Information sheet for the course Economic Sociology

University: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

Faculty: Faculty of Social and Economic Relations

Course unit title: Economic Sociology

Type of course unit: compulsory

Course unit code: LZP43

Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods: 2 hours of lectures / 2 hour seminar per week. Full-time study.

Number of credits: 5

Recommended semester: 1st semester in the 1st year (full-time) 1st semester in the 1st year (part-time)

Degree of study: II. (Master)

Course prerequisites: none

Assessment methods:

The assessment includes two phases: during the semester, students can obtain 50 points in seminars and another 50 points in a written test. The final grade will come from the sum of the two ratings. During the semester, students can obtain points in: attendance in seminars – 1 point per attendance (total of 11 points); active involvement in discussions – 2 points per discussion (total of 22 points), seminar project incl. presentation – 8 points; written test(s) – 9 points. Credit will not be awarded students who obtained less than 26 points during the semester. Such students are not allowed to take an oral examination.

Learning outcomes of the course unit:

Students completing the course will gain basic knowledge of the assumptions about the formation of economic sociology, and about the ideological sources. Students will learn about some of the outstanding personalities of economic science - the Nobel laureate economist F. A. von Hayek and American economists T. Veblen, and about the necessity of linking sociological sciences with economic sciences. Students will learn about the impact of the protestant ethic to the emergence of capitalist society and understand the social essence of money. They will get acquainted with the sociological critique of the market economy. After successful completion of the course, students will be able to understand the nexus of economic and sociological sciences, problems arising in the contact points of social and economic spheres of social life, the system of economic relations and behaviour of social groups in a market economy. The student will be able to analyse the social controls in the economy: the impact of social structure on economic development, the influence of social factors on the efficiency of production, social issues of management, the structure and dynamics of motivation of economic activity and the behaviour of economic actors.

Course contents:

- 1. Summary of subject economic sociology and its terminology.
- 2. Place of economic sociology in the system of social sciences and the stages of its development.
- 3. Social ideas in economic theory 17th 19th century.
- 4. Social ideas in economic theory 20th century.
- 5. The emergence of sociological theories of the economy.
- 6. Economics and Religion.
- 7. The social nature of money.
- 8. Sociological aspects of the market economy. Market and freedom of personality.
- 9. Social structure in a market economy.
- 10. The sociological critique of the market economy.
- 11. Theory of Economic Sociology late 20th century.
- 12. Economic culture as a regulator of functioning and development of the society.

13. Social characteristics of the new economy.

Recommended / required reading:

Krajňáková, E.: Sociologické teórie hospodárstva. Olympia, Košice 1999

Krajňáková, E. – Vojtovič, S.: Úvod do ekonomickej sociológie. Košice 2003

Krajňáková, E. – Vojtovič, S.: Sociologická analýza trhového hospodárstva. GEORG, Žilina 2012

Buchholz, T.G.: Živé myšlenky mrtvých ekonomu. Úvod do moderních ekonomických teórií. Victoria Publishing, Praha 1990

Hayek, A.F.: Cesta do nevol'níctva. Vydala nadácia F.A. Hayeka, Bratislava 2001

Jonáš, J. a kol.: Oslava ekonómie. Nobelova cena za ekonómii. Academia, Praha 1994

Mareš, P.: Sociológie nerovnosti a chudoby. Sociologické nakladatelství, Praha 1999

Morawski, W.: Ekonomická sociológie. Problémy, teórie, empirie. Sociologické nakladatelství, Praha 2005

Simmel, G.: Peníze v moderní kultúře a jiné eseje. Sociologické nakladatelství, Praha 1997 Veblen, T.: Teoria zahalčivé třídy. Sociologické nakladatelství, Praha 2000

Weber, M.: K metodológii sociálnych vied. Pravda, Bratislava 1983

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