

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Details						
Code			Academic Year		Semester	
SOZ 032					Spring	
Title			T	A	L	ECTS
Contemporary Debates in Sociology			3	0		6
Language	English					
Level	Undergraduate	X	Graduate		Postgraduate	
Department / Program	Sociology					
Forms of Teaching and Learning	Face to Face					
Course Type	Compulsory		Elective	X		
Objectives	The aim of this course is to inform students about current debates in sociology and to develop their ability to effectively participate in sociological discussions both in writing and orally.					
Content	Within the scope of the course, current topics of debate within the discipline of sociology will be analyzed in both their theoretical and empirical dimensions. The course involves evaluating the dynamics emerging in contemporary societies on the basis of sociological theories and discussing the implications of these debates in both local and global contexts.					
Prerequisites	None					
Coordinator	Asst. Prof. Dr. Anlam Filiz					
Lecturer(s)	Asst. Prof. Dr. Anlam Filiz					
Assistant(s)	Res. Asst. Yağmur Türkeli					
Work Placement	None					
Course Methods and Techniques	Lecture, discussion, individual work, homework.					
Recommended or Required Reading						
Books / Lecture Notes	Scott, J. (2023). <i>Sociological theory: Contemporary debates</i> . Edward Elgar Publishing.					
Other Sources	Smith-Greenaway, E., Verdery, A. M., & Carr, D. (2025). The New Sociology of Bereavement. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> , 51.					
	Browning, C. R., Pinchak, N. P., Calder, C. A., & Boettner, B. (2024). Leveraging Experience Sampling/Ecological Momentary Assessment for Sociological Investigations of Everyday Life. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> , 50.					
	Murthy, D. (2024). Sociology of twitter/x: Trends, challenges, and future research directions. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> , 50(1), 169-190.					
	Torche, F., & Nobles, J. (2024). Early-life exposures and social stratification. <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> , 50.					
Additional Course Material						

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Documents	-		
Assignments	-		
Exams	-		
Course Composition			
Mathematics und Basic Sciences			%
Engineering			%
Engineering Design			%
Social Sciences			100%
Educational Sciences			%
Natural Sciences			%
Health Sciences			%
Expert Knowledge			%
Assessment			
Activity	Count		Percentage (%)
Midterm Exam			
Quiz			
Assignments	4		60
Attendance			
Recitations			
Projects			
Final Exam	1		40
Total	5		100
ECTS Points and Workload			
Activity	Count	Duration	Workload (Hours)
Lectures	14	3	42
Self-Study	8	10	80
Assignments	4	10	40
Presentation / Seminar Preparation	1	3	3
Midterm Exam			
Recitations			
Laboratory			
Projects			
Final Exam	1	3	3
Total Workload			168
ECTS Points (Total Workload / Hours)			6
Learning Outcomes			

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01	Students gain knowledge about current debates in sociology.
02	Students develop the ability to follow and understand contemporary debates.
03	Students can improve their academic writing skills in the field of sociology.
04	Students acquire the ability to relate theoretical knowledge to current debates.

Weekly Content

1	Introduction
2	Rethinking Classical Theories
3	Rethinking Contemporary Theories
4	Current Methodological Debates I
5	Current Methodological Debates II
6	The Transformation of Sociology: Possibilities and Limitations
7	The Transformation of Capitalism
8	Midterm
9	New Visions of Society I
10	New Visions of Society II
11	Changing Forms of Individuality
12	The Future of Sociology I
13	The Future of Sociology II
14	Presentations
15	Evaluations
16	Final

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

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10	P11	P12
1	5		4		3	5	5	3		3	4	3
2	5		4		4	5	5	2		3	3	3
3		5	5	2		4	3	4	5	3		
4	5		5		5	5	5	3		5	5	5

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

<https://obs.tau.edu.tr/oibs/bologna/progLearnoutcomes.aspx?lang=tr&curSunit=6048>

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