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TEMPLATE FOR A SPECIALIZED DOCTORAL COURSE (in English)

Basic Information:

Course Title: **SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR.**

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Total Teaching Hours: 30.

Annotation (up to 150 words)

The course introduces classical (E. Durkheim, R. Merton, etc.) and contemporary approaches and theories interpreting deviant behavior. Attention is paid to a great number of objectivist and subjectivist theories. Emphasis is placed on the concept of primary and secondary deviation and the role of social control. Special attention is paid to the process of normalization of deviations. A number of theoretical issues are examined in detail, such as the relationship values - norms – deviations; the objective reasons for the inevitability of deviations; their general patterns and determinants. Emphasis is placed on the need to apply a systematic approach to the analysis of social phenomena and processes and taking this point of view into account, deviations and deviant behavior are placed in a broad socio-economic and cultural context. By examining a wide range of forms of deviant behavior, their essence, specificity, determinants and consequences for the individual, various social communities and groups, and society as a whole are clarified. In connection with the empirical study of different forms of deviant behavior, methodological issues of empirical social research are considered.

Course content (brief description by topics or modules)

Topic / Module 1: Classical and contemporary approaches and theories in the interpretation of deviant behavior: ideas from ancient thinkers, E. Durkheim, R. Merton, objectivist and subjectivist theories

Topic / Module 2: Theoretical issues. Reasons for the inevitable existence of deviations in the course of social interactions. Construction of deviant identity, primary and secondary deviation. Contextual factors. Socialization and deviant behavior. Media and deviant behavior. Normalization of deviations.

Topic / Module 3: Systematization of forms of deviant behavior according to its various signs. Forms that are particularly significant today. Aggression and violence. Drug addiction.

Topic / Module 4: Empirical research of deviant behavior. Development of a research design.

Teaching and assessment methods

Group lectures and seminars or individual classes and self- preparation (depending on the number of participants)

Competencies acquired as a result of training (3–5 points)

Knowledge of the main classical and contemporary approaches and concepts in the interpretation of deviant behavior.

Acquisition of knowledge about the main forms and types of deviant behavior, their specificity, determinants, etc.

Introduction to particularly significant forms of deviant behavior in modern society

Acquisition of skills for empirical research of various forms of deviant behavior and related challenges and problems



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Additional information (optional) (e.g., special requirements, laboratory equipment, prior knowledge)

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