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**Integrated State Exam Program  
"Sociology"**

**Master's Degree**

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### 1. General Provisions

Final state examination is the final stage of education on basic educational program in "Sociology". It is for students of Master's degree. It is an important part of the educational process and is intended for an objective evaluation of acquired knowledge during the training and skills for future professional activities. Its allows to determine the level of professional training of future specialists. Final state examination aims to establish the level of compliance training graduates from master requirements.

The program involves the assimilation of students, masters, taking the exams, the knowledge they have acquired in the study of all graduate courses, and corresponds to the chosen sections of different training cycles, forming specific competencies.

### 2. Organizational guidelines

State examination involves verification of theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired by students of Master's degree for learning objects, learning system which gives an idea of modern social science and lay the foundation for further improvement of professional training of sociologists. Each student during the exam receives individual paper which included 4 questions on subjects that are part of the State exam Program. Each question is estimated at 20 points. The total number of points a student can get on the exam is 100 points.

If the student eventually gets less than 60 points, (s)he exhibited poor score on the exam.

The examination is conducted orally.

### 3. Content of Integrated State Exam

#### 3.1. New conceptual strategies in theoretical sociology

Sociology as a social science: traditional and contemporary understanding. Social, political and technological changes and the development of sociology in the second half of the twentieth century and the twenty-first century. Globalization as a leading trend of transformation of theoretical sociology in the XXIth century.

Main cognitive orientation in modern theoretical sociology: the scientific, humanitarian and technological (art) orientations.

The structural differentiation and the cognitive levels of sociological knowledge. General sociological theory and the main sociological paradigms.

Theoretical synthesis as the cognitive and epistemological process. Modern scientific understanding on types of the theoretical synthesis in sociology.

**Keywords:** globalization, modern theoretical sociology, levels of sociological knowledge, main sociological paradigms, theoretical synthesis as process.

#### **Recommended Readers:**

1. Ballard C. Sociology as a humanist and scientific discipline// The Student 's Companion to Sociology / Gubbay J., Middleton C., Ballard C. (eds.)- Oxford: Blackwell, 1997.- P.89-94.
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8. Ritzer G. McDomaldization and Glllobalization // The Student 's Companion to Sociology / Gubbay J., Middleton C., Ballard C. (eds.)- Oxford: Blackwell, 1997.- P.220-226.
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10. Smelser N. Problematics of sociology. – N.Y., 1997.- Ch. 1-33.
11. Turner J. Founders and Classics: A Cannon in motion // The Student 's Companion to Sociology / Gubbay J., Middleton C., Ballard C. (eds.)- Oxford: Blackwell, 1997.- P.64-77.
12. Urri J. Sociology Beyond Societies. Mobilities for Twenty-First Century./ John Urry. - London: Rotledge, 2000- 230p.
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### 3.2. Modern Problems of Social Sciences

Current challenges to theoretical sociology and topical issues to sociological studies. The debate between M.Buravoy and P.Sztompka on "one sociology or many": arguments and contra-arguments. The agenda and challenges for "Globally inclusive sociology"(by R.Connell). Limits and effectiveness of quantitative and qualitative methodology in cross-national comparative sociological research. Changing society in XXIst ct.: "Risk society" by U.Beck, "Network society" by M.Castells, "Global cities" by S.Sassen. Global and local inequalities. Social reporting and measuring the social progress: core ideas, indicators, indexes. Research of Quality of life: international comparative research programs. Global values dynamics (by the World value survey): core trends and local differences, consequences for the democracy, happiness, gender equality. Globalization, glocalization, localization: from global challenges of variability of local responses (in culture and mass media, social practices, inequalities). Terrorism in XXI ct., war and terrorism research in sociology.

**Keywords:** quality of life, subjective well-being, happiness, social indexes, social inequality, social progress, values, glocalisation, globalization, qualitative research methodology, comparative sociological research.

#### **Recommended Reader and sources:**

1. Tilly J. Means and Ends in Comparison in Macrosociology // Comparative Social Research. Methodological issues in Comparative Social Science. Vol. 16, 1997
2. Sztompka, P. (2010) "One Sociology or many?" Pp.21-28 in *The ISA Handbook of Diverse Sociological Traditions*, edited by S. Patel. London: SAGE.
3. Beck, U. (2006). *Cosmopolitan Vision*. Cambridge: Polity Press.
4. Mills M., Bunt G., Bruijn J. Comparative Research. Persistent Problems and Promising Solutions // *International Sociology*. September 2006, Vol. 21(5): 619-631
5. Inglehart, Ronald and Christian Welzel (2005) *Modernization, Cultural Change and Democracy: The Human Development Sequence*. Cambridge University Press. h. 1, 2, Conclusion.
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### Online Sources

- GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY LECTURE1 BY MICHAEL BURAWOY – INTRODUCTION <HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?v=IO5N84L4K9A>
- Lecture 12: GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY: Erik Wright on Real Utopias in and Beyond Capitalism
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzqOc-gkI-o&feature=relmfu>
- GLOBAL SOCIOLOGY LECTURE 2: MANUEL CASTELLS “THE POWER OF COMMUNICATION” <HTTP://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?v=8ZCQ-7I8F8A&FEATURE=YOUTU.BE>
- World value survey: findings and insights  
<http://www.worldvaluessurvey.org/WVSContents.jsp?CMSID=Findings>

### 3.3. Advanced Methods of Data Analysis in Sociology

Social inquiry and science. The role of paradigms and theory in social research. Main types of research design. Conceptualization, operationalization and measurement of social variables. Survey sampling method in empirical social research. Sampling error. Random sampling. Quantitative statistical social data analysis. Descriptive statistics. Cross-tabulation. Correlation. Statistical hypothesis testing. The logic of statistical significance. Multiple regression model. Dummy variables as predictors in linear regression. Factor analysis.

**Keywords:** research design, social variables, survey sampling method, sampling error, cross-tabulation, correlation, multiple regression model, factor analysis.

#### Recommended Reading:

1. E.Babbie The Practice of Social Research (12-th ed.), 2010.- pp. 2-61, 90-220, 420-447, 466-504.
2. J.W.Creswell Research Design. Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Methods Approaches (3rd ed.), 2009.- pp. 49-72, 129-172.
3. SPSS for Windows Version 19.0: A Basic Tutorial .- 92 p.

### 3.4. Methodology of Social Inequalities Studies

The main sociological explanation of social inequality and its factors. Capability approach to understanding of social inequality (A.Sen). Inequality of life and its sociological parameters (G.Therborn). Modern trends in global inequality. The strategy and basic concepts of Marxist class analysis of inequality. What is influence of race and gender on children’s socialisation and educational achievement (according to A. Lareau’s study)? What difference among working-class and poor families in strategies of socialization of the children? The social cost of inequality in a society. Why is it important the understanding of inequality in

the contemporary world? How does sociological research benefit in understanding of social inequality using the concepts of social inclusion and exclusion? What are the main changes in class structure in modern societies? Sociological theories of poverty; methodological approaches to study of poverty.

**Keywords:** social inequality, inequality in life, global inequality, class analysis, inequality in life conditions, gender and race inequality, quality of life, subjective well-being, social cost of inequality, poverty, social exclusion.

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2. Allman D. The sociology of social inclusion / D.Allman // SAGE Open. – 2013. – No. 3(1): DOI: 10.1177/2158244012471957 [ ]. –<http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/3/1/2158244012471957> – P. 1-12.
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4. Collins, Patricia Hill (1998). "Toward a new vision: race, class and gender as categories of analysis and connection" in Social Class and Stratification: Classic Statements and Theoretical Debates. - Boston: Rowman & Littlefield. - pp. 231–247.
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6. Goran Therborn. Inequalities of the World: New Theoretical Frameworks, Multiple Empirical Approaches. – London: Verso, 2005.
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11. Sen A. Social Exclusion: Concept, Application, and Scrutiny / / Amartya Sen. – Social Development Papers No. 1, Asian Development Bank, June 2000. – 54 .