

DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONSCIENCES  
COURSE SYLLABUS

| Course Details                        |   |          |                 |                      |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Code</b>                           |   |          |                 | <b>Academic Year</b> | <b>Semester</b>     |
| KKW101                                |   |          |                 | 1                    | 1                   |
| <b>Title</b>                          | <b>T</b>  | <b>U</b> | <b>L</b>        | <b>ECTS</b>          |                     |
| Fundamentals of Social Sciences       | 2   | 1        | -               | 6                    |                     |
| <b>Language</b>                       | German  |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Level</b>                          | <b>Undergraduate</b>  | x        | <b>Graduate</b> |                      | <b>Postgraduate</b> |
| <b>Department / Program</b>           | Cultural and Communication Sciences   |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Forms of Teaching and Learning</b> | Regular   |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Course Type</b>                    | <b>Compulsory</b>   | x        | <b>Elective</b> |                      |                     |
| <b>Objectives</b>                     | The lecture provides a first overview of basic concepts of the social sciences and methods of empirical social research and thus forms a basis for all further courses, as far as they refer to social science discourses and methods.  |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Content</b>                        | Basic social science terms: The first part of the course provides an exemplary introduction to central concepts and paradigms of the social sciences. The course content covers the theoretical fundamentals of social scientific analysis with a view to its particular fields of application in the context of cultural studies and communication studies. Accompanying the lecture, there is a weekly tutorial in which the reading of relevant texts is practiced and deepened. |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>                  | -   |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Coordinator</b>                    | Dr. Valentin Christian Gregor RAUER   |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Lecturer(s)</b>                    | Dr. Valentin Christian Gregor RAUER   |          |                 |                      |                     |
| <b>Assistant(s)</b>                   | Res. Asst. Hüsnü Yavuz AYTEKİN  |          |                 |                      |                     |

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| <b>Work Placement</b>                  | -  |                 |                                |
| <b>Recommended or Required Reading</b> |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Books / Lecture Notes</b>           | Korte, Hermann /Schäfers , Bernhard (Hrsg. (2010). Einführung in Hauptbegriffe der Soziologie . 8. Auflage. Wiesbaden: Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften . |                 |                                |
| <b>Other Sources</b>                   |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Additional Course Material</b>      |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Documents</b>                       |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Assignments</b>                     |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Exams</b>                           |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Course Composition</b>              |  |                 |                                |
|  |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Social Sciences</b>                 | 50   |                 | 50%                            |
| <b>Expert Knowledge</b>                | 50   |                 | 50%                            |
| <b>Assessment</b>                      |  |                 |                                |
|  |  | <b>Count</b>    | <b>Percentage (%)</b>          |
| <b>Midterm Exam</b>                    |  | 1               | 40                             |
| <b>Quiz</b>                            |  | -               | -                              |
| <b>Assignments</b>                     |  | -               | -                              |
| <b>Attendance</b>                      |  | -               | -                              |
| <b>Recitations</b>                     |  | -               | -                              |
| <b>Projects</b>                        |  | -               | -                              |
| <b>Final Exam</b>                      |  | 1               | 60                             |
|  |  | <b>Total</b>    | 100                            |
| <b>ECTS Points and Work Load</b>       |  |                 |                                |
| <b>Activity</b>                        | <b>Count</b>   | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Total Work Load (Hours)</b> |
| <b>Lectures</b>                        | 14   | 4               | 56                             |
| <b>Self-Study</b>                      | 14   | 8               | 112                            |

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|---|---|---|-----|
| Assignments                             | - | - | -   |
| Presentation / Seminar Preparation      | - | - | -   |
| Midterm Exam                            | 1 | 3 | 3   |
| Recitations                             | - | - | -   |
| Laboratory                              | - | - | -   |
| Projects                                | - | - | -   |
| Final Exam                              | 1 | 3 | 3   |
| <b>Total Work Load</b>                  |   |   | 174 |
| <b>ECTS Points(Total Work Load/ 28)</b> |   |   | 6   |

### Learning Outcomes

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| <b>1</b> | After successful participation in this lecture, students will know and understand essential terminology, theoretical approaches and issues of social science problems.                            |
| <b>2</b> | They can identify different basic terms of social research and reflect on which terms are appropriate for which types of questions.   |
| <b>3</b> | They gain basic competencies in the analysis of culture, communicative processes and media knowledge as well as the competence to critically examine and evaluate theories and empirical studies. |
| <b>4</b> | Sharpening concept-based, problem-centered, and scientific-critical thinking skills.  |
| <b>5</b> | Basic awareness of the interrelationship of basic conceptual concepts, issues, and research approaches in the social and cultural sciences.   |

### Weekly Content

|          |              |
|----------|--------------|
| <b>1</b> | Introduction |
| <b>2</b> |              |
| <b>3</b> |              |
| <b>4</b> |              |
| <b>5</b> |              |
| <b>6</b> |              |
| <b>7</b> |              |
| <b>8</b> |              |
| <b>9</b> |              |

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| 10 |  |
| 11 |  |
| 12 |  |
| 13 |  |
| 14 |  |
| 15 |  |

### Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Program Objectives (1-5)

|   | P1 | P2 | P3 | P4 | P5 | P6 | P7 |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 5  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 3  |    |    |
| 2 | 5  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 3  |    |    |
| 3 | 5  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 3  |    |    |
| 4 | 5  | 4  | 3  | 4  | 3  |    |    |

**Contribution Level:** 1: Low 2:Low-intermediate 3: Intermediate 4:High 5:Very High

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