



**University of Verona**

**Undergraduate Degree in Motor Activities and Sport  
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***Educational objectives***

The main aims of the course are:

- to provide an introduction to sociology, presenting in particular the genesis of sociology, the most relevant perspectives and the approaches to scientific knowledge of social reality, with the aim to enable students to understand the main aspects and the elements of society;
- to provide the basic tools in order to define the sport as social fact and to identify the role of sport in the society, starting with the presentation of the most relevant sociological approaches;
- to build the skills necessary for the use of some methodological tools, that are very relevant for the study of the morphological aspects of social groups and particularly suitable in the study of sport groups. The main objective is to stimulate the ability of students to identify and understand the relations between structure and agency, through the use of Social Network Analysis.

***Syllabus***

1. Introduction to sociology; 2. Culture; 3. Social structure; 4. Socialization; 5. Social interaction; 6. Organizations; 7. Sport and social sciences; 8. Key concepts of the sociology of sport; 9. Social characteristics of contemporary sport; 10 Introduction to Social Network Analysis.

***Exam methods***

Written examination.

### **Reference books**

- 1) N.J. Smelser, *Manuale di sociologia*, Bologna, il Mulino, 2011<sup>5</sup> (Chapters I to VI).
- 2) N. Porro, *Lineamenti di sociologia dello sport*, Roma, Carocci, 2011 (Chapters 1 and 2).
- 3) A.M. Chiesi, *L'analisi dei reticoli*, Milano, FrancoAngeli, 1999 (Chapters 1 to 8).