



RTU Course "Sociology of Personalities and Small Groups"

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General data

Code	HSP376
Course title	Sociology of Personalities and Small Groups
Course status in the programme	Compulsory/Courses of Limited Choice
Responsible instructor	Laila Girsova
Volume of the course: parts and credits points	1 part, 2.0 Credit Points, 3.0 ECTS credits
Language of instruction	LV, EN
Annotation	The study course gives the theoretical basis of microsociological-process, as well as helps to develop skills of optimizing personal and small group interactions. The study course explores the place of personality in the modern socium, the latest trends of small group structures and dynamics.
Goals and objectives of the course in terms of competences and skills	The goal of the study course is to develop the necessary core competencies for key micro-process optimization. Tasks of the study course: 1. To improve knowledge of the major trends of how personal and small group function in contemporary society. 2. During practical classes to develop skills in using the most commonly used empirical methods applied for micro-process research.
Structure and tasks of independent studies	Planned tasks: 1) literature studies; 2) situation analysis; 3) development of an empirical research program on the microsociological phenomenon; 4) review of group work supervision.
Recommended literature	Obligātā/Obligatory: Cilvēks un dzīve socioloģijas skatījumā. Zin.red. Zepa B., Zobena A. – Rīga: LU, Socioloģijas katedra, 1996. Mazās grupas un personības socioloģija. Mācību metodiskais līdzeklis. Red. E.Mūrnieks. – Rīga: RTU, 1995. Laķis P. Socioloģija. Ievads socioloģijā. – Rīga: Zvaigzne ABC, 2002. Briņķis G. Socioloģisko pētījumu organizēšana un metodika. Mācību līdzeklis LSPA studentiem. – Rīga: LSPA, 2002. Papildus/Additional: Kropļijs A., Raščevska M. Kvalitatīvās pētniecības metodes sociālajās zinātnēs. – Rīga: Izdevniecība RaKa, 2004. Giddens A. Introduction to Sociology. 9th edition. - NewYork, London: Norton & Company, 2016. Macionis J. Sociology. 14th edition. – Upper Sadle River, New Jerse: Prentice Hall, 2012. Maiwald K.O., Suerig I. Microsociology: A Tool Kit for Interaction Analysis. - London: Routledge, 2019. Brewster B.H., Puddephatt A.J. (Eds.) Microsociological Perspectives for Environmental Sociology. - London: Routledge, 2020.
Course prerequisites	Not required.

Course contents

Content	Full- and part-time intramural studies		Part time extramural studies	
	Contact Hours	Indep. work	Contact Hours	Indep. work
1.Small groups and personality sociology subject.	2	4	1	2
2.Sociological theories of personality, practical use options.	4	4	1	6
3.Sociological research methodology and techniques of personality.	4	2	1	6
4.Personality in present post-modern society.	4	4	1	6
5.Personality as an agent of social networking system.	4	4	2	6
6.The practical use of the social role theory. The role of personality and personal status.	2	2	1	6
7.Types of small groups, structure and dynamic characteristics.	4	2	1	6
8.Interactive processes in small groups.	4	4	2	6
9.Social effect of the small group - leadership and power in micro-analysis.	2	4	2	4
10.Small group interaction specificity.	4	4	1	4
11.Successful team forming prerequisites.	2	4	2	6
12.Empirical research methods of small groups. Sociometry and referentometry.	4	2	1	6
Total:	40	40	16	64

Learning outcomes and assessment

Learning outcomes	Assessment methods
Understands the process of microsociological-regularities, can discern and interpret the key trends of personality's socialization and integration.	Public situation analysis - exercise.

Understands the dynamics of small group, is able to effectively participate in constructive decision-making process.	Group discussion - exercise.
Knows how to make individual and group interview program as well as manage the interview.	Training Focus Group organization - exercise.
Understands the technique of the sociometrical and referentometrical methods.	Sociometrical/referentometrical survey programme development - task.
Is able to establish successful command parameters.	Sociological diagnosis of small groups - diagnostic test.

Evaluation criteria of study results

Criterion	%
Activity in lecture and seminar discussions	40
Accomplishment of tasks and exercises	30
Success at accomplishing the diagnostic test	30
Total:	100

Study subject structure

Part	CP	Hours per Week			Tests		
		Lectures	Practical	Lab.	Test	Exam	Work
1.	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	*		