

Social Studies I – Alternative Approach to Sociology

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Course Description:

Social Studies I. focuses on the basic elements in the social regulation of human behavior. It investigates the means of regulating behavior such as norms and roles, the social units creating and then obeying these norms (from pairs, through groups and strata to social class), and finally the processes involved. At the end of the course, students are asked to analyse some real life case studies through the means of systematic sociology.

Thematics:

1. Introduction, Epistemological considerations, Definition of Sociology
2. The peculiarity of sociological imagination : norms, roles, institutions, culture
3. Social units
4. Social processes (socialization, mobility, control, communication)
5. Conformity, deviance,
6. Case studies

Literature:

(Students will be provided with reading materials.)

Main text:

- Morel, Gyula: *Szociológia*, Semmelweis Egyetem, 2007. (with English instructions)

Auxiliary readings:

- Cragun, Ryan T. – Cragun, Deborah - Piotrus Piotr Konieczny: *Introduction to Sociology*. 2010. (http://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Introduction_to_Sociology)
- *Essentials of Sociology*. Textbook.