Superior

Course title: Ethnpolitics
Course code: Soci6001
Branch of science: Sociology
Sub-branch of science: Political sociology
Credit points: 2
ECTS credit points: 3
Total contact hours: 32
Lections: 20
Seminars: 12

Course developer
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Preliminary knowledge (course title, part of programme, in which the course is to be acquired)
None

Course abstract
The course of instruction dwells upon the problems of politics in multiethnic societies. The course imparts knowledge about the main research fields in political sociology and political science, which are connected with the problems of ethnpolitics, reveals close interconnection and interaction between ethnpolitics and social processes, and develops master students’ skills to carry out an independent in-depth analysis of definite manifestations of ethnic policy implemented in Latvia and abroad.

Learning outcomes:
The course of instruction provides the following skills and knowledge:

- master students comprehend theoretical problems and empirical approaches substantiated by political sociology that can be applied in research of ethno-social processes and ethnic relations,
- master students are able to gather information, select necessary data, and analyze information sources and research,
- master students can put theoretical knowledge into practice providing an in-depth ethnpolitical analysis,
- master students are able to improve and extend their knowledge in order to get an adequate notion about current trends in political sociology.

Course content:
1. Introduction into research methodology of ethnpolitical studies.
2. Ethnpolitics: the concept.
3. Political regime and ethnpolitics.
4. Functions performed by a political system and its impact on ethnpolitics.
5. Political power in multi-ethnic societies.
6. Civil society.

Course plan:
Course structure: lections - 20 h, seminars – 12 h.

Lecture topics:
Introduction into research methodology of ethnpolitical studies
1. Ethnpolitics within the context of political sociology: aim, tasks, and composition of the course of instruction. Theoretical and methodological approaches to ethnpolitics.
Ethnpolitics: the concept
3. The concept of ethnopolitics. Ethnopolitical subjects and objects. Subjective and objective limits in ethnic policy. Implementation forms.

**Political regime and ethnopolitics**

**Functions performed by a political system and its impact on ethnopolitics**
6. Political system: elements, structure, and functions. Implementation of ethnic policy within a political system. Methodological approaches to the analysis of political systems. Political system models.

**Political power in multi-ethnic societies**
7. The concept of political power. Political power distribution in multi-ethnic societies. Political power legitimation. Political power resources (tools). Forms of political power implementation. Pluralistic models of political power.

**Civil society**

**Themes of the practical classes/ seminars:**
1. Ethnopolitics in modern sociological theories.
2. Ethnic policy typology.
3. The limits of ethnic policy in democratic societies.
4. Ethnic policy in the EU and Latvia.
5. Political power in multi-ethnic societies.

**Students’ independent work:** presentation of paper (about 15-20 min) at seminars and participation in discussion.

**Requirements for awarding credit points:**
Participation in discussions at seminars – 30%;
Presentation of a paper – 50%;
Test – 20%.

**Compulsory reading**

**Further reading**
30. Politika un socioloģija = Politics and Sociology. Rīga, 2004 (Latvijas Universitātes raksti, 663.sēj.).

Periodicals and other sources

1. Laikrakstī, „Diena“, „Latvijas Avize“,
3. www.politika.lv
4. www.soczin.times.lv
7. www.dialogi.lv
8. www.cvk.lv
9. www.saeima.lv
11. www.delfi.lv
12. www.diena.lv

Remarks:
None
To which study programmes and their parts (A, B, C, D) this course belongs:
Part A