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Sociology and Anthropology of the Contemporary Worlds

5.00 credits	40.0 h	Q1 or Q2

Teacher(s)	. SOMEBODY ;Amougou Joseph ;Defreyne Elisabeth ;Draelants Hugues ;				
Language :	French				
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve				
Main themes	Part I - Sociology and Anthropology will be used as instruments for analyzing society and discourse in the human sciences: students will be given a brief overview of the historical development of sociological and anthropological approaches, showing the types of questions they have raised over the course of time and their relation to social change. The course also shows how anthropological and sociological methods have developed and illustrates research techniques This introduction will be based on the analysis of social realities and changes in contemporary society. Various specific topics will be covered within the following broad topic areas: Individual and society (individual/genre and sexuality); Social institutions (Family, marriage, kinship / Education / Media / Science and Technology / Religion); spaces and territories (City / Mobility / Globalisation); Social structures and power (Stratification and social inequalities /Exchange and negotiation /ethnic relations / states and political parties / Groups and organizations / War, the Army); social change: production and reproduction (Education and training/ Work and organization /Consumption) This approach places contemporary society within a historical perspective, linking it with pre-modern societies and the anthropological bases of society Students should also acquire key elements of sociological and anthropological theory: this will include the basic elements of a sociological and anthropological vocabulary and some major conceptual notions. For example: the idea of society as a complex whole of social forms produced by the culture; the theory of man as an actor within society; culture and the creation of the individual; social powers and relationships; stratification and social mobility. Part II The texts covered may come either from a book on Sociology and Anthropology or be a collection of disparate texts from the two fields.				
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to :				
	Part I The course is intended to enable students on a range of degree courses to become familiar with the perspective and theoretical and conceptual framework adopted within Sociology and Anthropology. The point of departure for this introduction to the topics covered in Sociology and Anthropology will be to examine some of the key issues of modern society. This course aims to: introduce students to the perspective taken in Sociology and Anthropology; teach students about contemporary social realities; help students acquire the principal concepts and discover the main interpretative theories of social reality; place modern society within its historical perspective. Part II This course builds on the introductory Sociology and Anthropology course. The main focus of the course is on learning to interpret anthropological and sociological texts, the aim being to teach students to read scientific texts in these two fields, involving: - understanding the key concepts in the text; - identifying the explicit and implicit arguments; - summarizing the content; - positioning the text in relation to other texts in the same field (intertextuality); - situating the text within its socio-historical context; - locating the issues dealt with in the text within the contemporary socio-historical context; - producing a critical analysis of the text				
Evaluation methods	LESPO1113A (Amougou and Defreyne) The assessment takes place in January, June and September (3 sessions for bac1). It is carried out with a closed book. This assessment is certifying. It takes the form of a written exam composed of: multiple choice questions, one or more open questions.				
Teaching methods	LESPO 1113 A (Amougou and Defreyne) The course takes the form of a lecture and interactive course, in person. Support: syllabus (for the "Sociology" section, the useful pages will be indicated by Professor Amougou), presentation slides of the sessions, texts and videos online (Moodle).				
Content	LESPO1113 A (Amougou and Defreyne) The course aims to provide the student with the basic concepts, empirical and historical content for an introduction to the sociology and anthropology of modern societies. It is given in two parts: a sociology part (with Professor Amougou) and an anthropology part (with Professor Defreyne). The following will be discussed in particular: - The birth and history of these social science disciplines				

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	The evolution of human societies Secularization Industrial capitalism Changes in the State The Industrial Revolution The popular economy in the South Qualitative methods and the ethnographic method Globalization Post-colonial studies Dynamic and developmental anthropology Family and kinship Political anthropology and violence			
Bibliography	Des éléments bibliographiques sont inclus dans le syllabus.			
Other infos	PSP 1123 (PSP11BA) partial Equivalence (approved by the Faculty on 30 June 2004). Students joining ESPO will have to do a supplementary project to obtain total equivalence. Evaluation: For students of Sociology, Anthropology and Political Science, the course will be evaluated in conjunction with the introductory course in Sociology and Anthropology.			
Faculty or entity in charge	ESPO			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)							
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes			
Bachelor in Human and Social Sciences	HUSO1BA	5		Q			
Bachelor in Philosophy, Politics and Economics	PPE1BA	5		0			
Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology	SOCA1BA	5		Q			
Minor in Sociology and Anthropology	MINSOCA	5		Q			
Bachelor in Information and Communication	COMU1BA	5		0			
Bachelor in Computer Science	SINF1BA	5		•			
Bachelor in Economics and Management	ECGE1BA	5		©.			
Bachelor in Political Sciences: General	SPOL1BA	5		Q			
Bachelor : Business Engineering	INGE1BA	5		٩			