

Course Unit	Option I - Sociology and Environmental Policies		Field of study	-	
Master in	Environmental Education		School	School of Education	
Academic Year	2022/2023	Year of study	1	Level	2-1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	5.0
Code	6083-766-1104-02-22				
Workload (hours)	135	Contact hours	T -	TP 27	PL -
			TC -	S -	E -
			OT 18	O 45	

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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### Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Characterize the epistemological field of environmental sociology and politics
2. Know the principles for social action and environmental action proposed by main sociological theories
3. Characterize those guidelines according to current environmental policies adopted globally and particularly at a European level
4. Analyze social inequalities resulting from environmental problems

### Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:  
- To be in conditions to accede to the Master

### Course contents

- 1 The goal and epistemological field of sociology and environmental policies
- 2 Theories and sociological perspectives
- 3 Theoretical Dilemmas in the field of sociology
- 4 New sociological approaches
- 5 The central issues of environmental sociology
6. Sociological theories and sustainability
7. Environmental policy and environmental rights as human rights

### Course contents (extended version)

1. The epistemological field of sociology and environmental policies
  - The object of study of sociology
  - The development of sociological thought: introductory notes
  - The rise and affirmation of environmental sociology
  - From the theoretical analysis to the definition of political action on the environment
2. Theories and sociological perspectives
  - Positivism and social evolution
  - Karl Marx and historical materialism
  - Emile Durkheim and functionalism
  - Max Weber
  - The symbolic interactionism, phenomenology and ethnomethodology
3. Theoretical dilemmas in sociology
  - Social structure and human action
  - Consensus or conflict
  - Gender issues
  - The direction of social change
4. New sociological approaches
  - Theory feminist
  - Post-structuralism and postmodernism
5. The central issues of environmental sociology
  - Pollution and waste
  - Exploration and resource depletion
  - Genetic manipulation of food
  - Global-warming
6. Sociological theories and sustainability
  - Consumerism and its environmental implications
  - Limits to growth and sustainable development
  - Life in a global society "at risk"
  - Environmental justice and ecológica citizenship
7. Environmental policies and environmental rights as human rights

### Recommended reading

1. Ferreira, L. (2006 ). Idéias para uma sociologia da questão ambiental – teoria social. Em Desenvolvimento e Meio Ambiente, 10, 77-89, jul. /dez. 2004. Editora UFPR.
2. Giddens, A. (2009). Sociology. Polity Press.
3. Hannigan, J. (2002 ). Sociologia Ambiental: a Formação de Uma Perspectiva Social. Instituto Piaget.
4. Herculano, S. (2000). Sociologia Ambiental: origens, enfoques metodológicos e objetos. Revista Mundo e Vida: alternativas , ano I, 1, UFF/PGCA-Riocor, 2000, 45 – 55.
5. Pereira, M. (2007). Evolução das Políticas Ambientais e Impacto das Questões Ambientais na Competitividade Internacional. DAPP/MAPT. Em: [http://www.dpp.pt/\(25/09/08\)](http://www.dpp.pt/(25/09/08)).

### Teaching and learning methods

- Reading, commentary and debate of texts, information and situations - Viewing and discussing videos - Group work on one of the subjects of the program

### Assessment methods

1. Continuous evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
  - Intermediate Written Test - 50%
  - Development Topics - 50% (Investigation work.)
2. Appeal evaluation moment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Supplementary, Special)
  - Final Written Exam - 100% (About the contents of the program.)

## Language of instruction

Portuguese

## Electronic validation

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