

MASTER DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY – ‘MOBILITIES AND IDENTITIES’

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The Master in Sociology – Mobilities and Identities is a four-semester degree with 120 ECTS. The curriculum includes an organized set of curricular units corresponding to 60 ECTS (two semesters, 10 curricular units of 6 ECTS each), plus a ‘Scientific Dissertation’ or a Traineeship Report’ or a ‘Social Intervention Project’ corresponding to 60 ECTS in the 3rd and 4th semester (the students may choose one of this modalities of final work).

Objectives

It is well known that the Algarve is an important touristic region, but what sometimes remains less known is that this is the third region in the country in what concerns attracting national and international migrant workers. Both, tourism and migration implies close contacts between different populations and those contacts have necessarily cultural and social effects. The master in Sociology – Mobilities and Identities is organized around three main domains of the contemporary sociological thought that are clearly important to analyse both the societal characteristics of the region of the University of Algarve and the characteristics of global contemporary society: Culture, Migration and Tourism.

Organization

The program has the duration of two years (four semesters) and a total of 120 ECTS credits, and will be lectured in Portuguese and Spanish.

The first year is constituted by ten curricular units in Sociology that include theoretical and empirical approaches to globalization, tourism, development, gender, cultural change, ethnicity, migration and racism, as well as methodological curricular units that focus on qualitative and quantitative research on Sociology. Methodologically, teaching will rely on the exposure of students to the research experience of the lecturers. Such emphasis on research experiences will help them to choose a topic for their 2nd year work.

The second year is entirely dedicated to the final work. This can assume the form of a sociological ‘Scientific Dissertation’, a Traineeship Report’ or a ‘Social Intervention Project’

Plan of studies

<i>First year</i>	Semester	ECTS	Field
Contemporary Social Theories	1st	6	Sociology
Globalization and Mobilities	1st	6	Sociology
Intermobilities; Tourism, Migration, Work and Family	1st	6	Sociology
Social Networks and Social Structure; Theories and Practices	1st	6	Sociology
Research Methodology in Sociology	1st	6	Sociology
Sub-total ECTS		30	
Tourism and Cultural Change	2nd	6	Sociology
Tourism and Development	2nd	6	Sociology
Tourism and Identity	2nd	6	Sociology
Migration and Gender	2nd	6	Sociology
Racism and Ethnicity	2nd	6	Sociology
Sub-total ECTS		30	

<i>Second year</i>			
Dissertation or Traineeship Report or Intervention Project	3rd and 4th	60	Sociology
Total, ECTS credits		120	

Career Opportunities

The holders of a Sociology master degree are particularly prepared to develop their careers in central and regional State institutions, social services, enterprises and NGOs, mainly in the fields of: scientific and applied research, planning, teaching, adult education, culture, communication, art, tourism, migration studies, market and public opinion research.

Access conditions

The candidate to the Master degree of Sociology – Mobilities and Identities must fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- a) Hold a graduate degree from a Portuguese University;
- b) Hold a graduate degree from a European University adherent to the Bologna principles;
- c) Hold a foreign degree recognized as a suitable graduate degree by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Economics of the Universidade do Algarve;
- d) Have relevant professional or scientific curriculum vitae, recognized by the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Economics of the Universidade do Algarve as able to successfully conclude the objectives of this Master course.

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