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| **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** | | | | | | |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | | **Faculty** | | | **Faculty of Philosophy** | |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** | | | | | | |
| Study program | | | | **Sociology** | | |
| Study Module (if applicable) | | | |  | | |
| Course title | | | | The Scientific Method in Sociology | | |
| Level of study | | | | xBachelor ☐ Master’s ☐ Doctoral | | |
| Type of course | | | | x Obligatory ☐ Elective | | |
| Semester | | | | ☐ Autumn xSpring | | |
| Year of study | | | | 2nd year | | |
| Number of ECTS allocated | | | | 5 (five) | | |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | | | | Jasmina Petrović, Associate professor, PhD  Nina Pavlović, Teaching - Assistant | | |
| Teaching mode | | | | xLectures xGroup tutorials x Individual tutorials  ☐Laboratory work ☐ Project work x Seminar  ☐Distance learning ☐ Blended learning ☐ Other | | |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** | | | | | | |
| To familiarize students with the scientific method; to understand the reasons for its modification when applied to the study of social phenomena, and therefore, to understand the different views and different applications of the scientific method in sociology | | | | | | |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** | | | | | | |
| Science, the scientific method; Epistemological features of scientific knowledge; The structure of scientific knowledge. Scientific facts, empirical generalizations, scientific laws, scientific theories; Scientific explanation, prediction and understanding; The application of the scientific method to the study of society. Positivism; methodological consequences of the so-called social realism; "The dispute over the method" as a result of the understanding that social phenomena are unique; Weber's methodological concept of unification of the idiographic and positivist approaches. Ideal types and their role in the explanation/understanding of social phenomena; Marx's study of society and its methodological implications; The functionalist theory in sociology and its methodological consequences; The application of the scientific method from the perspective of other theoretical paradigms in sociology; interpretative methodology; The micro, meso and macro-sociological approach to the study of social phenomena; Quantitative and qualitative methodologies; | | | | | | |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** | | | | | | |
| xSerbian (complete course) ☐ English (complete course) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)  ☐Serbian with English mentoring ☐Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** | | | | | | |
| **Pre exam duties** | **Points 60** | | **Final exam** | | | **points 40** |
| **Activity during lectures** | **10** | | **Written examination** | | |  |
| **Practical teaching** | **30** | | **Oral examination** | | | **40** |
| **Teaching colloquia** | **20** | | **OVERALL SUM** | | | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** | | | | | | |