Bachelor of Arts in

SOCIOLOGY

Detailed Programme Description

Academic Year 2015-2016
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About the Study Programme

The programme provides students with a sound knowledge in sociology and social science research methods. Students will be able to understand social problems and social conflicts which characterize today's societies. The programme has a global outlook; it focuses on the comparative aspects of social development and social change. Students will also acquire sufficient theoretical and methodological knowledge to continue their studies at master level.

The programme consists of four major building blocks: introductory courses to various social science disciplines, courses introducing various fields of sociology, courses in research methodology, and specialisation (see later). The programme will help students to acquire solid knowledge in both social sciences and research methods, as well as to learn about the use of acquired knowledge during the solution of various social problems.

The programme accepts the admittance of a small group of students, which makes it possible to devote focused attention to the individual development of each student with regard to their skills and knowledge, to have interactive discussions at the classes, to have feedback-based structuring of courses; moreover, it creates a friendly atmosphere at the lectures and seminars. Classes in research methods are heavily oriented towards the development of problem-solving skills.

The programme is fully integrated into the academic framework of the Corvinus University of Budapest being a leading university of social sciences and business studies in Hungary.

Major Learning Outcomes

Graduates will acquire a solid knowledge of sociology and research methodology, as well as a basic knowledge of related social sciences. They will be able to assist social research and the management of research projects. They also will be able to work in institutes which mainly carry out applied social research, like opinion and market research. Graduates interested in social policy and equality of opportunity will be able to work in government and non-governmental organizations to assist the planning and assessment of social policy interventions.

In addition, graduates will have sufficient knowledge in theory and research methodology to continue their studies at the MA level.
Students will attend

– introductory classes in sociology, social history, economics, political science, cultural anthropology and social psychology,
– classes in sociological theory and history of sociology,
– classes in economic and organisational sociology,
– classes about social and demographic problems, and social policy,
– classes in sociological methodology, including both quantitative and qualitative methods,
– computer labs in statistical software (SPSS),
– problem-oriented courses in diverse areas,
– workshops improving general and professional communication skills,
– and thesis writing seminars.

Graduates with a BA in Sociology will be able to

– understand and explain social inequalities and social conflicts,
– support and evaluate social policy decisions by clarifying the consequences of the proposed policy for social inequalities and social integration,
– participate in and promote civil organisations,
– obtain available data through the Internet,
– participate in both qualitative and quantitative data collection
– analyze data using elementary methods.
Programme description

Main field of study for the qualification: Sociology

Level of qualification: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Name of qualification: Sociologist

Official length of program: 6 semesters

Required number of credits: 180

Aim of Study

The purpose of the Sociology BA program is to train social science administrators who are familiar with the basic theoretical and methodological principles of social sciences, and able to apply their knowledge in practice. They will be able to improve the knowledge-based information society, to increase quality of life, to develop the conditions of equal opportunities and social integration in democracies. The graduates will have deep theoretical background to continue their studies at the MA level.

Degree Requirements

- Fulfilment of the obligatory courses
- 180 credits
- Physical Education (2 semesters)
- Accepted thesis work
- Successful Final Exam (oral exam of the required subjects and defense of the thesis work)
Curriculum of the Programme

Sociology BA – starting in Academic Year 2015-2016

Obligatory Courses of the Sociology BA

- 7SO30NCKL7B  Academic Skills
- 7PE20NAK45B  Communication Workshop
- 4OG33NAV26B  Comparative Political Economy
- 7SO30NCKD4B  Computer Labs I.
- 7SO30NCKD7B  Computer Labs II.
- 7SO30NCKC9B  Cultural Anthropology
- 7SO30NFVA8B  Economic Sociology
- 7SO30NHKB1B  English for Social Sciences I.
- 7SO30NHKB2B  English for Social Sciences II.
- 7SO30NCKE9B  Foundations of Organizational Sociology
- 7PE20NCKD6B  Foundations of Psychology
- 7SO30NCKE1B  Foundations of Social Psychology
- 7SO30NBK97B  Foundations of Sociology
- 7SO30NCKL5B  Global Social Inequalities
- 7SO30NCKF2B  Individual and Group Interviews
- 7NK40NAK88B  Introduction to Law
- 7PO10NFV63B  Introduction to Political Science
- 7SO30NCKI5B  Introduction to Sociological Theory
- 7SO30NBK98B  Philosophy
- 7SO30NCKF1B  Project Work
- 7SO30NCKJ2B  Social and Demographic Problems
- 7GT02NBK99B  Social History
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**Obligatory courses of the Specialization Social Policy and Equal Opportunities**

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**FALL SEMESTER**

08. 31 – 09. 20. Registration for the semester, period to add and drop courses on Neptun (BA 2nd-3rd classes, MA 2nd class)

09. 01 – 09. 20. Registration for the semester, period to add and drop courses on Neptun (BA 1st class, MA 1st class)

09. 07. Opening ceremony

09. 14 – 12. 18. Term-time (lectures, seminars)

11. 27. Submission of thesis work (for those graduating in February 2016)

12. 03 – 12. 07. Exam registration on Neptun (for those having filled in the HALVEL)

12. 07 – 02. 01. Exam registration on Neptun

12. 14 – 12. 20. Week to add and drop courses on Neptun for the spring semester (BA)

12. 21 – 12. 23. Exam period

01. 04 – 02. 02. Exam period

01. 06 – 01. 12. Week to add and drop courses on Neptun for the spring semester (MA)

**SPRING SEMESTER**

02. 03 – 02. 14. Registration for the semester, period to add and drop courses on Neptun

02. 08 – 05. 13. Term-time (lectures, seminars)

02. 15 – 02. 19. Final Exam period

04. 04 – 04. 10. Registration for major (BA 2nd class, MA 1st class)

04. 28 – 05. 02. Exam registration on Neptun (for those having filled in the HALVEL)

04. 29. Submission of thesis work (for those graduating in June or July 2015)

05. 02 – 06. 16. Exam registration on Neptun

05. 16 – 06. 17. Exam period

05. 30 – 06. 05. Week to add and drop courses on Neptun for the fall semester

06. 24 – 06. 30. Final Exam period (BA)

07. 01 – 07. 07. Final Exam period (MA)

07. 21. Graduation ceremony
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