



COURSE GUIDE



EC2.01 EUROPEAN STUDIES

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COURSE INFO

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| Title | European Studies |
| Code | EC2.01 |
| Field of study | 054 Sociology |
| Degree level | Master |
| Study program | Sociology (language of instruction - English) |
| Type | elective |
| Semester | 4 |
| ECTS credits | 5.00 |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Final control | exam |
| Instructor | Dr. Svitlana Babenko |

SUMMARY

Social models of European societies, patterns of inequalities in the comparative context, conflicts or value-based consolidation, identities, and their specifics in the European social space give students the opportunity to comprehend social contexts of European societies via sociological research. Differences, features, and commonalities of western, southern, northern, and central-eastern Europe are in the focus of analysis conducted on the basis of comparative sociological studies. The ability to compare sociological and statistical data on contemporary social processes in Europe is developed via creative analytical assignments, critical thinking assignments, individual and group work during the semester.

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

1. Know the basic methods of sociological data analysis.
2. Be able to work with statistics.
3. Have the skills to search and select relevant information, critical analysis, comparison of different standpoints.

COMPETENCES

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| GC04 | Ability to work in an international context |
| SC02 | Ability to identify, probe, and interpret social problems of Ukrainian society and international community |
| SC05 | Ability to discuss findings of sociological research and projects in Ukrainian and foreign languages |
| SC08 | Ability to cooperate with European and Euro-Atlantic institutions |



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COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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| 1.1 | Know the findings of contemporary sociological research on key social problems of European societies. |
| 1.2 | Know the system of basic sociological indicators for the study of quality of life and social models of Europe. |
| 2.1 | Be able to identify, analyze and interpret current social problems of society. |
| 2.2 | Be able to analyze and evaluate relevant information in the academic literature, databanks, and other sources. |
| 2.3 | To review academic sources in English, to substantiate one's own position, to draw independent conclusions. |
| 3.1 | Demonstrate the skills of well-argued presentation of one's own opinion, competent and tolerant discussion with opponents. |
| 4.1 | Demonstrate skills of independent research work, mastering new knowledge. |

EVALUATION

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| 30 points | Practical and creative assignments | |
| 15 points | Midterm test | |
| 15 points | Final project (analytical note) | |
| 40 points | Final exam Admission to exam threshold: 36 points | |
| Grade explication | 90-100 | Excellent |
| | 75-89 | Good |
| | 60-74 | Satisfactory |
| | 0-59 | Fail |

COURSE STRUCTURE

| CHAPTERS | WORKLOAD (in hours) | | |
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| | lectures | seminars | self-study |
| 1. Sociological theory and research methodologies to study contemporary processes in European societies | | | |
| 1. What is Europe? Pluralism in definition of Europe's borders for comparative studies and explanations of contemporary processes. | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 2. Comparative studies of European societies: projects, monitoring, and findings | 2 | 0 | 8 |



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| 3. Comparative sociological analysis of social processes in European societies: typology of societies | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 4. Comparative studies of social development indicators in European societies | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 2. Comparative sociological studies of European societies: findings of research projects | | | |
| 5. Social quality of Europe: a comparison of Western European countries | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 6. The social model of Europe: Scandinavia's experience in solving social problems (Norway, Denmark, Sweden) | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 7. Social challenges of crisis society in Southern Europe (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece) | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| 8. Central and Eastern Europe: Challenges of Post-Communist Transformation | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 9. From the Soviet to the European Union: social processes in the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| 10. Comparative studies of social indicators in European countries of the post-USSR (Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova) | 0 | 2 | 8 |

READINGS

Required

1. The SAGE Handbook of European Studies 2009 680 p. – Глава 1, Глава 3
2. *Abbott P., Wallace C.* Social Quality: a Way to Measure the Quality of Society // Social Indicators Research 2012 Aug; 108(1): 153–167. Retrieved at: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3384781/>
3. Ukraine in Transformation. From Soviet Republic to European Society. \ Veira-Ramos, Alberto, Liubyva, Tetiana, Golovakha, Ievhenii (Eds.) Palgrave. 2020. Pp. 1-34, 261-276,
4. *Adrian Favell, Virginie Guiraudon.* The sociology of the European Union: an agenda. European Union Politics, SAGE Publications, 2009, 10 (4), pp.550-576.
5. *Eduardo Bericat, Maria Luisa Jimenez-Rodrigo* (Eds) (2019) The Quality of European Societies A Compilation of Composite Indicators. Springer. Pp. 27-148, 167-250, 295-334, 251-294.

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Additional

1. *Moritz Jesse* (eds) (2021) *European Societies, Migration, And The Law. The 'Others' amongst 'Us'*. Edited by Cambridge University Press. Downloaded from <https://www.cambridge.org/core> . <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781108767637> Pp.1-18, 211-374
2. *Benjamin Schewel and Erin K. Wilson* (2020) *Religion and European Society. A Primer*. Wiley Blackwell. Pp. 15-28, 69-106, 111-138, 183-207
3. *Esping-Andersen G.* (1990) *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism*. Cambridge
4. *Veenhoven R.* Quality of life in an individualistic society. A comparison of 43 nations in the early 1990 s. *Social Indicators Research*. 1999;48:157–186.
5. *Wallace C. , Abbott P.* From Quality of Life to Social Quality Relevance for Work and Care in Europe. Режим доступу https://www.abdn.ac.uk/socsci/documents/Wallace_Abbot_2007.pdf
6. *Watson D, Pichler F, Wallace C.* Subjective well-being in Europe. Dublin: European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions; 2009.
7. *Tilly Charles* (2009) *Europe Transformed, 1945-2000* \ The SAGE Handbook of European Studies (2009) Edited by: Chris Rumford/ SAGE Publications Ltd, pp. 17-35
8. *Therborn Goran* (1995) *European Modernity and Beyond: The Trajectory of European Societies, 1945-2000*. Part.1.

Other sources

1. The European Social Survey (the ESS) <http://europeansocialsurvey.org/>
2. EuroBarometer http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/index_en.htm
3. European Values Study (EVS) <http://www.europeanvaluesstudy.eu>
4. Human Development Index <http://hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/hdi/>
5. Bertellesmann Transformation index <http://www.bti-project.org/index/>
6. Corruption Perception Index <http://www.transparency.org/research/cpi/overview>
7. World Bank Governance Index http://info.worldbank.org/governance/wgi/sc_country.asp
8. Democracy index http://www.democracybarometer.org/links_en.html
9. R.Inglehart Happiness is Different Things to Different People: Subjective Well-being in Global Perspective https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1acwqIIftY&list=PLUold1t9EA7B_nuU-LHirTtdiF9K4AzlQ
10. Better Life Index: methodology and Data. Режим доступу: <http://www.oecdbetterlifeindex.org/>
11. EU social indicators Режим доступу <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=756>
12. Happy Planet Index www.happyplanetindex.org/