

COURSE OUTLINE

(1) General

School:	Social Sciences		
Academic Unit:	Geography		
Level of studies	Undergraduate		
Course Code:	GEO 107	Semester:	B
Course Title:	Social Geography		
Independent Teaching Activities	Weekly Teaching Hours	Credits	
Lecture		3	
Course total			5
Course Type:	Required		
Prerequisite Courses:	None		
Language of Instruction and Examinations	Greek		
Is the course offered to Erasmus students:	No		
Course Website (Url):	https://geography.aegean.gr/pps/index_en.php?content=0&lesson=107		

(2) Learning Outcomes

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The course explores contemporary social-geographical notions and concepts. In the theoretical part, it examines the respective literature unearthing the vibrant debates associated with the spatial dimension of human activities. Subsequently, particular themes are explored in more detail.

In the seminars' part, students are asked to choose and develop a relevant to the course theme that is of interest to them. The presentation of these topics in the classroom intends to involve students in a lively dialogue, engaging them actively in the course.

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to grasp the spatial dimension of contemporary social problems, including the ones of 'poverty', 'social exclusion', 'residential segregation', 'racism' and 'gender discrimination'. The emphasis placed on the social construction of 'otherness' and associated exclusionary processes provides avenues for deconstructing stereotypical perspectives related to 'ethnicity', 'race' and 'gender'.

General Competences

1. Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology
2. Working independently
3. Respect for difference and multiculturalism
4. Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues
5. Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

(3) Syllabus

Introduction.

- The relationship of the conceptual categories 'society' and 'geography'.

'Social classes' and land allocation processes.

Urbanization, social movements and the Mediterranean city.

Residential segregation.

- The examples of Athens and Thessaloniki
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Social exclusion and welfare state policies.

- Social rights and the welfare state in Greece

Feminist geographies: the social construction of gender identities.

- Gender, discrimination and tacit forms of social exclusion.

Race, ethnicity and residential segregation.

- From the Venetian ghetto to contemporary North-American cities.

Population homogenization and the new Greek state.

The geography of minorities in Greece - Minority spaces.

(4) Teaching and Learning Methods - Evaluation

Delivery:	Face-to-face	
Use of Information and Communication Technology:		
Teaching Methods:	Activity	Semester workload
Lecture		39
Project		39
Non-supervised study		59
Performance evaluation/Exams		3
Course total<		140

Student Performance Evaluation

Tutor-guided coursework submitted at various stages during term-time. The course assessment is based on a final written exam.

(5) Attached Bibliography

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