

Faculty of Philosophy / SOCIOLOGY / Sociology of Religion II

Course:	Sociology of Religion II			
Course ID	Course status	Semester	ECTS credits	Lessons (Lessons+Exercises+Laboratory)
3824	Mandatory	6	4	2+2+0
Programs	SOCIOLOGY			
Prerequisites	There are no prerequisites for this course.			
Aims	To acquire knowledge about the relationship of society and religion, and mutual influence of religion and other social phenomena.			
Learning outcomes	After students pass this exam, they will be able to: - Compare and explain modern theories of religious phenomenon (theories of secularization and desecularization); - Analyze living religious traditions in their modern context on the basis of theoretical and practical work (visit to religious institutions); - Analyze the relationship of religious communities towards nation, state, politics; - Develop sensitivity towards differences, i.e. great number of religious traditions among which we live, both in local and global environment; - Identify the difference between various religious organizations and groups (church, sect, denomination, cult); - Analyze the role of religion in recent world conflicts, but also the contribution of religious communities to dialogue and reconciliation.			
Lecturer / Teaching assistant	Vladimir Bakrac, Ph.D., Slobodan Zecevic			
Methodology	Lectures, practice, seminars, conversation, discussion, consultations			
Plan and program of work				
Preparing week	Preparation and registration of the semester			
I week lectures	Work plan during the semester – introducing students			
I week exercises	Introducing students to work plan for practice			
II week lectures	Secularization (introduction, meaning of the concept, godless past)			
II week exercises	Religion and social structure			
III week lectures	Personal spirituality, measuring secularization			
III week exercises	Religion and family, marriage and women			
IV week lectures	Theories of Secularization – Peter L. Berger; Pluralism and Religiosity			
IV week exercises	Religion and politics; Religion and nation			
V week lectures	Bryan Wilson; Forms of Secularization			
V week exercises	Religion and Education			
VI week lectures	Secularization and new religious movements			
VI week exercises	Religija i privreda			
VII week lectures	Richard Fenn; Religion in Developing Countries			
VII week exercises	Preparation for mid-term test I			
VIII week lectures	Religion and Rational Choice; Stark Bainbridge; Recent events			
VIII week exercises	Mid-term test I			
IX week lectures	Sects, cults and religious movements			
IX week exercises	Religion and rationalism philosophy; Religion and science			
X week lectures	Ernst Troeltsch; Types of Religious Organizations			
X week exercises	Religion and art			
XI week lectures	Religious pluralism and schismatic movements; Wilson's sect typology; Dynamics of emergence and development of sects			
XI week exercises	Religion and ethics; Religion and ecology			
XII week lectures	Rational choice, sects and cults; new religious movements			
XII week exercises	Religion and violence			
XIII week lectures	Conversion, controversy about brainwashing; the process of conversion			

XIII week exercises	The rift within Christianity; the Ecumenical movement					
XIV week lectures	Religion and conflicts – globalization, identity, violence					
XIV week exercises	Preparation for mid-term test II					
XV week lectures	Religious fundamentalism – consistency, distinction between the concepts; Wahhabism					
XV week exercises	Mid-term test II					
Student workload	4 credits x 40/30 = 5 hours 20 minutes Structure: 2 hours of lectures; 2 hours of practice; 1 hour 20 minutes of independent work including consultations Total load during the semester: 4x30 = 120 hours. Additional work for exams preparing correction of final exam, including the exam taking from 0 to 24 hours (the remaining time of the first two items to the total load for the course of 120 hours). Structure: 85 hours and 20 minutes. (Lectures) + 10 hours and 40 minutes. (Preparation) + 24 hours (additional work). In the course of the semester: Teaching and the final exam: (5 h 20 min) x 16 = 85 hours 20 minutes Preparation before the start of the semester (administration, enrollment, etc) 2 x (5 hours and 20 minutes) = 10 hours and 40 minutes.					
Per week			Per semester			
4 credits x 40/30=5 hours and 20 minutes 2 sat(a) theoretical classes 0 sat(a) practical classes 2 exercises 1 hour(s) i 20 minutes of independent work, including consultations			Classes and final exam: 5 hour(s) i 20 minutes x 16 =85 hour(s) i 20 minutes Necessary preparation before the beginning of the semester (administration, registration, certification): 5 hour(s) i 20 minutes x 2 =10 hour(s) i 40 minutes Total workload for the subject: 4 x 30=120 hour(s) Additional work for exam preparation in the preparing exam period, including taking the remedial exam from 0 to 30 hours (remaining time from the first two items to the total load for the item) 24 hour(s) i 0 minutes Workload structure: 85 hour(s) i 20 minutes (courses), 10 hour(s) i 40 minutes (preparation), 24 hour(s) i 0 minutes (additional work)			
Student obligations			Regular class attendance, active participation in discussions and conversations, taking the mid-term test and making seminar papers.			
Consultations			Consultations after the lecture			
Literature			Malcolm Hamilton, Sociology of Religion, Clio, Belgrade, 2003; Djuro Susnjic, Religion II, Cigoja Press, Belgrade, 1998. Vukomanovic, Milan. (2008). Homo viator – religion and new age. Belgrade: Cigoja Press.			
Examination methods			Mid-term test I – 15 points; Mid-term test II – 15 points; Class attendance – 5 points (lectures) + 5 points (practice); activity during class (practice) – 5 points; seminar paper (concepts) (exercises) – 5 points Final exam – 50 points; Passing gra			
Special remarks						
Comment						
Grade:	F	E	D	C	B	A
Number of points	less than 50 points	greater than or equal to 50 points and less than 60 points	greater than or equal to 60 points and less than 70 points	greater than or equal to 70 points and less than 80 points	greater than or equal to 80 points and less than 90 points	greater than or equal to 90 points