation skills and sociological insight. Excellent preparation for further studies. Excellent application of sociological theoretical knowledge. Excellent performance in dealing with sophisticated non-standard tasks. Impeccable, exceptional performance quality. Excellent expression and presentation skills. Well aware of what and why is being done. *All the learning outcomes achieved*
9 (very good) Strong performance, good knowledge and skills	Strong, good, comprehensive sociological knowledge and its application in solving complex practical problems. Student studied additional material independently. Perfect understanding of studied material, proper use sociological concepts. Original and independent sociological thinking. Very good analytical, evaluation and synthesis skills.

	Very good preparation for further studies. Very good application of sociological theoretical knowledge. Good performance in dealing with sophisticated non-standard tasks. Very good performance quality. Very good expression and presentation skills. Understanding of the sociological research methods, techniques applied and the reasons why.
	At least 90 percent of the learning outcomes achieved
8 (good) Above the average performance, knowledge and skills	Better than average sociological knowledge and its application in solving practical problems. Familiar with the mandatory material. Able to work independently with additional material. Student understands sociological concepts and principles, applies them properly. Good reasoning and arguments substantiated on facts. Good preparation for further studies. Good application of sociological knowledge. Correctly solves moderately complex and more difficult tasks. Good performance quality. Good expression and presentation skills. Knowledge of the sociological research methods, techniques that need to be applied.
	At least 80 percent of the learning outcomes achieved
7 (average) Average performance, knowledge and skills with unessential shortcomings	Average performance, with unessential shortcomings Application of sociological knowledge to solve practical problems. Familiar with the main material. Student understands and uses sociological concepts and principles. Linking of several key components into a whole. Fairly good sociological reasoning. Sufficient preparation for further studies. Knowledge is applied in accordance with the given examples. Good performance quality. Correctly solves moderately complex tasks. Sufficient expression and presentation skills.
	At least 70 percent of the learning outcomes achieved
6 (satisfactory) Below average performance, knowledge and skills with substantial shortcomings	Below average sociological knowledge, with errors. Application of sociological knowledge to solve uncomplicated practical problems. Familiar with the main material. Satisfactory understanding of sociological concepts, ability to describe incoming information in own words. While analysing, student focuses on several aspects, but is unable to relate them. Satisfactory preparation for further studies. Sociological knowledge is applied in accordance with the given examples. Satisfactory performance quality.

		Able to act by analogy. Correctly solves simple tasks but does not comprehend more complex ones. Satisfactory expression and presentation skills.
		At least 60 percent of the learning outcomes achieved
5 (weak) Knowledge and skills meet minimum criteria		Sociological knowledge meets minimum criteria. Application of sociological knowledge to solve uncomplicated practical problems. Simple recitation of learned sociological concepts, text retelling. The answer is focused on one aspect. Minimum preparation for further studies. Minimum sufficient skills to solve problems based on examples. Able to act by analogy. Satisfactory expression and presentation skills.
		At least half of the learning outcomes achieved
4	**Unsatisfactory**	Sociological knowledge does not meet minimum criteria. Skills do not meet minimum criteria.
3	Below minimum criteria	
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		Less than half of the learning outcomes achieved

7. subjects that need to be taken before

8. Forms of assessment of student achievement (components of cumulative assessment)

Exam – 50%, practical tasks, seminars – 20%, written and oral presentation of research paper - 30%

9. Coordinating teachers

Position	**Surname, name, academic degree**
Lecturer	Vytautas Kirka, Bachelor degree of Social Policy, Master of Religion sciences, PhD student in Political sciences

10. Recommended literature

No.	**Year of issue**	**Authors and title of the publication**	**Publisher**	**Access**		
				At the KUAS library	**In other libraries of the city**	**In databases**
1.	2018	Denzin N.K., Lincoln Y.S. The Sage handbook of qualitative research	Sage		1	
2.	2017	Žydžiūnaitė V., Sabaliauskas S. Kokybiniai tyrimai: principai ir metodai	Vilnius: Vaga	1	1	
3.	2016	Creswell J.W. Research design: qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods approaches	Sage		1	
4.	2011	Didžiulienė R. Sociologijos pagrindai.	Kaunas, Kolpingo kolegija	2		
5.	2010	Luobikienė I. Sociologinių tyrimų metodika: mokomoji knyga. 7 pataisyta ir papildyta laida.	Kaunas, KTU: Technologija ISBN	2	6	

			978-9955-25-803-2			
6.	2007	Kardelis, K. Mokslinių tyrimų metodologija ir metodika. 4-asis pataisytas ir papildytas leidimas	Šiauliai : Lucilijus	1	1	
7.	2005	Giddens A. Sociologija.	Kaunas: UAB „Poligrafija ir informatika“	1	1	
8.	2004	Leonavičius V. (sud.). Sociologija	Kaunas: Vytauto Didžiojo universitetas	1	1	
9.	2003	Tidikis R. Socialinių mokslų tyrimo metodologija	Vilnius: Oxford Lietyuvos teisės universitetas		1	
10.	1995	Berger P. L. Sociologija. Humanistinis požiūris	Kaunas, VDU: Litterae universitatis	1	1	