

Kaposvár University Faculty of Economic Science
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

Course name:	Economic Sociology
Code:	3BN-NET-1-ECOSOCI
Study Programme:	International Studies
BA / MA:	BA
Form of programme:	Full time
Lessons per week:	2 lectures
Type of evaluation:	lecture course grade
Course leader:	Gábor Molnár, PhD
Teacher:	Gábor Molnár, PhD
Department of course:	Social Sciences (Faculty of Pedagogy)
Head of department:	Péter Bertalan, PhD, habil.

Spring semester 2014/2015

Objectives of the course:

The objective of the course is to introduce the students to the specific angle, fundamental concepts, most important theories and methods of economic sociology as well as the most recent research achievements in the field. It displays the social embeddedness of economy at micro, mezzo and macro levels, the social aspects of the processes of economic modernization and globalization, including the concomitant social problems and conflicts.

The students attending the course will be able to utilize the knowledge and abilities gained for analysing and better understanding recent social and economic phenomena related to the field of international relations and to use them in decision making processes of policy.

Requirements:

Regular attendance at lessons is obligatory. Missing form more than 1/3 of the lessons results in failing the course.

The grades of the midterm exam (50%) and final exam (50%) will be used to determine the final grade.

Rating:

0,00% – 49,99%	failed (E)
50,00% – 62,49%	satisfactory (D)
62,50% – 74,99%	moderate (C)

75,00% – 87,49%	good (B)
87,50% – 100,00%	very good (A)

Course themes:

No.	Themes
1	Introduction: the place of economic sociology within the system of sciences; its subject matter and characteristics. The relationship of economic science and economic sociology.
2	The methodology of sociological research. Quantitative and qualitative research. Research ethics
3	The history of economic sociology: A. Smith, classical economics, Marx, Durkheim, Weber, classical economic sociology, the “new” economic sociology, contemporary economic sociology
4	The rudiments of sociology 1 – Micro social phenomena: Action, social action, social interaction, social relation, and micro social groups
5	The rudiments of sociology 2 – Mezzo social phenomena: Social organization, local society, and social networks
6	The rudiments of sociology 3 – Macro social phenomena: Social stratification, social classes, social structure, and social subsystems
7	Midterm exam
8	Economic sociology 1 – Basic issues: Formal and substantive concepts of economy. The social embeddedness of economy. Social institutions within economy. Basic forms of economic integration
9	Economic sociology 2 – Micro level: The social actors of economy. The motives of economic behaviour. Economic transactions as social interaction. The household.
10	Economic sociology 3 – Micro to mezzo level: Forms of capital: economic, cultural and social. The habitus. The entrepreneur. Social networks in economy.
11	Economic sociology 4 – Mezzo level: Economic organizations. Organizational goals, structure and culture. The enterprise. The coproation and its social environment
12	Economic sociology 5 – Macro level: Economic systems. The relationship of economy and politics. Historical forms of economic systems. Capitalism, market economy, and state-socialism. Modernization and globalization. Knowledge-based economy and society. Environmental issues.
13	Summary of the course
14	Final exam

Literature:

Handouts and ppts.

Giddens, Anthony and Philip W. Sutton: *Sociology*. 7th ed. 2013.

Portes, Alejandro: *Economic Sociology: A Systematic Inquiry*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2010.

Swedberg, Richard: *The Principles of Sociology*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2007.

Tonkiss, Fran: *Contemporary Economic Sociology: Globalization, production, inequality*. Routledge, 2006.

Woolsey Biggart, Nicole (ed.): *Readings in Economic Sociology*. Blackwell, 2003.

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