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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** |