

Course description

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Course name:	Research in Sociology of Religion		
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Department/Unit /	KSS / SNCZ			Academic Year	2023/2024
Title	Research in Sociology of Religion			Type of completion	Exam
Accredited/Credits	Yes, 7 Cred.			Type of completion	Combined
Number of hours	Lecture 2 [Hours/Week] Tutorial 2 [Hours/Week] Seminar 2 [Hours/Week]				
Occ/max	Status A	Status B	Status C	Course credit prior to	No
Summer semester	0 / -	0 / -	0 / -	Counted into average	YES
Winter semester	0 / -	7 / -	0 / -	Min. (B+C) students	6
Timetable	Yes			Repeated registration	NO
Language of instruction	Czech			Semester taught	Winter, Summer
Optional course	Yes			Internship duration	0
Evaluation scale	1 2 3 4				
No. of hours of on-premise					
Auto acc. of credit	Yes in the case of a previous evaluation 4 nebo nic.				
Periodicity	every year				
Specification periodicity					
Substituted course	None				
Preclusive courses	N/A				
Prerequisite courses	N/A				
Informally recommended courses	N/A				
Courses depending on this Course	N/A				

Course objectives:

The class focuses a sociological perspective on study of religious minorities that exist in contemporary Czech society. It presents factual, theoretically founded information rooted in sociological research.

Requirements on student

Liaising written work, final written and oral examination.

The most of seminars text are in English only. Besides the above specified requirements for coursework, the students' presentation in English during the semester is an integral part of the course.

Content

1. The concept of minorities
- 2.-3. The concept of multiculturalism and nationalism
4. Religious minorities: Islam
5. Religious minorities: Judaism
6. Religious minorities: Hinduism
7. Religious minorities: Buddhism
8. Religious minorities: New religious movements
9. National and ethnic minorities: Roma, Muslim immigrants, Vietnamese, Germans, Slovaks, Ukrainians, etc.
- 10.-11. Czech Republic: social, political, economic and other context
- 12.-13. Researches of religiosity in the Czech Republic

Fields of study

Guarantors and lecturers

- **Guarantors:** prof. PhDr. Dušan Lužný, Dr. (100%)
- **Lecturer:** prof. PhDr. Dušan Lužný, Dr. (50%), prof. PhDr. Jan Váně, Ph.D. (50%)
- **Tutorial lecturer:** prof. PhDr. Dušan Lužný, Dr. (100%)
- **Seminar lecturer:** prof. PhDr. Dušan Lužný, Dr. (50%), prof. PhDr. Jan Váně, Ph.D. (50%)

Literature

- **Basic:** Lužný, Dušan; Nešpor, Zdeněk R. *Náboženství v menšině : religiozita a spiritualita v současné české společnosti*. Praha : Malvern, 2008. ISBN 978-80-86702-53-7.
- **Basic:** Antes, Peter.; Geertz, Armin W.; Warne, R. R. *New approaches to the study of religion. Vol. 1, Regional, critical, and historical approaches*. Berlin : Walter de Gruyter, 2008. ISBN 978-3-11-020551-0.
- **Basic:** Antes, Peter.; Geertz, Armin W.; Warne, R. R. *New approaches to the study of religion. Vol. 2, Textual, comparative, sociological, and cognitive approaches*. Berlin : Walter de Gruyter, 2008. ISBN 978-3-11-020552-7.
- **Basic:** Turner, Bryan S. *Religion and social theory*. London : Sage Publications, 1991. ISBN 0-8039-8569-X.
- **Basic:** Hastings, Adrian. *The Construction of Nationhood : ethnicity, religion and nationalism*. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 1999. ISBN 0-521-62544-0.
- **Basic:** Stark, Rodney; Bainbridge, William Sims. *The future of religion : secularization, revival and cult formation*. Berkeley : University of California Press, 1986. ISBN 0-520-05731-7.
- **Extending:** Sharot, S. *Minority Situation and Religious Acculturation: A Comparative Analysis of Jewish Communities Comparative Studies in Society and History*.
- **Extending:** Kymlicka, Will. *Multicultural citizenship : a liberal theory of minority rights*. Oxford : Clarendon Press, 2003. ISBN 0-19-829091-8.
- **Extending:** Baršová, Andrea; Barša, Pavel. *Přistěhovalectví a liberální stát : imigrační a integrační politiky v USA, západní Evropě a Česku*. Brno : Masarykova univerzita, Mezinárodní politologický ústav, 2005. ISBN 80-210-3875-6.
- **Recommended:** Petráš, René.; Petrův, Helena.; Scheu, Harald Christian. *Menšiny a právo v České republice*. Vyd. 1. Praha Auditorium, 2009. ISBN 978-80-87284-00-1.
- **Recommended:** Norris, Pippa; Inglehart, Ronald. *Sacred and secular : religion and politics worldwide*. New York : Cambridge University Press, 2004. ISBN 0-521-54872-1.
- **Recommended:** Drbohlav, Dušan - Horáková, Milada - Jánská, Eva. *Současné debaty o imigraci v Evropě - Česká republika*. Masarykova univerzita Brno, 2005.
- **Recommended:** Berger, Peter L. *The desecularization of the world : resurgent religion and world politics*. Washington : Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1999. ISBN 0-8028-4691-2.

Time requirements

All forms of study

Activities	Time requirements for activity [h]
Contact hours	78
Preparation for comprehensive test (10-40)	24
Preparation for an examination (30-60)	40
Graduate study programme term essay (40-50)	40
Total:	182

assessment methods

Knowledge - knowledge achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

- Combined exam
- Test

Seminar work
Individual presentation at a seminar
Project

Skills - skills achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Combined exam
Test
Seminar work
Individual presentation at a seminar
Project

Competences - competence achieved by taking this course are verified by the following means:

Combined exam
Test
Seminar work
Individual presentation at a seminar
Project

prerequisite

Knowledge - students are expected to possess the following knowledge before the course commences to finish it successfully:

to describe and explain basic sociological theories and methods.
to describe the formation of sociological perspectives using sociological methods.
to characterize the basic knowledge resulting from empirical qualitative research.
to enumerate and describe the basic developmental stages of the formation of qualitative and quantitative methods.

Skills - students are expected to possess the following skills before the course commences to finish it successfully:

to create a formally acceptable professional output.
to actively use foreign databases of professional journals.
to independently interpret the knowledge resulting from the application of sociological methods.
to use adequate terms corresponding to the terminology of the field in Czech and English.

Competences - students are expected to possess the following competences before the course commences to finish it successfully:

N/A
N/A

teaching methods

Knowledge - the following training methods are used to achieve the required knowledge:

Lecture
Seminar
Task-based study method
Textual studies
Project-based instruction

Skills - the following training methods are used to achieve the required skills:

Lecture
Seminar
Task-based study method
Textual studies
Project-based instruction

Competences - the following training methods are used to achieve the required competences:

Lecture

Seminar

Task-based study method

Textual studies

Project-based instruction

learning outcomes

Knowledge - knowledge resulting from the course:

- to distinguish the variability of methodological approaches to the study of religion.
- to explain various theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of religion.
- to characterize different types of conflicts between theories and methods of religion research.
- to enumerate and characterize key studies dealing with the study of religion.

Skills - skills resulting from the course:

- to classify different types of methodological nuances in the study of religious groups.
- to independently demonstrate specific conflicting theoretical and methodological approaches in the study of religion.
- to independently critically evaluate epistemological problems in the conceptualization of religion.
- to independently choose a suitable theoretical and methodological approach to the study of religion.

Competences - competences resulting from the course:

N/A

N/A

Course is included in study programmes:

Study Programme	Type of	Form of	Branch	Stage	St. plan v.	Year	Block	Status	R.year	R.
Sociology	Postgraduate Master	Full-time	Sociologie	1	23-1,2	2023	Empirický výzkum soudobých společností	B	2	