

Course title: THEORIES OF CULTURE

ECTS credit allocation (and other scores): 3

Semester: autumn

Level of study: ISCED-7 - second-cycle programmes (EQF-7)

Branch of science: Humanities

Language: French

Number of hours per semester: 15

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Type of classes: lectures

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Substantive content

CLASSES: none

LECTURES: The lectures propose a chronological approach showing the history of the emergence and development of cultural theory in the humanities. The following thematic blocks will be discussed: 1. Precursors of cultural theory; 2. Culture as a structure; 3. Culture as a model; 4. Culture as a symbol; 5. Culture as a process; 6 Culture as a practice; 7 Culture in post-modern times. Each block will focus on key concepts, created on the basis of metaphors, which stimulated scientific debate and contributed to the development of science.

Learning purpose: familiarize with the basic theories of culture, and their influence on understanding social phenomena

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On completion of the study programme the graduate will gain:

Knowledge: understands the specificity of the concept of culture and related practical activities

Skills: critically assesses practical programs related to culture

Social Competencies: he is consciously involved in socio-cultural projects

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Basic literature: R. Layton, *An Introduction to Theory in Anthropology*, Cambridge 1997; F. Laplantine, *Clefs pour l'anthropologie*, Paris 1987; R. Deliège, *Anthropologie sociale et culturelle*, Bruxelles 1992.

Supplementary literature: D.J. Austin-Broos (ed.), *Creating Culture*, Sydney 1987; R. Deliège, *Une histoire de l'anthropologie*, Paris 2006; M,-O. Géraud et al., *Les notions clés de l'ethnologie*, Paris 1998.

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The allocated number of ECTS points consists of:

Contact hours with an academic teacher: 15

Student's independent work: 15