

**Faculty of International Economics and Administration**  
**Department: Administration and Management**  
**Professional area: Administration and Management**  
**Major: Public Administration and Management – European Administration**  
**Educational-and-qualification degree: Master**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

1. Course unit title: **Sociology of Governance**
2. Course unit code: SOC1013
3. Type of course unit: equational
4. Level of course unit: Master
5. Year of study: second
6. Semester: third
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 4,5
8. Name of lecturer: Chief Asst. Maria Petrova, PhD, Prof. Zhelka Genova, PhD
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit – obtained knowledge, skills and competences (objectives): The course in ‘Sociology of Governance’ aims at forming a broader understanding and explanation of the behaviour of groups and communities of people in society, as well as of organisations and institutions. Using the advantages of sociological interpretation of social facts and the possibilities of sociological research methods, students will acquire knowledge, skills and competences enabling them to conduct complex analysis and evaluation of the problems studied.
10. Mode of delivery (face-to-face, distance learning): Face-to-face/distance learning
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites (courses necessary to be done prior to this one): None
12. Course contents: The course in ‘Sociology of Governance’ aims at forming the necessary general knowledge and specific knowledge of the structure of society, of the mechanisms of originating, functioning and development of social structures – person, group, community, society; organisations and institutions – family, religion, education, economics, politics, governance, media. Special emphasis is placed on the social role and significance of political and governmental institutions within the system of social organisation, as well as in the sociological explanation of the behaviour social subjects exhibit.
13. Recommended or required reading:
  - Генова, Ж. Социология. Варненски свободен университет Черноризец Храбър, Университетско издателство, 2009.
  - Гидънс, А. Социология.С., 2003.
  - Мендрас, А. Елементи на социологията. С., 2002.
14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: lectures, individual assignment – essay, expressing personal opinion, doing a project assignment – a project for conducting empirical sociological research.
15. Assessment methods and criteria: Students are awarded a continuous assessment grade for three semester assignments - essay, expressing personal opinion, designing a project for conducting empirical sociological research. Each of these assignments is evaluated in compliance with the six-point rating system: excellent (6), very good (5), good (4), satisfactory (3), poor (2). The minimum pass grade is satisfactory (3). Students who have achieved an average semester result very good (4.50 – 5.49) or excellent (5.50 – 6.00) are exempt from sitting the written semester examination. Students who have achieved a semester result ‘very good’ can choose to sit the written semester examination in order to improve their final grade.

At the end of the course in ‘Sociology of Governance’ students sit a written semester examination – a written answer to a topic from the synopsis. The main evaluation criteria include students’ ability to interpret a specific problem from the point of view of the sociological approach, to use specific sociological terminology, to present well-grounded personal opinions.

Grades are awarded in compliance with the six-point rating system. They relate to the European credit transfer system as follows:

Excellent 6	Very Good (5)	Good (4)	Satisfactory (3)	Poor (2)
A	B	C	D/E	FX/F

16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian

17. Work placement: None