**Short Descriptions of Compulsory Courses**

**Nationalism and ethnicity**

The aim of the course is to introduce the field of nationalism, ethnicity and national minorities and to explain the theoretical framework of the topic. The course concentrates on the major theories and approaches to nationalism. Each class starts with a short lecture (30 minutes), where the lecturer presents the general framework of the topic. Students have to give a 10-15 minute- presentation about one of the compulsory readings. This is followed by discussions.

**Social psychology of intergroup relations**

The course is aimed at giving a basic introduction to social psychology, and the interesting field of intergroup relations. Theory and research are discussed and experienced by using multimedia materials and some socio-drama. Four different theoretical perspectives are covered: the cognitive, the social psychoanalytical, the discursive and the phenomenological approaches. Touching upon the key features of these perspectives, students will be required to develop their own projects and either to present them in class, or to write a research paper on the basis of their empirical work. The course is designed to sensitize participants to non-conventional thinking about groups and how they are constructed in society. Particular attention is devoted to branching out from the cognitive tradition and embarking on a journey towards qualitative and explorative thinking. Basic intergroup phenomena are to be discussed and explored through interrogative themes to bring them closer to everyday experience in society, while rtaining the scientific viewpoint.

**Theory of migration**

The course aims to introduce the general theories of migration as well as migration research. After providing an overview on the research methods in migration, the students will have to carry out their own research project in the field.

**Minority rights and minority protection**

The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to the major issues and search for answers within the purview of minority protection. Following a theoretical introduction and general discussions about the concept and evolution of minority rights and various rights-based approaches to recognizing minorities, such as individual rights, collective rights, self-determination, land-rights equality, discrimination and affirmative action, separate sessions are dedicated to the analysis of specific and specialized legal regimes and institutions. These include the assessment of indigenous rights as well as the scrutiny of legal and political dilemmas concerning hate speech, hate crimes, the legal conceptualization of minority identity and the processing of ethno-national data.

**Minority policy, public policy**

The course "Minority policies - public policies" is aimed at providing a general overview regarding the following topics: the concepts of minority rights and human rights; conflicts of individual and collective rights; equality and discrimination; reversed discrimination/affirmative action; data collection on minorities; the political representation of minorities; the media representation of minorities; the social inclusion of minorities; refugee protection.

**Welfare safety net and minority**

The course is an introduction to social policy in Hungary and the EU. In relations to ethnic and minority issues the following topics are covered from a special point of view: employment, education, housing poverty and homelessness, families and family policy, senior citizens: pension system, social and medical services, poverty, social inequality and social inclusion, child well-being.

**Labour market, segregation, discrimination**

The course aims to introduce the general aspects of labour market with a special focus on segregation and discrimination. After providing an overview on the theoretical and methodological framework, the students have to carry out their own research, applying the method of discrimination testing.

**Minorities in the media**

The course deals with various minorities, focusing on their representation in the diversity of media, like print news, television, tabloids, documentary films, advertising, online media, etc.  The aim of the course is to enhance students’ understanding of how mainstream and alternative media treat the problems of minorities, how the representation of minorities may be dependent on their participation in media ownership and representation among media workers. The course intends to analyse positive and negative examples of media discourse on minorities, focusing on questions of identity and forms of representation in order to foster students’ awareness of discriminatory discourses. For the analysis of discourses on minorities (hate-speech, segregation, symbolic differentiation), methods of critical discourse analysis are used.