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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 | | | | Methodology of Social Sciences | | |
| Level of study | | | | ☐ Bachelor x Master’s ☐ Doctoral | | |
| Type of course | | | | ☐ Obligatory x Elective | | |
| Semester | | | | x Autumn ☐Spring | | |
| Year of study | | | | I | | |
| Number of ECTS allocated | | | | 6 | | |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | | | | Jasmina Petrovic, PhD, Associate Professor;  Nina Pavlovic, Asst. Teaching Assistant | | |
| Teaching mode | | | | x Lectures x Group tutorials x Individual tutorials  ☐Laboratory work ☐ Project work x Seminar  ☐Distance learning ☐ Blended learning x Other | | |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)** | | | | | | |
| The main objective of the course is to prepare students for independent research through a critical reflection of knowledge and experience gained at the undergraduate level; to deepen the knowledge of the theoretical and methodological pluralism in sociology. | | | | | | |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** | | | | | | |
| The scientific theory and scientific method. Theoretical and methodological pluralism in the social sciences. Sustainability and variability of knowledge: accumulation and discontinuity. Shifting the paradigms/research programs. Different research strategies in the social sciences; quantitative, qualitative and the so called mixed methodology; the principle of triangulation. Methodological individualism and holism. The explanation in the social sciences (different models of explanation - the debate in methodology). The explanation of social action. Understanding the interaction. The theory of rational action. Understanding the structure of social reality. Realism and constructivism. The problem of empirical evidence in the social sciences; the epistemological problem of establishing scientific facts. Theory and prediction in the social sciences. Inspecting theories in the social sciences. The disciplinary, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary study of social phenomena | | | | | | |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** | | | | | | |
| x Serbian (complete course) ☐ English (complete course) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)  ☐Serbian with English mentoring ☐Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | | | | |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** | | | | | | |
| **Pre exam duties** | **Points 30** | | **Final exam** | | | **points 70** |
| **Activity during lectures** |  | | **Written examination** | | | **30** |
| **Practical teaching** | **30** | | **Oral examination** | | | **40** |
| **Teaching colloquia** |  | | **OVERALL SUM** | | | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** | | | | | | |