

Regulations and teaching programmes for

First-Level Degree Courses

Four-Year Degree Course in Sociology

Specialist Degree Courses

at the Faculty of Sociology

academic year 2001-2002

Part I

ORGANIZATION OF STUDIES

SECTION 1 – THE FACULTY OF SOCIOLOGY AND ITS DEGREE COURSES

1. INTRODUCTION TO THE FACULTY AND ITS DEGREE COURSES

In implementation of the law reorganizing Italian university programmes into first-level degrees of three-year duration, and two-year specialist degrees of two-year duration,¹ the Faculty of Sociology has instituted the following first-level degree courses from the 2001/02 academic year onwards:

Sociology (sociological studies degree class – no. XXXVI);

European Society, Politics and Institutions (sociological studies degree class – no. XXXVI);

Social Service (social service degree class – no. VI).

The Faculty of Sociology has introduced the first year of the new three-year degree course in the 2001/02 academic year; subsequent years of the course will be activated sequentially.

The degree course in Social Service will be activated *in toto* from the 2001/02 academic year onwards.

¹ Ministerial decree of 4 August 2000 on university degree classes; Ministerial decree of 28 November of 28 November 2000 on of specialist degree classes.

Students enrolled at the faculty under the previous regulations may choose either to conclude their studies under the previous system or to transfer to one of the newly-introduced degree courses.

The Faculty of Sociology has also introduced specialist degree courses in Sociology and Social Research (specialist sociology degrees class – no. 89S) and Social Service Methodology and Organization (specialist social service degree class – no. 57S).

The first year of these specialist degree courses will be activated in the 2001/02 academic year.

The Faculty of Sociology participates in the University's projected School of International Studies by offering a course on Studies on European Integration. Information on this course is available in a separate publication.

2. REGULATIONS

2.a. Admission to degree courses

Those intending to enrol on the degree courses in Sociology and European Society, Politics and Institutions must submit applications for matriculation to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) between 1 August and 28 September 2001.

Those intending to enrol on the degree course in Social Service must submit applications for pre-enrolment to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) between 1 and 31 August 2001. Those wishing to use the matriculation counselling service should telephone 0461/881383.

The number of matriculations on the first year of the degree course is established according to the number of in-service placements available. A maximum of seventy new enrolments has been established for the 2001/02 academic year.

Enrolment is conditional on passing an aptitude test consisting of a written paper and two oral interviews, admission to which is granted if the written test is deemed of the required standard.

The final score is calculated in hundredths on the basis of the grades awarded for upper-secondary school examinations, the written paper and the oral interviews. The entrance examinations will be held at the Faculty of Sociology (via Verdi 26 – Trento) according to the following timetable:

3 September 2001	10.00 a.m.	written paper
12, 13, 14 September	8.30 a.m.	oral interviews

Candidates satisfying the above entrance requirements may submit applications for matriculation to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) in the period between 17 and 21 September 2001.

Those failing to submit applications for matriculation within the period established will be excluded from the classification list.

2.b. Admission to the second and third years

Students who intend to continue their studies in accordance with the previous faculty regulations may renew their enrolments by paying the requisite university fees.

Those enrolled on the Diploma Course in Social Service may opt to transfer to the three-year degree course in Social Service by applying to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) by 28 September 2001.

Those enrolled on the previous degree course in Sociology may opt to transfer to the newly introduced three-year course – at the end of the third year – and sit the final examination. Successful completion of the latter will lead to award of a three-year degree in Sociology on condition that the requirements stipulated by the credits conversion table have been fulfilled.

Those taking up this option must submit applications for transfer to the new three-year course in Sociology to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) by 28 September. An admissions board will appraise all applications submitted by 31 October 2001.

2.c. Admission to the specialist degree courses

Those already in possession of degree diplomas and wishing to enrol on a specialist degree course must apply for pre-enrolment to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) between 1 August and 30 October 2001.

Enrolments will take place at the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75) between 1 November 2001 and 31 March 2002.

If not all the candidate's university examinations are recognized for admission to the specialist degree course, s/he may fulfil the academic requirements by attending courses offered by the University.

Those transferring to the three-year degree course and who graduate before the end of March 2002 may pre-enrol on a specialist degree course by submitting applications after graduation, provided they do so by 31 March 2002.

2.d. Submission of study schedules

Study schedules (*piani degli studi*) must be submitted by 2 November 2001. They may be submitted on a year to year basis by completing the relative form and returning it to the *Segreteria Studenti* (Via Inama 1, tel. 0461/882173-74-75).

Submission of study schedules is only compulsory for the second biennium of the four-year degree course in Sociology. Those relative to the third and fourth year of the course must be submitted jointly on a single form. The schedule for the fourth year may nevertheless be modified by compiling a new form accompanied by the student's examination record (*statino*) within the period prescribed. Study schedules for the second biennium are subject to approval by a delegate of the Faculty Council.

2.e. Transfers and exemptions

Those intending to enrol on one of the Faculty of Sociology's degree courses by transferring from other faculties of the University of Trento or from other Universities must submit applications for transfer to the administrations of their universities of provenance on or before 28 September 2001.

Completion of the transfer procedure does not necessarily carry recognition of examinations. At the moment of enrolment, however, the transferring student may apply for fast-track exemption (*abbreviazione di carriera*) by furnishing the documentation necessary for recognition of examinations already taken.

Those accepted for transfer will be assigned a fast-track schedule decided by the Faculty Council and based on the procedures established by the Exemption Board.

According to the number of core and supplementary examinations recognized, and in accordance with the regulations on advancement between the various years of the course, on advice of the Exemption Board the Faculty Council will determine the course year to which the transfer applicant is admitted.

Those already in possession of degree diplomas should submit their applications for enrolment by 28 September 2001.

The Faculty Council will recognize examinations passed in previous degree courses through its Exemption Board.

No fast-track exemptions will be granted to possessors of university diplomas from Schools for Special Purposes, with the sole exception of diplomas in social work awarded by the University Diploma Course in Social Service.

For the 2001/02 academic year, enrolments and transfers to years subsequent to the first are only possible in the case of the four-year degree course in Sociology, and the first year of the three-year degree courses in Sociology and European Society, Politics and Institutions.

In the case of the degree course in Social Service, transfer is possible to all three years of the course on the following conditions:

1. Students from degree courses other than Social Service must submit applications for pre-enrolment and pass the entrance examination. At the moment of enrolment they may apply for a fast-track schedule. Applications to this end will be examined by the Exemption Board with recognition granted for academic credits already acquired.
2. The admission of students from other degree courses in Social Service to years subsequent to the first will depend on the number of places available and will be conditional on the credits already acquired, which will be evaluated by the Admissions Board.

Consequently, admission to years subsequent to the first of the four-year course in Sociology entails recognition of examinations, while admission to the three-year degree courses entails recognition of academic credits.

2.f. Academic calendar

FIRST SEMESTER

PRE-COURSES	3/14 September 2001	
MODULE 1	17 September 2001	BEGINNING OF LECTURES
	13 October 2001	END OF LECTURES
MODULE 2	22 October 2001	BEGINNING OF LECTURES
	24 October 2001	END OF LECTURES
MODULE 3	26 November 2001	BEGINNING OF LECTURES
	22 December 2001	END OF LECTURES

N.B. Lectures for the specialist degree courses will begin in the second period of the first semester.

7/1/2002 – 15/2/2001 LECTURES SUSPENDED

SECOND SEMESTER

MODULE 4	18 February 2002	BEGINNING OF LECTURES
	16 March 2002	END OF LECTURES
MODULE 5	2 April 2002	BEGINNING OF LECTURES
	4 May 2002	END OF LECTURES
MODULE 6	13 May 2002	BEGINNING OF LECTURES
	8 June 2002	END OF LECTURES

EXAMINATION SESSIONS

At the end of each module

WINTER	January – February
SUMMER	June – July
AUTUMN	September – October

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

24 December 2001 – 6 January 2002

EASTER

31 March 2002

PATRON SAINT

26 June 2002

DEGREE/DIPLOMA THESES

21 November 2001 Sociology
 5 December 2001 Social Service
 19 December 2001 Sociology
 6 February 2002 Sociology
 6 March 2002 Social Service
 27 March 2002 Sociology
 8 May 2002 Sociology
 19 June 2002 Social Service
 3 July 2002 Sociology
 18 September 2002 Sociology
 2 October 2002 Social Service
 23 October 2002 Sociology

3. SETTLING-IN PROGRAMME

In order to facilitate the transition from upper-secondary school to university, the faculty has organized a 'Settling-in Programme' for the period from 11 to 22 September 2000.

The Programme comprises:

1. a series of lectures by Prof. Nestore Pirillo on *Introduction to Philosophy*;
2. a course of lessons on *Basic Computer Skills* coordinated by Dr. Luigi Lissandrini (*Presidio Informatico*) designed to equip those with no previous computer experience with the skills necessary to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the Faculty in this area. Those attending will be assigned an e-mail address at the end of the course;
3. a brief *Introduction to the University Library* with elements of bibliography and library science. Those interested should contact Dr. Paolo Bellini, Chief Librarian.

For students joining the faculty under the Socrates/Erasmus programme or to study for the Double Degree in Sociology, the Faculty organizes a 24-hour *introductory course* intended to illustrate historical, social, political, cultural and economic aspects of Italy.

During the second semester, students preparing for the Mathematics for the Social Sciences examination will be offered an evening support course. This course will be taught by Dr. Stefano Benati.

The Faculty has introduced a service to assist disabled students (also those with temporary disabilities) with their attendance at lecture and examinations.

Those interested in using the service should contact the faculty delegate, Dr. Francesca Castellani:

telephone 0461/881438

e-mail: francesca.castellani@soc.unitn.it

General information on the facilities and services of the University of Trento can be obtained from the relative office of the *Opera Universitaria* (tel. 0461/217432).

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE FACULTY'S DEGREE COURSES

The Faculty's academic programme will be organized on a modular basis from the 2001-02 academic year onwards. Courses will be replaced by 'teaching modules', each of which, besides its title, will be denoted by a disciplinary area and a reference code.

The inception of the modular system has been accompanied by the introduction of academic credits. 'Credits' are units intended to measure the workload required of an average student during one year of full-time study. They measure both attendance at lectures, practicals and seminars, and individual study: the ratio between attendance and individual study should be at least 1:2 (i.e. every hour of attendance should be matched by at least two hours of individual study).

A teaching module at the Faculty of Sociology usually involves at least 24 hours of classroom attendance, and, once the final examination has been passed, it leads to the acquisition of three credits.

A total of 180 credits is necessary to fulfil the requirements for award of the three-year degree, while a further 120 credits are required for award of the specialist degree.

Because the academic credit is a *relative* measure of a year's workload, the credits-cum-modules system applies only to students enrolled on the newly-introduced three-year and specialist degree courses.

A conversion table has been drawn up for students enrolled on the four-year degree course. This is used to calculate the credits awarded for total annual workloads accumulated while studying on previous schedules.

The teaching modules entirely replace the previous course system (the table on page 65 lists the correspondences between the titles of the previous courses and those of the modules now introduced).

In order to improve the quality of its teaching programme, the Faculty Council has decided that some first-year modules for the new three-year degree courses, and some modules for students enrolled on the four-year degree course in Sociology, are to be split into two parallel courses ('split' modules are indicated in the list of modules on page 58ff).

Students with even matriculation numbers must attend the parallel course. Failure to comply will lead to cancellation of all examinations relative to the module.

5. INTERNATIONALIZATION

5.a. Academics of international fame and visiting professors

As part of the University of Trento's internationalization project and in order to upgrade and expand the academic programme offered by the Faculty of Sociology, a number of foreign academics will be invited to lecture in the Faculty during the 2001/02 academic year. Two groups of academics will be invited: those of 'international fame' and visiting professors.

The former will either flank lecturers in the teaching of the faculty's modules or teach on their own account, drawing up a course syllabus, organizing lectures and conducting examinations. The faculty's preference for foreign academics of international stature derives from its desire to provide its students with opportunities to acquire advanced theoretical and methodological knowledge on the development of the sociological disciplines in significant settings.

Visiting professors will instead teach supplementary courses and hold seminars on specific topics connected with the faculty's official courses.

From the 2001/02 academic year onwards, the regulations provide for invitations to be extended to foreign university lecturers to teach in Italy for three years. Once approval has been obtained from the Ministry, the Faculty will add further modules taught by lecturers from foreign universities to its programme.

5.b. Socrates-Erasmus Action Programme

The Faculty of Sociology participates in the Socrates- Erasmus Action Programme for the mobility of students and academic staff, intensive programmes, the development of common study schedules, and the credit transfer system.

Eligible to take part in the mobility programme are students enrolled for the second biennium and who have successfully completed at least five compulsory examinations. According to the places available, a classification table is drawn up on the basis of the number of examinations passed, the average of the examination grades obtained, and the score awarded for the language test taken at the C.I.A.L.

In the course of the 2001/02 academic year, the Faculty of Sociology has stipulated agreements with the following Universities: **Dresden, Eichstätt, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Vienna, Almeria, Barcelona Autónoma, Barcelona Centrale, Barcelona Pompeu Fabra, Granada, Madrid, Salamanca, Santiago de Compostela, Saragozza, Seville, Valencia, Aix en Provence, Grenoble, Nantes, Paris VII, Paris EHESS, Arnhem, Bath, Canterbury, Essex, East London, Manchester, Newcastle, Oslo, Tilburg, Trondheim.**

Further information can be obtained from the *Segreteria di Presidenza della Facoltà*, via Verdi 26, tel. 0461/881442.

5.c. Double degree programme

In the 1998/99 academic year, the University of Trento introduced a double degree programme in sociology jointly with the Technische Universität of Dresden. The programme consists of a specific curriculum leading to the award of both a *Laurea in Sociologia* from the University of Trento and a *Diplom Soziologie* from the Technische Universität of Dresden.

According to the agreement stipulated by the two universities, those taking part in the Programme will attend the first biennium at the home university and then spend a period of at least three semesters at the host university, where they will sit the relative examinations.

The cycle of studies terminates at the home university, at which juncture the student may choose to prepare his/her final thesis in Germany or in Italy. In either case, both the Italian *Laurea* and the German *Diplom* are awarded upon graduation.

Italian students who undertake the dual degree must obtain nine certifications in the following subject areas:

1. History of Sociological Thought or Sociological Theories (according to the starting semester). Lectures of annual duration which conclude with a *Klausur* or final assessment;
2. Sociological Theory (seminar);
3. Advanced methodology (seminar);
4. Sociology of Culture (including e.g. Theory of Cultural Processes, Sociology of Art, Sociology of Literature, Culture and Management);
5. Macrosociology (including e.g. Sociology of Politics, Social Structures, Comparative Sociology, Sociology of Technology) or Microsociology (Interpersonal Relations, Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Youth, Sociology of Age, Sociology of Gender, Sociology of Groups);
6. Two certifications in one of the following tracks:
 - Track I: Culture (*kulturwissenschaftliche Richtung*)
 - Track II: Psycho-Social Aspects (*psycho-soziale Studienrichtung*)
 - Track III: Society and Technology (*sozio-technische Studienrichtung*)
 - Track IV: Economic Aspects (*wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Studienrichtung*);
7. One certification for a core discipline in each first-choice track (1. *Wahlpflichtfach*);
8. One certification for a core discipline in each second-choice track (2. *Wahlpflichtfach*);
9. *Landeskunde* (knowledge of German society, history, culture, politics and economy) with certification of attendance.

Dresden students in Trento are required to take nine examinations, as follows:

1. According to preference: History of Sociological Thought or Sociology (introduction) or Sociology (advanced),

2. If not already taken, Principles of Public Law and Social Psychology;
3. Five examinations selected from the subjects taught on one of the Faculty tracks: Territory and Environment, Social Planning, Free;
4. One or three (three if the subjects at point 2 are not taken) to be selected in agreement with the tutor from among those taught in the faculty as supplementary subjects, or from those that are compulsory for tracks other than the one chosen by the student or those activated by other faculties;
5. The Dresden students are also required to attend the seminar on Italian society, history, culture, politics and economy (*Landeskunde*) organized by the Faculty, on conclusion of which they will receive a certificate of attendance.

Professor Antonio Scaglia is the University of Trento's representative on the bilateral selection board.

A bilateral agreement similar to the one with the Technische Universität of Dresden has recently been stipulated with the Katholische Universität of Eichstätt. From the 2000/01 academic year onwards. The details of this latter agreement are still being finalized and will be made public in due course.

Discussions on double degree programmes are in progress with the Universities of Bielefeld and Granada.

Further information can be obtained from Dr. Maria Rosa Ravelli, double degree coordinator for the Faculty of Sociology, or from Dr. Laura Paternoster, Divisione Rapporti Internazionali, via Verdi 8, tel. 0461/882905.

SECTION TWO – THREE-YEAR DEGREE COURSES

1. SOCIOLOGY

1.a. Introduction

With its degree course in sociology, the Faculty of Sociology offers the theoretical, methodological and technical instruments with which to analyse the structure of contemporary societies.

Subject to study in the faculty are the sub-systems (economic, cultural, political) that make up those societies and the features of the institutions, apparatuses and organizations (family, school, mass media, religion, local communities, professional orders, political parties, trade unions) into which they articulate.

Also examined are the social positions occupied by the groups and social aggregates (genders, generations, classes, ethnic groups) that make up contemporary societies, the actions of the individuals who belong to them, and the manner in which they are regulated and governed (state, social policies, environmental policies, welfare systems).

Likewise subject to study are the *Weltanschauungen* (world-views) and values of cultures and social groups.

1.b. Objectives

The degree course in Sociology equips students with the theoretical and practical knowledge required for employment as a professional sociologists in the following fields: the civil service, public relations, the personnel offices of businesses and public agencies, trade unions, political parties, the planning and organization offices of social service departments, marketing and opinion polling companies, training and professional counselling organizations.

The skills thus acquired may provide the core sociological training required for specialization by means of further study on specialist degree courses, sociological and otherwise.

1.c. Structure

The theoretical abilities necessary for the analysis of contemporary societies are furnished mainly by the sociological and human and social science subjects taught during the first year (anthropology, history, psychology, economics, economics, law, political science). These abilities are further developed by the specialist subjects taught during the second year and are then applied in some of the paradigmatic areas of specialist sociology in the third year.

The methodological and technical skills required for research and relative to the collection and processing of data are furnished by a 'package' of modules taught

during the second year in concomitance with an range of advanced theoretical and empirical subjects. Moreover, to ensure the acquisition of the skills necessary for empirical research, the Faculty has a teaching laboratory equipped for computer-aided research which can be used by all students for empirical research.

Completing the curriculum are language skills (English in particular) and computer skills, as well as opportunities to undertake training placements in research organizations, companies and public offices, and study periods at foreign universities, also under international agreements.

1.d. Programmes

First year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	type	no. of credits
Sociology	SPS/07	3	compulsory	9
History of sociological thought				
Cultural anthropology				
Mathematics for the social sciences				
Modern history			///	
Contemporary history				
Political economy				
Introduction to psychology				
Political science				
Language skills (English)				
Computer skills				
First year total				

Second year programme (not activated in 2001/02)

Area	Disciplinary sector	no. of modules	Type	no. of credits
Epistemology of the social sciences				compulsory
Methodology of the social sciences				
Methods and techniques of social research				

Sociology (advanced)	
Sociology of change	
Italian public law	
Statistics	
Statistics for social research	
Language skills (2nd language)	
Total compulsory modules	
<i>Options</i>	
Sociology of development	optional
Sociology of groups	
Sociology of deviance	
Sociology of international relations	
Sociology of the family	
Sociology of education	
Social statistics	
Sociology of work	
Total optional modules	
Second year total	

* One module consists of exercises

Third year programme (not activated in 2001/02)

Area	Disciplinary sector	no. of	type	no.
of credits				
Sociology of communication				
Urban and rural sociology				
Social policy				
Political sociology				
Economic sociology				
Sociology of organizations				
Political science				
EU public law				

Total compulsory modules
<i>Options:</i> four modules selected from those offered by the Faculty for a total of 12 credits
Total optional modules
According to preference: placements, internships, workshops
<i>Final examination</i>
Third year total

2. EUROPEAN SOCIETY, POLITICS AND INSTITUTIONS

2.a. Introduction

The degree course in ‘European Society, Politics and Institutions’, sociological degree class no. XXXVI, is part of a longstanding academic tradition at the Faculty of Sociology. The aim of the course is to explore diverse aspects of European society, its development through gradual political integration and economic union, and its articulation into economic, cultural and political sub-systems. Studied in particular are the construction of unprecedented institutional arrangements and the obstacles to be overcome in fostering European political, economic and cultural integration. Core topics of study are the relationship between the European institutions and the nation-states, enlargement of the European Union, and the development of a multi-level political system (European, national and regional).

2.b. Objectives

The aim of the degree course is to prepare experts who, although trained as sociologists, possess specific expertise with regard to European societies and the European institutions, principally those of the EU. The course is therefore designed for young people intending to pursue careers in the following areas:

1. the civil service, in positions that require knowledge of developments at the European level and how European institutions and policies function (e.g. the management of structural funds, the preparation of projects eligible for EC funding);
2. the business world, providing economic organizations with the technical and informational support that they need to find their way through EC regulations and to take advantage of the support provided by the EU for businesses ;
3. governmental and non-governmental international organizations operating in the sector of international cooperation, in both the developing countries and those of Eastern Europe;
4. the cultural and research sector, where general sociological knowledge and expertise on European issues are required (journalism, the arts, research institutes, etc.).

Completion of the three-year degree course in European society, politics and institutions furnishes the credits necessary for admission to the specialist degrees in Sociology and Social Research (class 89S) and in European Integration Studies (class 99S).

2.c. Structure

European society and its relationships with politics, the economy, culture and institutional dynamics are studied in the light of a variety of disciplines – political science, history, anthropology, economics, sociology – and on the basis of a systematically comparative approach.

The course comprises a first phase of basic preparation during the first year and part of the second, and a second phase focused more closely on sociological knowledge of the European context (history, institutions, society, culture) which covers the remaining part of the second year and the third year in its entirety.

The degree course is organized around the various disciplinary groups necessary for thorough knowledge of European societies and institutions: (1) sociological group (general sociology, sectoral sociologies, in particular political sociology, sociology of international relations, sociology of European integration, comparative social systems); (2) political science group (political science, comparative politics, analysis

of public policies, EU institutions and policies); economic group (political economy, European economic policy, international economics, comparative economic systems); (4) legal group (public law, European Union law, comparative constitutional law, international law, international trade law); (historical group (contemporary history, history of European integration, history of Eastern Europe, history of political doctrines, modern history, history of political and social institutions, economic history); (6) a group of disciplines comprising methodology (economic and social statistics), geography (political and economic geography) and demography. Particularly emphasised will be a knowledge of English and a second European language.

2.d. Programmes

First year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Sociology			
History of sociological thought I			
Methodology of the social sciences			
Mathematics for the social sciences			
Modern history			
Contemporary history			
History of political doctrines		Selection of three modules	
Cultural anthropology		for a total of 9 credits	
Political science			
Political economy			
Language skills (English)			
Computer skills			
First year total			

* One module consists of exercises

Second year programme (not activated in 2001/02)

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
History of sociological thought II (contemporary sociological theories)			
Sociology of change			
Economic sociology			
Political sociology (and of administration)			
Comparative economic systems			
History of social and economic institutions I			
Public Italian and comparative law			
Methods and techniques of social research			
Statistics for social research I			
Total compulsory options			
Options			
Sociology of organizations			
Sociology of cultural processes			
Sociology of science			
Sociology of education			
Sociology of the family			
Sociology of work			
Urban and rural sociology			
Sociology of communication			
Sociology of tourism			
Sociology of law			
Social psychology			
Total optional modules			
Activities according to preference			
Language skills			
Second year total			

Third year programme (not activated in 2001/02)

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Italian and EC public law I			
Sociology of European integration I			
Sociology of international relations I			
Political organization of the EU			
History and politics of European integration			
Analysis of public policies I			
Social policy I			
Economic policy I			
Political and economic geography I			
Demography			
Total compulsory modules			
<i>Options:</i>			
Italian and EC public law II			
Political and economic geography II			
History of science			
Economic policy II			
History of social and political institutions II			
History of political doctrines II			
Analysis of public policies II			
Local government			
Social policy II			
Sociology of ethnic relations			
Sociology of migrations			
Sociology of European integration II			
Sociology of international relations II			
Total optional modules			

According to preference*placements, internships, workshops*

Final examination

Third year total**3. SOCIAL SERVICE****3.a. Introduction**

This degree course continues the tradition of training in social service begun at the University of Trento in 1989 with the Special Purposes School for Social Workers, and in 1994 with the University Diploma Course in Social Service.

The profession of social worker has developed in order to meet the needs of citizens at risk of social exclusion and economic deprivation: children in difficulties, people with family problems, adult and juvenile offenders, the elderly in need of care, drug addicts and alcoholics, the mentally ill, immigrants, and so on, are its concern.

A social worker helps persons in difficulties to cope with various aspects of their everyday lives and relations: finding a home, job or at least an income, taking care of their health, socializing, bringing up their children. He or she also works to prevent the causes of need by heightening the community's awareness of problems and by promoting social solidarity.

When necessary, a social worker collaborates with the judicial authorities to ensure that social risks are countered and the protection is guaranteed in cases, for example, of child abuse, fostering, or handicap.

3.b. Objectives

The aim of the degree course is to furnish students with the theoretical and practical training required to work in social service.

The skills developed concern mainly the following:

a: the *interpersonal relationship* established through counselling interviews with both the person in difficulties and his/her family members;

b: the *organizational work* required to plan care, to liaise with institutions and other public, private and third-sector bodies, and to organize and coordinate social service facilities;

c: *administrative functions* relative to the delivery and assessment of care;

d: *prevention* of social problems and fostering public awareness of them.

A degree in social service is required for admission to the state examination for qualification as a professional practitioner working with the public authorities (municipalities, health boards, Ministry of Justice), non-profit organization (associations, cooperatives) or as self-employed professionals.

3.c. Structure

The course curriculum covering technical-professional subjects, history, law, sociology and psychology is divided into 37 compulsory modules (112 credits) and 3 optional modules (9 credits). Attendance is compulsory for a number of hours corresponding to two-thirds of the duration of each module.

The programme also comprises:

a: *placements* (28 credits) with social service facilities run by public or private organizations contracted with the University. These placements consist of work experience in real-life contexts under the guidance and supervision of a tutor;

b: acquisition of *language skills* (English) and *computer skills* (9 credits);

c: *activities according to preference* (19 credits): these may be training activities organized by the University, or external theoretical or practical courses;

d: *final examination* (3 credits).

3.d. Programmes

First year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Methods and techniques of social service I			
Principles of social service			

History of sociological thought Sociology Theory of socialization processes Principles of public law Principles of private law with elements of family law Psychology of development I Total compulsory modules
Options Cultural anthropology Sociology of ethnic relations Total optional modules
According to preference Language skills I placement First year total

Second year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Methods and techniques of social service II			
Methods and techniques of social research			
Social psychology			
Psychology of development II			
Criminal law			
Lifelong and adult education			
Sociology of organizations			
Total compulsory modules			

<p>Options</p> <p>Sociology of education</p> <p>Sociology of the family</p> <p>Total optional modules</p>
<p>According to preference</p> <p>Computer skills</p> <p>II placement</p> <p>Second year total</p>

Third year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Social medicine (community)			
Methods and techniques of community learning			
Sociology of deviance			
Social policy			
Analysis of public policies			
Organization of social services			
Social security law			
Total compulsory modules			
Options			
Social history			
Psychopathology			
Total optional modules			
According to preference			
Language skills (English)			
Final examination			
Third year total			

The degree course also comprises:

a: Curricular placements

Students will be assigned two in-service placements, one during the first year of the course and one during the second. In order to obtain the credits for these placements (13 for the first and 15 for the second), students must attend the preparatory sessions arranged by the tutor. These sessions consist of classroom instruction on organizational aspects of placements (particularly for first-year students) and study of documentation relative to the host service. Students must then undertake the work assigned to them under the supervision of a social worker, document all aspects of the placement in an exhaustive final report, and sit the placement examination. The minimum hours required to obtain the credits for the placement are 325 for the first (of which at least 300 in-service) and 375 for the second (of which at least 350 in-service).

The calendar and details of each placement will be agreed with the tutor and the supervisor and specified by an individualized work plan. The general timetable for placements is as follows:

Placement calendar for the FIRST year (300 hours):

January 2002

February 2002

March 2002 ///

April 2002

May 2002

June 2002

* Days set aside for feedback meetings (part of module C of the course on methods and techniques of social service)

Placement calendar for the SECOND year (300 hours):

January 2002

February 2002

March 2002 ///

April 2002

May 2002

June 2002

* Days set aside for feedback meetings (part of module C of the course on methods and techniques of social service)

Placement calendar for the FIRST year (300 hours):

January 2002

February 2002

March 2002 ///

April 2002

May 2002

June 2002

* Days set aside for feedback meetings (part of module C of the course on methods and techniques of social service)

Further information on placements will be provided during the preparatory sessions.

b: Activities chosen by the student

Students may choose to include on their study schedules other seminars, workshops or research projects organized as part of the degree course or by other training organizations or services.

The degree course offers a variety of training courses that students may include among the activities selected for their study schedule.

For the 2001/02 academic year these activities are as follows:

Experimental placement

This is only available to students who have already earned the 28 credits for curricular placements.

In order to obtain the 13 credits allocated to experimental placements, students must draw up a project jointly with the host service under the supervision of their tutors. On completion of the project, they must document their work in a brief written paper. The minimum hours required to obtain the credits are 325.

Personal training workshop

The aim of this workshop is to develop the student's ability to use personal resources in the helping relationship.

The workshop consists of three 36-hour modules consisting mainly of group work. Attendance at four-fifths of the workshop sessions is necessary to obtain the relative credits (1 for each module).

Counselling workshop

The workshop involves 24 hours of classroom activity involving a variety of exercises, such as interview analysis and simulations, relative to the use of counselling techniques in social service.

Attendance at four-fifths of the workshop sessions is necessary to obtain the 2 credits available. Participants must also complete the exercises assigned to them and, on conclusion of the module, write a brief report.

Those wishing to attend the workshop must have completed module E of methods and techniques of social service and the relative exercises.

Case analysis workshop

The workshop involves 24 hours of classwork, during which students will be instructed on how to conduct case analyses using the network approach.

Attendance at four-fifths of the workshop sessions is necessary to obtain the 2 credits available for this workshop. On conclusion of the module, participants must also write up a case analysis agreed with the tutor.

Those wishing to attend the workshop must have passed the examination relative to modules A and B of methods and techniques of social service course and attended modules D and E of the same course.

Group management workshop

The workshop involves 24 hours of classroom activity with a variety of exercises, principally interview analysis and simulations, relative to group management, and with particular regard to self/mutual-help methodology.

Attendance at four-fifths of the workshop sessions is necessary to obtain the 2 credits available. On conclusion of the module, participants must also write a brief report on a topic agreed with the tutor.

Those wishing to attend the workshop must have passed the examinations relative to the various modules of the methods and techniques of social service course.

Seminars

The aims and contents of seminars, as well as the allocation of credits, will be announced as and when approved by the faculty.

4. LANGUAGE AND COMPUTER SKILLS

The aim of the foreign language test is to assess the student's ability to comprehend written texts on sociological topics. The Faculty consequently organizes courses which teach the technical language specific to sociology and the social sciences.

Students preparing for the computer skills test may attend lessons relative to the first four modules of the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence), which consists of a total of seven modules, each concluding with a test. Successful completion of the first four modules of the course, however, is sufficient to pass the faculty computer test. Those wishing to obtain the full ECDL may prepare the remaining three modules and sit the relative tests either at *ATI-Formazione* or any other licensed test centre. In order to take the ECDL examination students must have a 'skill card' which logs successful completion of each module. This card can be obtained from *ATI-Formazione*.

Further information is available from the head of *ATI-Formazione* (Dr. Roberto Tonon) or the head of the *Presidio Informatico* (Dr. Luigi Lissandrini).

5. PROPAEDEUTIC REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLMENTS 'OFF-COURSE'

There are no propaedeutic requirements for the degree courses in Sociology and in European Society, Politics and Institutions, although individual lecturers may indicate the prior knowledge required to deal with the syllabuses covered by their modules.

The degree course in Social Service, besides the indications provided by lecturers, carries the propaedeutic requirement of successful completion of the first-year placement before the student may undertake the second-year placement.

While there are no restrictions on enrolments ‘off-course’ (*fuori corso*) for the degree courses in Sociology and European Society, Politics and Institutions, students enrolled on the degree course in Social Service must complete their studies within five academic years of matriculation. In particular cases and for justifiable reasons, exemptions may be granted to this requirement, but for a period not exceeding six months. For student-workers, article 11 of law no. 341/90 states that the period shall be established by the academic contract stipulated with the individual concerned.

6. FINAL EXAMINATION

The final examination consists in the public discussion of a paper in written, hypertext or multimedia format and normally prepared under the guidance of a supervisor.

It may take one of the following forms:

1. a written paper, with appropriate documentation, consisting of no less than 30 typewritten pages;
2. a final report on a placement or internship, or on fieldwork conducted by the candidate;
3. an annotated bibliography on a specific topic;
4. a written examination on one or more disciplinary areas proposed by the student.

The final examination is assessed by a board consisting of three members of the University of Trento’s academic staff appointed by the Dean, who will also nominate the president.

On conclusion of its discussions, the board will announce the overall final grade awarded to the candidate. This grade is expressed in hundredths calculated by summing the average (in hundredths) of the grades obtained by the candidate in the course of his/her studies and the mark awarded for the final examination, which may not exceed ten points.

If the candidate is awarded the maximum grade possible, the Board may confer the degree *cum laude*.

SECTION THREE – THE FOUR-YEAR DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY

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SECTION FOUR – SPECIALIST DEGREES

1. SOCIOLOGIA AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

1.a. Introduction

The specialist degree course in Sociology and Social Research builds on the University of Trento's three-year degree in Sociology. It draws on the Italian tradition of sociology but is also wholly receptive to international influences. The course covers a wide range of specialist subjects and benefits from first-class facilities: a well-stocked interdisciplinary library, computer classrooms, and fully equipped laboratories. The variety of the academic programme enables students to create their own diversified and flexible study paths (up to 45 free credits, according to the curriculum followed on the three-year degree course) in preparation for employment in a variety of fields as professional sociologists. Those wishing to continue with study and research on obtaining their specialist degrees may enrol for the University of Trento's doctorate in Sociology and Social Research.

The distinctive feature of the newly-introduced specialist degree course is its interweaving of theory and research. This permits the joint acquisition of the most advanced methods and most up-to-date theoretical models for the analysis of social phenomena.

1.b. Objectives

Graduates from the specialist degree course will possess advanced knowledge of the sociological disciplines and a highly-developed capacity to analyse social phenomena. In particular, they will have mastered the conceptual and methodological instruments used in social analysis. The course imparts the skills necessary for hypothesis

formation, research design, the gathering of social data and information, and their processing.

The aim of the course programme is to develop knowledge of the following:

- methods for the classification, processing and analysis of quantitative and qualitative data (in numerical or graphical form);
- methods and techniques for opinion polling and market research;
- the design and conduct of empirical research in the principal fields of applied social science;
- critical analysis of economic, demographic and social statistics, both national and international (with particular reference to the construction and management of databases);
- an ability to operate in social research institutes, as well as in sociology teaching institutions, in Italy and abroad, with a high level of independence and responsibility;
- the most advanced theoretical models and methods for the comparative analysis of societies.

Graduates from the course will be qualified to pursue careers in the following occupations:

- as managers and consultants in research institutes, public opinion and market research organizations;
- as specialist coordinators of social databases, analysts of public policies with particular reference to social policies and social reporting techniques, and as experts in human resources management;
- as researchers in public and private organizations (companies, banks, local authorities, central and peripheral departments of the state, interest organizations, foundations), with responsibilities for planning and execution;
- as experts in public relations, internal relations and communication in complex organizations.

1.c. Structure

The teaching programme consists of modules furnishing the theoretical, methodological and technical knowledge required for the in-depth analysis of contemporary society. Particular importance is given to the acquisition of highly specialized methodological and technical skills. Two modules present the principal

general theories of contemporary sociology, after which the programme offers a wide range of special sociologies (which develop subjects studied on the previous three-year course) and other disciplines.

1.d. Programmes

First year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Epistemology of the social sciences			
Demography			
Mathematics for the social sciences			
Methods and techniques of social research			
Contemporary sociological theories			
Sociology of deviance			
Statistics for social research			
History of science			
Sociology of science			
Economic sociology			
Sociology of change			
Total compulsory modules			
Options			
Two models selected from the following:			
Social movements			
Gender inequalities and equal opportunities			
Generations and age differences			
Social stratification and mobility			
Total optional modules			
According to choice			
Total first year			

Second year programme (not activated in 2001/02)

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Analysis of public policies			
Comparative welfare systems			
Educational policies			
Modern history			
Sociology of the environment			
Sociology of political phenomena			
Computer workshop			
Total compulsory modules			
Optional subjects			
Placements and internships			
Final examination			
Total second year			

2. SOCIAL SERVICE METHODOLOGY AND ORGANIZATION

2.a. Introduction

The specialist degree programme in Social Service Methodology and Organization is intended for students wishing to develop advanced professional skills for employment in the social services, while at the same time acquiring management expertise in social carework. By combining ‘methodology’ with ‘organization’, the course equips professionals to interpret social phenomena and to compare among European welfare regimes through critical analysis of social work methods. The course develops a capacity to take organizational initiative, to manage care services flexibly, and to adopt technological innovations. These features distinguish Trento University’s specialist degree from those offered by other Italian universities. As well as expertise in the technical and methodological aspects of social service, it develops the intermediate-level managerial skills required to coordinate welfare units, to run social service facilities, to supervise staff, and to implement innovative technologies.

2.b. Objectives

Graduates from the degree course in Social Service Methodology and Organization will possess advanced knowledge of the theory and methods of social service. They will also be thoroughly acquainted with social-welfare policies, public, private and third-sector service provision, and expert in the management of social services. They will have mastered the flexible use of information and communication technologies to to enhance the efficacy/efficiency of social welfare provision. They will have acquired:

- a) the skills required for the planning and implementation of social service interventions and social policies in partnership with local communities, as regards personal services in particular, and their comparison with similar services in other European countries;
- b) advanced knowledge of methods and techniques for the monitoring and assessment of the outcomes and social impact of individual social work initiatives;
- c) an ability to work autonomously, to coordinate highly complex facilities and services, and to manage and supervise teamwork.

2.c. Structure

The curriculum is designed to equip the graduate with the following:

- a) advanced knowledge and skills in social-welfare policy and the management of personal social services;
- b) advanced knowledge of professional social work methods;
- c) adequate knowledge of methods for the flexible management of information/communication technologies and the fostering of networks, organizational dynamics and community relations;
- d) advanced knowledge of theories and methods for the assessment and certification of social service quality;
- e) detailed knowledge of the third and fourth sectors and of the relations among non-profit organizations, public social and health services, and the public authorities;
- f) adequate knowledge of sociology and the social sciences;
- g) knowledge of European welfare systems, also from a comparative perspective.

To this end, the course programme also comprises, in relation to specific objectives, internal workshops and external training placements in social service departments and facilities, as well as study periods at other Italian and European universities under international agreements.

2.d. Programmes

First year programme

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Political economy			
Social statistics			
Analysis of public policies			
Social policy			
Theory and methods of social planning			
Sociology of the third and fourth sector			
Administrative law			
Professional ethics			
Comparative history of social service			
Methodology of social service			
Total compulsory modules			
Language skills according to preference			
First year total			

Second year programme (not activated in 2001/02)

Area	disciplinary sector	no. of modules	no. of credits
Social psychology (advanced)			
Sociology of organizations			

Organization of information systems Quality assessment in social services Methodology of social service Economics and management of non-profit organizations Total compulsory modules
Optional subjects Educational psychology Psychology of work and organizations Clinical and developmental psychology Total optional modules
Final examination Total second year